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Year 10 and 11 Courses

What will I study?

- A broad and balanced curriculum
- GCSEs, BTECs Tech Awards, WJEC Vocational Awards

How will I be assessed?

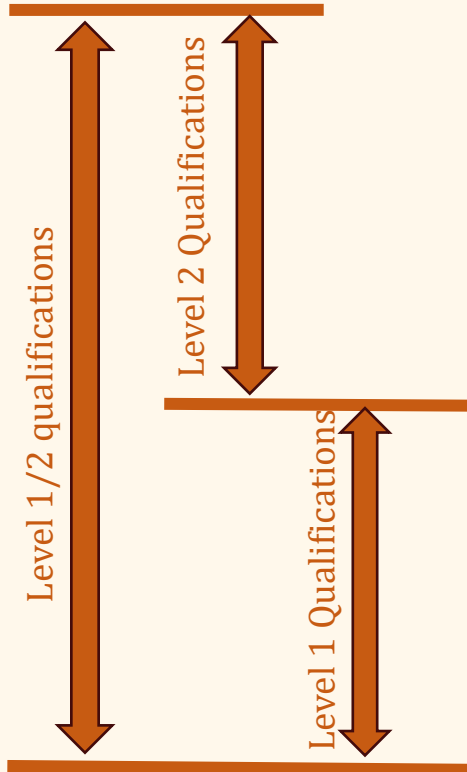
- Examinations and Controlled Assessments

What happens next?

- Post 16 studies for A levels and/or vocational studies
- Employment with training



Qualification 'Levels'



Grades:

	9	
A*	8	D*
A	7	D
B	6	M
C	5	P
D	4	
E	3	
F	2	
G	1	
U	U	

- 9-1 or P/M/D/D*
- Grade 5 = Strong pass
- Grade 4 = Standard pass

Options choices

- What all students **must** study (The core curriculum)
- Where students have **some** choice
- Where students have **Free** choice



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The Core Curriculum

The Core Curriculum:

- English (Language and Literature)
- Maths
- Science (Combined or separate sciences)
- PE
- PSHE
- RS



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The English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

'The EBacc'

Studying English language, English literature, maths, science, history or geography, a language

'An EBacc subject'

English language, English literature, maths, science, history, geography, French and Spanish



The English Baccalaureate

- The EBacc is not a qualification in itself.
- It is a particular group of GCSE subjects that may be looked on favourably by universities.
- The EBacc subjects are English, mathematics, science (including computer science), history or geography **and a modern foreign language.**
- You do not need to have studied all of these subjects to go to university but having this suite of subjects demonstrates attainment on a wide breadth of skills and knowledge and is highly recommended for those who intent to go on to study at university



Measuring School Performance: Progress 8

Progress 8 measure



1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

English

Double-weighted*

Maths

Double-weighted

EBacc qualifications

(sciences, computer science, geography,
history and languages)

'Open group'

**Remaining EBacc qualifications and
other approved qualifications**

(GCSEs and other approved academic, arts or vocational
qualifications)

**Higher score of English Language or English Literature
double-weighted if a student has taken both qualifications*



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In addition to the core curriculum you must choose three option subjects (and one 'reserve')



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Ebacc Subjects (some choice)

You must study at least one of the following:

- History
- Geography
- French
- Spanish



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Options (Free choice)

Choose two of the following (and one 'reserve')

Art and Design

Catering

Computer Science

Construction

Drama

Engineering

French

Creative iMedia

Spanish

Geography

Health and Social Care

History

Media Studies

Music

Sport Science



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Year 9 Options

Wednesday 17th January – Year 9 Options Assembly

Wb Monday 22nd January – Subject Information Assemblies

Date	Assembly	Delivered by
Tuesday 23rd January	Media Studies	DHa
Wednesday 24th January	Health and Social Care	DHE/ EAD
Thursday 25th January	Hospitality and Catering	LRe
Friday 26th January	Construction and Engineering	TWi

Thursday 1st February at 6pm – Year 9 Options Evening

Thursday 8th February – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Monday 26th February - Deadline for submitting final choices



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How do I choose?

- Gather information
- Discuss options
- Think about your future
- DON'T choose something because....



New Mills School Q&A

- Art - Art 1
- Construction - Art 2
- Engineering - Art 2
- English - Library
- Maths - Library
- Science – Library
- Geography – R6
- French – R7
- Spanish – R7
- History – R8
- Sports Science - R15
- Health & Social Care - R16
- Hospitality & Catering – R16
- Computer Science- R17
- Creative iMedia - R17
- Media Studies - R17
- Music – R18
- Drama - R18

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