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***Welcome to your Year 9 Options Evening***



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**I like the teacher**

**My friend is going to choose it**

**It is an easy subject**



**It will help me with my career choice**

**I enjoy the subject**

**I am good at this subject so am likely to get a good grade**



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## Compulsory Examined Subjects

- English and English Literature
- Mathematics
- Combined Science
- Single Science:
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Physics

## Non examined subjects

- Core PE
- PRE
- Core Computing
- Enrichment

**You then get to choose 4 options**



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Boston High School promotes a broad and balanced Key Stage 4 Curriculum recognising the importance of subjects in pupils' future career paths.



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## Optional Subjects

- Geography
- History
- Computer Science
- Spanish
- French

**You must choose at least one of these subjects**

**French - This will be a fast-track GCSE Option for dual linguists only (French & Spanish) subject to MFL staff approval**



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## Other Optional Subjects

- Art and Design
- Business Studies
- Design and Technology
- Engineering
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- Music
- Photography
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Sport and PE



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Many university courses require particular subjects to be taken at A-Level (or equivalent qualifications). The subjects which are most often required are called

**"facilitating subjects"** and these are:

- Mathematics and Further Mathematics
- English Literature
- Physics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Geography
- History
- Languages (Classical and Modern)



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# A two Year Key Stage 4



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The majority of GCSE examinations are now assessed by terminal examination at the end of Year 11 and graded from 9 to 1 where 9 is the highest.

However, in a few subjects, None Exam Assessment (NEA) still forms part of the assessment. The booklet gives you details of how the courses are assessed.



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The next stage:

Visit the subject tables in the Sports Hall.

Read the Options Booklet.

Discuss your choices at home.

Look at University websites/career websites for subject entry requirements.

Complete the form using the link emailed to you by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.**



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We will produce option blocks based on your choices.

If one of your subjects doesn't fit or there are any other issues with your choices we will speak to you about these.

In June you will receive a letter confirming your subjects for next year.

(Make sure that you continue to work hard in all lessons as you will not know which subjects you will definitely be taking until you receive this letter.)

Sign and return the letter

In September you will start your new courses but will have approximately 4 weeks to change if issues arise with your choices.