


‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’

Year 9 Options Information Evening

Agenda

1. Subjects on Offer.
2. Qualifications and Grading.
3. Making the Correct Choice.
4. Further Advice.
5. English Baccalaureate (EBACC).
6. Duke of Edinburgh
7. Option Blocks 24-26.
8. How to select your options.
9. Options Timeline.
10. Academy Website.
11. Questions.



Your guide to choosing the best subject options

[OAT]
Oxford Academy Trust
AN OAT ACADEMY

WE PROVIDE EXCELLENCE FOR ALL
BECAUSE THERE IS EXCELLENCE IN ALL

Ofsted
Good
Provider



Ambition | Community | Respect | Perseverance | Responsibility | Kindness

‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’

Grading Structure

Number grades (GCSEs)

All GCSE exams will be awarded using number grades, where 9 is the highest grade and 1 is the lowest.

Vocational Qualifications (BTEC/NCFE)

In vocational qualifications, a Level 2 pass is equivalent to a GCSE grade 4. These courses will use four Level 2 (GCSE equivalent) pass grades: Distinction*, Distinction, Merit and Pass.

Some vocational qualifications also have the options of a level 1 pass if a student does not reach the level 2 pass.

| Old GCSE Grading Structure | New GCSE Grading Structure | V Cert Grading Structure | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| A* | 9 | Level 2 | D* 8.5 |
| A | 8 | | D 7 |
| B | 7 | | M 5.5 |
| C | 6 | | P 4 |
| D | 5 | Level 1 | D* 3 |
| E | 4 | | D 2 |
| F | 3 | | M 1.5 |
| G | 2 | | P 1 |
| U | 1 | NYA (not yet achieved) | |
| U | U | | |



‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’

GCSE vs Vocational Qualification

| Old GCSE Grading Structure | New GCSE Grading Structure | V Cert Grading Structure | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| A* | 9 | Level 2 | D* 8.5 |
| A | 8 | | D 7 |
| | 7 | | M 5.5 |
| B | 6 | | P 4 |
| C | 5 | | |
| | 4 | Level 1 | D* 3 |
| D | 3 | | D 2 |
| E | 2 | | M 1.5 |
| F | 1 | | P 1 |
| G | | | |
| U | U | NYA (not yet achieved) | |



‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’

Subjects on Offer

| EBACC Subjects | Open Bucket Subjects |
|-------------------------|--|
| History (GCSE) | Art (Art) |
| Geography (GCSE) | Business Studies (NCFE) |
| French (GCSE) | Interactive Media (Computing) (NCFE) |
| Spanish (GCSE) | Design Technology (GCSE) |
| Triple Science (GCSE) | GCSE PE (GCSE) and Health and Fitness (NCFE) |
| Computer Science (GCSE) | Hospitality and Catering (BTEC) |
| | Music (GCSE/NCFE) |
| | Performing Arts (Drama) (BTEC) |
| | Travel and Tourism (BTEC) |
| | Media Studies (GCSE) |
| | Fashion and Textiles (GCSE) |
| | Photography (GCSE) |



‘So many choices!’

All subject videos and the options booklet are available on our website.

[Ormiston Six Villages Academy](#)



Ambition | Community | Respect | Perseverance | Responsibility | Kindness

‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’

Making the Correct Choice

Your decision should be made in **your best interest**, balancing those subjects that are going to **provide a wide range of opportunities further down the line of education** and **employment**, with those that you will **most enjoy** and have a **particular ability** in.

Decisions should certainly **not be made because of what friends are doing** or as a result of guessing **who might be teaching the course** for the next three years.



‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’

To Consider

You must:

- choose either triple science, computer science, geography, history, French or Spanish.
- consider whether you want to study the full English Baccalaureate (see page 7 for further information).

You should:

- choose subjects you are interested in, that you enjoy and will be good at
- keep a broad range in your choices.
- research any future careers and requirements before choosing.

You should not:

- choose a subject because you think it might be ‘easy’ – very few are when you study them for examination!
- choose a subject because your friend is – you may end up in different groups anyway.
- choose a subject because you like the teachers – they may not be your teachers next year.
- Choose a subject just because it is new and different to what you had done before.



Child Centred Approach

- The children are at the centre of this process, it is their options choice.
- They are choosing courses to study for 2 years. This will require commitment and hard work whatever their final choices might be.
- Please discuss this with your children and ask any questions of teaching staff. We want everyone to make the right choices and are happy to discuss the details of our subjects to make sure of this.



‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’



‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’

The English Baccalaureate

This is not an individual qualification but the name given to a **group of GCSE qualifications**.

To achieve the English Baccalaureate you must achieve grades 9 – 5 in: **English, English Literature, Maths, Combined or Triple Science, a modern foreign language and either History or Geography.**

The majority of students in Year 10 next year will study the subjects required to gain the English Baccalaureate. Students considering university, even as a possibility, take this pathway.



Ambition | Community | Respect | Perseverance | Responsibility | Kindness

‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’

Duke of Edinburgh Award

| BRONZE | SILVER |
|---|---|
| Volunteering 3 months | Volunteering 6 months |
| Physical 3 months | Physical one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months |
| Skills 3 months | Skills one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months |
| Expedition 2 days 1 night | Expedition 3 days 2 nights |
|  |  |

| GOLD |
|---|
| Volunteering 12 months |
| Physical one section for 12 months, the other for 6 months |
| Skills one section for 12 months, the other for 6 months |
| Expedition 4 days 3 nights |
|  |
| Residential 5 days 4 nights |

STARTING AGES:

| Bronze | Silver | Gold |
|---------|----------|---------------|
| Year 9+ | Year 10+ | 16 yrs |

All Awards must be completed by the participant's 25th birthday



Ambition | Community | Respect | Perseverance | Responsibility | Kindness

‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’

Option Blocks 2024-26

| Option Block A | Option Block B | Option Block C | Option Block D |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Triple Science GCSE | History GCSE | History GCSE | Spanish GCSE |
| Business 1 NCFE | Geography GCSE | Comp Science GCSE | French GCSE |
| Art and Fashion GCSE | Art GCSE | GCSE PE GCSE | Business NCFE |
| Travel and Tourism Pearson/BTEC | Photography GCS | Health and Fitness NCFE | Media Studies GCSE |
| Drama GCSE | Design Technology GCS | Catering WJEC | Music GCSE |
| | | | Philosophy GCSE |

Key: Light blue = Subject included in the EBACC



Ambition | Community | Respect | Perseverance | Responsibility | Kindness

‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’

English Baccalaureate, options available

| Option Block A | Option Block B | Option Block C | Option Block D |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Triple Science GCSE | History GCSE | History GCSE | Spanish GCSE |
| Business 1 NCFE | Geography GCSE | Comp Science GCSE | French GCSE |
| Art and Fashion GCSE | Art GCSE | GCSE PE GCSE | Business NCFE |
| Travel and Tourism Pearson/BTEC | Photography GCS | Health and Fitness NCFE | Media Studies GCSE |
| Drama GCSE | Design Technology GCS | Catering WJEC | Music GCSE |
| | | | Philosophy GCSE |



‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’

Non-English Baccalaureate, options available

| Option Block A | Option Block B | Option Block C | Option Block D |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Triple Science GCSE | History GCSE | History GCSE | Spanish GCSE |
| Business 1 NCFE | Geography GCSE | Comp Science GCSE | French GCSE |
| Art and Fashion GCSE | Art GCSE | GCSE PE GCSE | Business NCFE |
| Travel and Tourism Pearson/BTEC | Photography GCS | Health and Fitness NCFE | Media Studies GCSE |
| Drama GCSE | Design Technology GCS | Catering WJEC | Music GCSE |
| | | | Philosophy GCSE |



‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’

How to select your options...

Click on the link titled 'Options Form 2024', this is in the Options Hub on the Academy Website.

Key Information Below, please read prior to making your choices.

1. You must pick at least one EBACC subject, these include: History, Geography, Triple Science, Computer Science, Spanish and French.
2. If you want to study the English Bachelorette you must select; Triple Science or Computer Science, History or Geography and French or Spanish. You will then have one free option to choose from the other blocks.
3. You must pick a first and reserve choice for each option block.

The options form should be completed before the Easter Holidays, please take your time with your selection, do not rush into your choices.

All information, including subject videos can be found in the options hub on the Academy Website.



Ambition | Community | Respect | Perseverance | Responsibility | Kindness

‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’

You must have a **first** and **second** choice select in each option block.

These cannot be the same option choice.

Year 9 Options Selection, 2024-26

Key Information Below, please read prior to making your choices.

1. You must pick at least one EBACC subject, these include: History, Geography, Triple Science, Computer Science, Spanish and French.
2. If you want to study the English Bachelorette you must select; Triple Science or Computer Science, History or Geography and French or Spanish. You will then have one free option to choose from the other blocks.
3. You must pick a first and reserve choice for each option block.

The options form should be completed before the Easter Holidays, please take your time with your selection, do not rush into your choices.

All information, including subject videos can be found in the options hub on the Academy Website.

1. Alongside your options, would you be interested in completing the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award in year 10? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. Option Block 1 (First Choice), please choose one option from the list below. *

☐ Triple Science (GCSE)

☐ Business (NCFE)

☐ Textiles, Art and Fashion (GCSE)

☐ Travel and Tourism (BTEC)

☐ Drama (GCSE)



Ambition | Community | Respect | Perseverance | Responsibility | Kindness

‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’

Options Timeline

- 22nd Feb, Options Evening, 6pm Start, Microsoft Teams.
 - WB 26th Feb, Tutor Time Options Focus.
- Options form to be completed by Easter Holidays.
- Student Conversations between Easter and Summer 1.
 - Students find out their options in Summer 2.



Ambition | Community | Respect | Perseverance | Responsibility | Kindness

‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’

Academy Website

Options Hub Demo

Ormiston Six Villages Academy



Ambition | Community | Respect | Perseverance | Responsibility | Kindness

‘Students think hard, work hard and take pride in their work’

Any Questions?

Please contact Mr J Case or Mr T Kidd.

jce@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk

Tkd@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk



Ambition | Community | Respect | Perseverance | Responsibility | Kindness