



The Options Process



The Next Two Years



What will I study?

- A broad and balanced curriculum
- GCSEs, BTECs, Technical 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



National Changes



Old System

- A*-G
- C grade = good pass
- Coursework, exams
- Modules, retakes

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

New System

- 9-1
- Grade 5 = Strong pass
- Grade 4 = Standard pass
- More exams
- “increased rigour”
- Linear

“New” 9-1 GCSE’s



- Greater demand on students
- Linear
- More knowledge
- Harder knowledge
- Assessment structure
- DFE determine subject content
- Ofqual determine assessment difficulty
- Greater differentiation at the top and upper middle
- GCSEs will become more important to students wanting to go on to HE.
- Change in proportions entered for Foundation/Higher

“New” 9-1 GCSE’s



- Long-term retention
- Synoptic knowledge required “disconnection is the enemy”
- Apply knowledge in new and unfamiliar contexts
- Higher order thinking skills, critical thinking, problem solving
- Extended writing
- No (or very little) controlled assessment ‘safety net’

“New” 9-1 GCSE’s



Steve – Y12 Student in 2016/17	Steph – Y9 Student in 2016/17
In the summer of 2016 he took GCSEs in:	In the summer of 2019 she will take GCSEs in:
English Language	English Language
Maths	English Literature
Additional Science	Maths
Spanish	Combined Science
RE	Spanish
Resistant Materials	RE
History	Product Design
Drama	History
GCSEs from previous summer in: English Literature & Core Science	Drama

“New” 9-1 GCSE’s



Steve (Y12 2016/17)		Steph (Y9 2016/17)	
Total Exams	13	Total Exams:	22
Hours in Exam Hall	18 ³ / ₄ Hours	Hours in Exam Hall	33 Hours
Total Assessment by Exam	49%	Total Assessment by Exam	86.5%

Calendar of Events



- **16th October** - Options Process Assembly & Letter
- **18th October** - Options Taster Day
- **19th October** - Y9 Parent Information Evening
- Staff discussions, tutorial programme
- **13th November** - Options Booklet taken home & expression of interest form
- **23rd November** - Careers Day
- **1st December** - Written Report
- **16th December** - Expression of interest form deadline

Calendar of Events



- **2nd February** - Snapshot report
- **8th February** - Y9 Parents Evening
- **12th February** - Option Application forms sent home
- **16th February** - Option Application form deadline
- **27th Feb onwards** - 1-2-1 discussions confirming/altering option applications
- **20th April** - Snapshot report & options offer letter
- **27th April** - Deadline for acceptance of final offer

Options Taster Day



- Five half hour sessions of each subject you have not experienced during years 7-9
- Provide an insight into that course at GCSE level
- Construction, Business Studies, Media Studies, Sports Science, Philosophy & Ethics
- Ask questions, evaluate these subjects



Come along with your parents

Ask subject teachers questions about courses and subjects

Have a look at students' work, coursework, examinations

Talk to Staff



Ask in lessons

Find them on duty

Use your tutor

Use your year team

Options Booklet



- Take it home
- Share it with your parents
- Read it all
- Look at different subjects
- Ask lots of questions
- Talk to staff
- Complete the “Expression of Interest” form



New Mills School
Year 10 Options Booklet





Expression of Interest Form

13th November

Expression of Interest form given out

15th December

Expression of Interest form must be
returned to your tutor



Options Application Form

12th January

Options Application form given out

16th February

Options Application form must be
returned to your tutor

The KS4 Curriculum



Core subjects: English Maths
Science (combined or triple)
PE RS

An EBacc option choice:

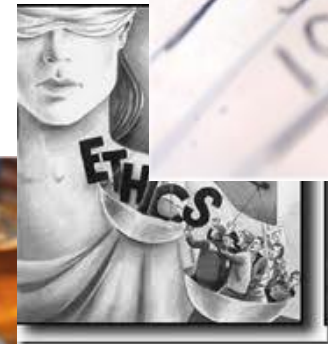
Geography

History

French

German

Computer Science



Two additional choices

E Bacc Subject Option



French
German
Geography
History
Computer Science



To attain the full EBACC you must complete a
Humanities subject **and** a Modern Foreign Language

Additional Options



- Art
- Business Studies
- Catering
- Construction
- Drama
- Media Studies
- Music
- Resistant Materials
- Philosophy & Ethics
- Sports Science
- French
- German
- Geography
- History
- Computer Science



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