



# Year 9 Information Evening 2017



# Year 9 Curriculum

- KS3 subjects in Year 9
  - Mathematics
  - English
  - RE
  - Science
  - Computing
  - Performing Arts
  - Physical Education
  - Art
  - Design Technology

- GCSE subjects in Year 9
  - GCSE History
  - GCSE Geography
  - GCSE Spanish OR
  - GCSE French



# Changes to GCSEs

- ▶ New GCSEs in most subjects from September 2017
- ▶ More challenging content
- ▶ New grading scale
  - ▶ No longer A\*-G
  - ▶ Grades 1-9



## Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
⑤ <b>STRONG PASS</b>	C
④ <b>STANDARD PASS</b>	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

# New grading 1-9



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- ▶ The government's definition of a 'strong pass' will be set at grade 5 for new GCSEs
- ▶ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above
- ▶ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 1 and above as currently achieve a grade G and above
- ▶ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as currently achieve a grade A and above
- ▶ The top 20% of grade 7 will achieve a grade 9



# Importance of Year 9 examinations and A3 assessment

- All subjects are set individually in Year 10
  - English
  - Mathematics
  - Science
  - RE
  - Geography/ History
- Setting is based on A3 data
- Importance of working hard to be placed in most suitable set



# Year 9 Options process

January

- Options taster day
- Careers lessons (2)

February

- Options booklet goes live
- Options Evening
- Year 9 full report

March

- Parents Evening
- Return of options forms

May

- Year 9 Examinations

June

- Year 9 A3 Interim Report

# Options process

- ▶ Pupils choose their Options in **March** in Year 9 ready to start in Year 10
- ▶ Pupils choose either **History** or **Geography** or both
- ▶ Pupils choose 3 other subjects

Art	Geography	Product Design
Business Studies	Graphics	Resistant Materials
BTEC Business	History	Spanish
Child development	ICT	BTEC Sport
Computer Science	Media Studies	Textiles
Drama	Economics	BTEC Travel and Tourism
Food	Music	Triple Science
French	Physical Education	





# Options process

- ▶ Pupils choose to continue with **GCSE History or GCSE Geography**
  - ▶ And choose to drop the other at the end of Year 9
  - ▶ OR choose to continue with both in Year 10
- ▶ Pupils can choose to continue with **GCSE Spanish or French**
  - ▶ Or choose another option in a different subject