



Guided Choices Evening

Mrs Mason – Deputy Headteacher

Wednesday 24th January 2024

Tonight's Presentation

- Welcome
- What is Guided Choices
- National Developments & Grading
- Brookfield's Offer
- Guided Choices Process
- Dos and Don'ts



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Guided Choices?



Guided Choices

Former known as KS4 Options

Students making decisions that impact their future

Opening doors – broad academic offer

Introduction of new subjects

'Guided' – thorough support and guidance provide

National Developments

Return to examinations following Covid

GCSE specification reformed and grading changed

EBacc pathway highly encouraged



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GCSE Grading

GCSEs 9-1 and A*-G equivalence

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

GOOD PASS (DfE)

5 and above = top C and above

AWARDING

4 and above = bottom C and above

A good pass is now a 5



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English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)

- Set of subjects that provide a well-balanced offer
- Highly valued by universities

English, Maths, Science, Humanity, Language

- To fulfil the EBacc at Brookfield students must choose to study a language



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Brookfield's Offer

All study:

- English Language & English Literature (GCSE)
- Maths (GCSE)
- Science (GCSE)
- Core PE
- Life 360

All choose either:

- Geography or
- History

Encouraged to study
French or Spanish

Choose 2 more
subjects



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Option Subjects

GCSEs

Art

Computer Science

Design Technology

French

History

PE

Spanish

Triple Science*

Business Studies

Dance

Drama

Geography

Music

RE

Textiles

Vocational Qualifications

Hospitality & Catering

Engineering

Sport & Coaching Principles

Things to be aware of...

Can only study 2 vocational qualifications

Can only study either Design Technology or Engineering

Can only study either PE or Sport & Coaching

- Students simply select PE and the department decide the most suitable qualification for each student

Only classes that have viable numbers can run, so need to identify a reserve choice



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Guided Choices Re-cap

- Must choose either Geography or History (but can chose both)
- Languages – highly encouraged
- Select 2 more subjects (3 more subjects if not studying a language)
- Must choose a reserve subject
- Cannot choose more than 2 vocational qualifications
- The timetable is build when all the students' choices are made
- **We cannot guarantee that all students will get their chosen subjects**



The Guided Choices Process

Two weeks of subject assemblies

Tuesday 16th January – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 24th January – Guided Choices Evening (parents & students)

29th January to 7th February – Individual Guided Choices Interviews

Thursday 8th February – Deadline for any changes to choices



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The Guided Meeting

Guided Choices Meetings will start Monday 29th January

Students should have their completed form in school from Monday 29th January

Students will confirm their choices on-line during the meeting – with guidance from staff

Paper form will be taken home to share their choices with parents

School must be notified of any changes by 8th February

Y9 Guided Choices

KS4 Guided Choices Form 2024-26

Name: _____ Form: _____

All students follow GCSE courses in-

- English Language and Literature (two separate GCSEs for most students)
- Mathematics
- Science

Guidance on completing this form

- Students should tick in the boxes below which subjects they wish to study.
- Geography or History must be selected (students may select both)
- Consider studying a language
- Vocational courses are indicated with an *
- No more than two vocational courses can be selected.
- A reserve subject must be indicated

Step 1 – Select a Humanity

Geography		
History		

Step 2 – Consider a language (this must be the language that you studied in Y9)

French		
Spanish		

Step 3 – choose 2/3 other subjects from below

Art		Drama		Music	
Business Studies		Engineering*		PE / Sport & Coaching*	
Computer Science		Geography		Religious Studies	
Dance		Hospitality & Catering*		Textiles	
Design & Technology		History Triple		Science	

Choice Restrictions

*Vocational Course – a maximum of two vocational courses can be selected
You cannot select both Engineering and Design and Technology

NB: If you select PE / Sport & Coaching the PE department will identify which qualification is most appropriate for you. They will let you know at the start of the summer term

Step 4 – Indicate your reserve choice below (please note that only option classes with viable student numbers will be able to run and every year a small number of students are required to study their reserve choice)

Reserve Choice _____

Unless we hear from you before 8th February, these are the choices that we will start to build the timetable on.

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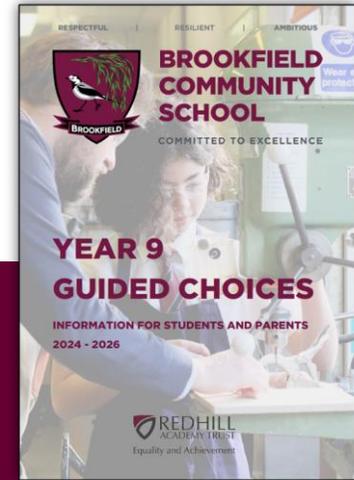


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What to Do and Not Do



Do

- Read the Guided Choices Booklet – check out how the subject is assessed
- Talk to your teachers, parents and older students
- Consider what you are good at and enjoy

Don't choose a subject because:

- You heard that it is easy
- Someone else wants you to do it
- You like the teacher
- Your friends say they are doing it



Location of Subjects

Science	B3
Hospitality & Catering	B7/B8
Textiles	D1
Art	D3
Design Technology	D5
Engineering	D5
MFL French & Spanish	G1
Computer Science	G3
Dance	GYM
Drama	H1
Maths	M1
English	M6
Geography	M4
History	B2
PE	M5
RE	M2
Business Studies	G2
Music	H3

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What Should I Do Next?

- Refer to the Guided Choices booklet
- Visit the subjects and talk to the teachers and older students
- Ask questions
- Think about what you may want to do in the future
- Be prepared for the guided choices meeting – make sure you have your form with you in school

Questions: guidedchoices@brookfieldcs.org.uk



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