



27th February 2023

Re: Class of 2025 Options Evening 30th March 2023 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Dear parent/carer

We are excited to announce that it will soon be time for your child to pick the courses they wish to study in Years 10 and 11 at Park House School. This is an extremely important decision and one that should be taken after careful thought and consideration. Not only does this decision decide which subjects they will study at Park House for the next two years, but it also has implications for their Post-16 study options. Once our students have completed their GCSEs they will go on to study in the sixth form, college or through an apprenticeship scheme. Having the right subjects to get on these Post-16 courses is incredibly important so we are here to help you all through it and make sure that your options are the right options.

As such, we would like to warmly welcome you to our **Class of 2025 options Evening** which will take place on **Thursday 30th March at 6.00pm - 8.00pm**.

At this launch event, we will begin by explaining the 'Year 9 options' process in more depth which will then be followed by a chance to meet all the teachers and discuss the subjects with them in person.

Prior to the event, a 'Curriculum Guide' will be circulated which will provide an overview of each subject and what it entails, whilst also including a short video from each to help students make informed decisions.

Please click [here](#) to sign up for the evening event.

How will my child actually select their options?

Using the Google form;

The whole process of selecting subject options will be completed online through the completion of a google form. The process of selecting subject options online will go live on Thursday 30th March 2023.

Subjects that are compulsory

There are, of course, some subjects (GCSE Maths, GCSE English Literature and Language, GCSE Science) that every child *must* study. Students will also continue to have weekly 'core' PE lessons, though this will not be counted as an additional qualification.



English Baccalaureate subjects

All students will need to **choose at least one of the following subjects**: History, Geography, French or Spanish. This ensures they have a broad and balanced curriculum throughout their school career.

Open choice

In addition to their English Baccalaureate subjects above, all students will then choose an additional three courses, along with one reserve option. The subjects in the **'open choice'** will be a range of GCSEs and/or Btec courses to supplement their current curriculum offer which can be seen below:

GCSEs: History, Geography, Spanish, French, Triple science*, Business studies, Art, Physical Education, Psychology, Textiles, Computer Science, Design technology, Media studies, Photography, Dance, Drama, Music, Food & Nutrition.

(* Triple science will be recommended to certain students)

Vocational courses: BTEC Sport, BTEC Health & Social Care,

Will my child definitely get their chosen subjects?

We cannot guarantee that students will get all of the subjects they wish to study due to the staffing and timetable structure, as well as minimum numbers to run courses. However, we will try to ensure that student satisfaction is maximised wherever possible.

28th February 2023	Options assembly in school
6th - 24th March 2023	Taster lessons of 'Open' options subjects
30th March 2023	Options evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
30th March 2023	Google options form goes live
28th April 2023	Deadline for completion of options forms
w/c 22nd May 2023	Options are confirmed

I hope this information helps start the thought process regarding the Class of 2025 options. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely,

James King
Headteacher