



Welcome

Option Advice Evening
January 2018





Subject	Number of lessons Week 1	Number of lessons Week 2
English	4	4
Maths	4	4
Science	4	4
RS	2	1
PE	1	1
PSHCE	0	1
Subtotal	15	15
Option 1	3	2
Option 2	2	3
Option 3	3	2
Option 4	2	3
Total	25	25



What are your Options?

- Variety of courses. Courses have two different levels of qualification p.5
- Core Subject information p.7-13
- Optional school based courses p.20-47
- Extra-curricular courses p.49-50



Pathways...p.15

Recommended Pathway Information

Pathway (Av KS2 score)	Core		EBacc Qualifications			Open Group			Extra	Extra
	English	Maths	Science	Science	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4		
Enable (L2-3b)	✓	✓	✓	✓	Specific Advice Given	Specific Advice Given			Religious Studies	DoE
Enhance (L3a-4c)	✓	✓	✓	✓	Triple Science Computing Geography History Language	Any Subject L1/2	Any Subject L1/2	Any Subject L1/2	Religious Studies	Dance DoE
Enrich (L4b-4a)	✓	✓	✓	✓	Language	Any Subject L2 only	Any Subject L2 only	Any Subject L2 only	Religious Studies	Dance DoE
Extend (L5c+)	✓	✓	✓	✓	Language	Geography History	Any Subject L2 only	Any Subject L2 only	Religious Studies	Dance DoE Further Maths

Extra Information:

- We would advise all pupils who are in the Extend Pathway to take a language
- Pupils who are at the upper end of the Enrich Pathway may follow the Extend Pathway as long as the MFL Department recommend their application
- Pupils who are in the Enable Pathway will have a 1:1 conversation with either a member of the SEND Team or Pastoral Team to ensure their option choices are the most appropriate ones for them



Why do Languages?

The Basics

- At least 75% of the grammar and vocabulary for GCSE is already covered at KS3
- We have been covering the GCSE topics since year 7. The GCSE course is a continuation of what pupils have already been learning at KS3.
- We are also offering Italian and Spanish this year following the success of our taster sessions that pupils have been having.

Why Study a language at GCSE?

(in no particular order because they are all really important)

Languages support your learning in other subjects because of your understanding of Grammatical structures which are so needed now in writing heavy subjects such as English, History & Geography.

Using a language at work could raise your salary from between 8-20%. Businesses are looking for people who understand other cultures

Learning a second language offers proven benefits for intelligence, improving your memory, concentration and lowering the risks of dementia and Alzheimer's.

Languages mean business - being able to speak a language will make you really stand out.

Learning languages really improves your communication skills – both listening and speaking skills.

Learning languages really improves your ability to think on your feet and problem solve which supports Maths, Science & Computing.

English is not enough! Not everyone speaks or wants to speak English. Over 78% of the world does not speak or understand any English.

It's really impressive to be able to speak a foreign language. It's a real achievement that your friends will envy and employers will love!

Language qualifications are well regarded by Colleges, Universities and Business



A Language is a skill for the future

Language skills deficit costs the UK £48bn a year (Guardian 2016)

Shortage of language skills undermines UK exports performance (ALL 2017)

Employers struggle to fill vacancies because of lack of languages (Telegraph 2015)

'Alarming shortage' of foreign language skills in UK (BBC 2015)

Three-quarters of adults 'cannot speak a foreign language' (FT 2016)

Public apathy towards Foreign Languages is harming the economy (FT 2016)



How do you decide on your free choice subjects?

- Read through the information on the courses you may be interested in taking e.g. history p.32
- Hopefully most questions will be answered through the options booklet
- Please ask questions of subject staff here tonight – including the core subjects
- Use the information on p. 14-17 to guide you through the process



Complete your Option Form

Remember:

- Varies for each pathway
- If on the extend pathway – aim for one language and one humanities in first 2 option groups
- Other pathways can choose up to 2 or 3 subjects to go in column (2), 3 and 4
- ENRICH – if do not want any subjects from Option 2 put preferred choice at bottom
- Please give 2 reserves
- Return by Monday 29 January
- Remember your NAME!

Brockington College Option Form

Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Options: Enrich Pathway

NB: EBacc requires a Language in Option 1 and either History or Geography in Option 2

Option 1 (Please tick one)		Option 2 (Please tick one)		Option 3	Option 4
Triple Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	Triple Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	↓	↓
Computer Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer Science	<input type="checkbox"/>		
History	<input type="checkbox"/>	History	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>	Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>		
French	<input type="checkbox"/>	French	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Italian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Italian	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (state)	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Reserve Options:

Reserve Option 1	Reserve Option 2
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Please tick if you are interested in any of the following courses:

GCSE Dance	Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	
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Possible combinations for your option form...

- Turn to page 52
- Remember unless there are exceptional circumstances, any request to change a GCSE course after commencement must take place by **the end of September 2018**



What happens after the forms are returned?

- We will ensure that correct process has been followed
- We will discuss courses with pupils. If concerned, we will speak directly to parents
- Will input the data and see if we can draft a timetable
- Final option subjects confirmed before May half-term holidays
- Core subjects will begin GCSE teaching at various points during the year



Good Luck!

- Any questions please ask subject staff, senior staff, Mrs Smith or Mr Coombs and the SEND Team tonight
- For follow-up advice, please contact members of staff, including ourselves, via email: admin@brockington.leics.sch.uk