

Hayle Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer

It is very important that our students have the opportunity to experience a broad range of subjects and learn about topics that will provide a strong foundation for future learning, employment and their role in society. It is very unlikely that they are sure about the exact job or career they wish to follow. Indeed, it is quite possible that they will have a number of different jobs during their lifetime, and that some of these jobs will not even have been invented yet! It is really important then that they select their options subjects carefully.

The combination of subjects known as the EBacc; English, Maths, Science, Geography or History and a language are recognised as the best grounding for all students. Having these qualifications will ensure that students have a greater number of different options for college and future careers and feature strongly in our options offer.

In order to support studying a broad range of subjects and gaining a strong set of qualifications, we have made some changes to the format of our option process.

Year 8 students will have an opportunity to opt for certain subjects. They will be asked to identify which creative subjects they wish to study further, alongside core and other subjects during Year 9, with a view to making further options choices later in Year 9. This means they will study fewer creative subjects but will be able to study the ones they chose in greater depth.

The Curriculum in Year 9

In year 9 all students will continue to study English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, Spanish, PE and Global Values. In addition to these subjects they will be able to choose two options from a number of the creative subjects that they have studied so far in year 7 and 8. The curriculum offer in year 9 will look like this:

English	Maths	Science	Geography	History	Spanish	Option 1	Option 2	PE	Global Values
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To help us set up an effective timetable for year 9 we will be asking students in Year 8 to complete a "Pre-option Choice" Survey, this will be completed during tutor time. It is really important that students choose the subjects that are right for them and not just the ones their friends are choosing. This information will guide us in constructing the option blocks to allow as many students as possible to be allocated the subjects they have chosen. Please be aware that we may not be able to provide a class for each one of these options if not enough students chose a particular subject. With this in mind, we may not be able to provide a perfect match for every student, but we try our best.



The pre-option choices are:

Art	Drama	Design Technology - Timber	Design Technology - Food	Music	Computer Science
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Once we have the information about pre-options preferred choices we will be able to build the option blocks and final decisions will be made in March 2020.

Year 10 and 11 Curriculum

During Year 9 students will have further option choices to make. This will involve the EBacc subject choices as well as a number of other possible choices that will be made available. It may mean that some students choose not to follow one of the creative subjects they chose in year 8 and will look to focus more at this point on a full range of EBacc choices.

If you have any questions about the pre-option choice available and the process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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