



Year 9 Options 2020

Hello at this strange time,

This is the beginning of an important process and I hope that this PowerPoint, alongside the options booklet, gives you access to all the information you need to support your child in making the choices that are right for the next stage of their education.

Mrs Thomas

The Curriculum

At Notre Dame we aim to provide a varied curriculum and guide you to make the most appropriate choice.

The government also states, that certain core subjects must be studied and that

‘The curriculum must provide all students with a rich and broad education which engages them and prepares them for their life and employment.’

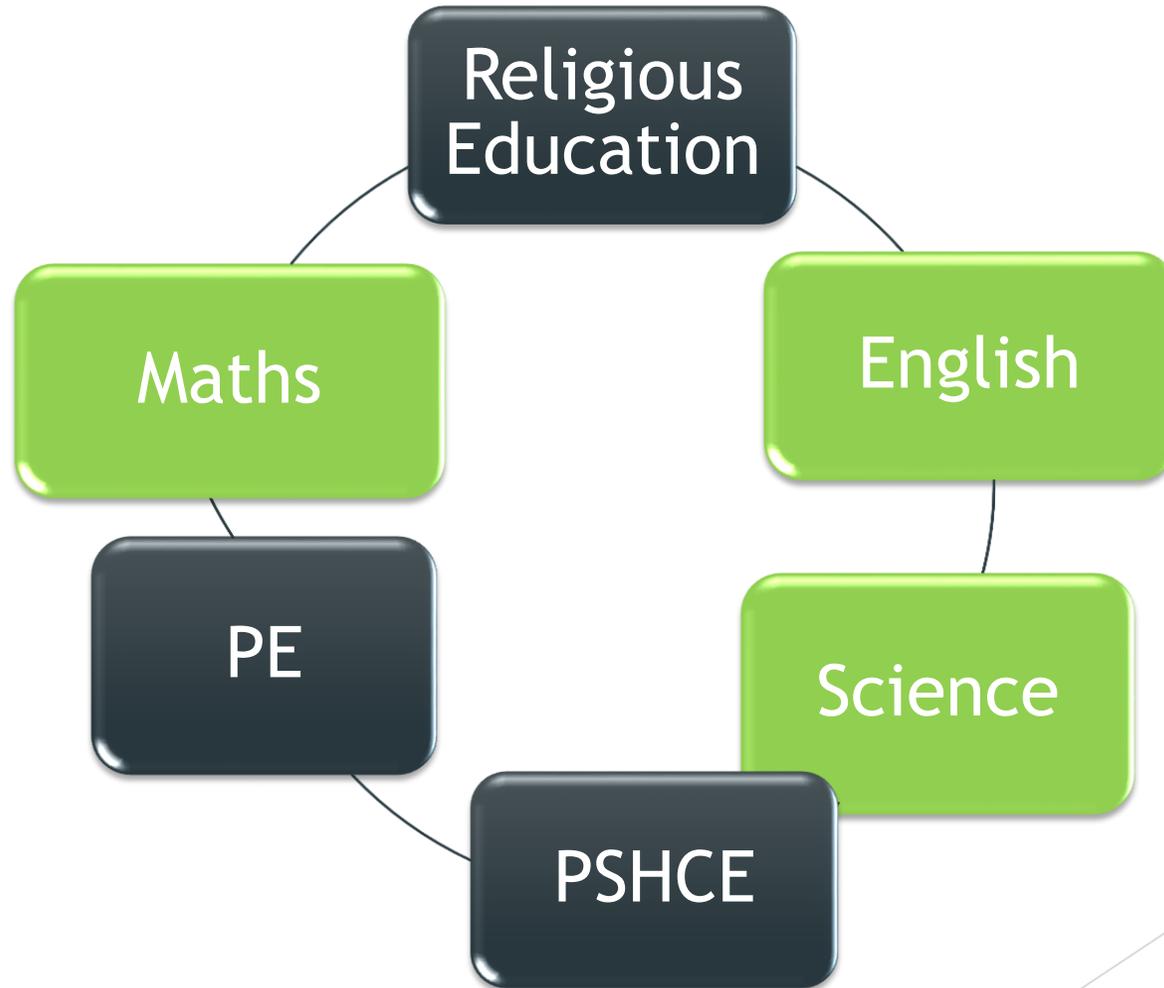


What we offer?

This year we are offering a core curriculum to all students and three option choices.



Core Curriculum



Option Choices

Option 1 Spanish
Geography
History
*possible vocational option

Option 2 Performing Arts
Separate Science
Geography
Business
Vocational Business
Health and Social
Travel and Tourism

Option 3 Art
Music
Computer Science
History
PE
Sport Science
Health and Social Care
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DT-Product Design



Which course for me?

Which subjects am I best at?

What about new subjects?

Which subjects do I need?

What about the English Baccalaureate?

How will I learn and be examined?

What qualification will I gain?



What is the EBACC?

- This is a qualification introduced by the government to encourage students to take a wider range of options.
- It is not a separate exam.
- You achieve the EBACC if you achieve a pass in all of the five subjects:-
 - English Language and Literature
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Geography or History
 - Language
- It can be looked favourably upon by some universities



Recent Changes

Over the past few years, GCSE's have changed significantly, not only the grading changes but the content has increased in size and difficulty, and the examinations are more complex along with the removal of much coursework.

Grade 4+ is equivalent to the old grade C and above and grade 7+ the old grade A and above.

As a result, the offer we give to our students changes each year to reflect what we believe to be appropriate for them.

Vocational qualifications offer increased coursework and a more practical approach to qualifications rather than the traditional exam route.



Next Steps.....

Information Sent out (By June 3rd)

Read information, discuss at home, discuss career paths, ask questions

Message sent in class charts (by June 5th)

Mrs Thomas will contact each student via class charts with their provisional choices from February 2020.

Review and confirm choices (By June 12th)

Confirm choices, via class charts to Mrs Thomas

Possible Contact (By June 30th)

Some families may be contacted to discuss option choices.



While it is strange doing options remotely, please do get in touch if you have any questions, we are here, as always to support you through this process.

If you do not have access to class charts, please email
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Quote student name and an email address for
correspondence.

Thank you