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KS4 OPTIONS EVENING

HEADTEACHER WELCOME

- An important moment
- Our help and support for you
- Our curriculum offer



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INTRODUCTION

- What to expect from this evening
- How long does the process take?
- Who provides guidance?



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LAYING SOLID FOUNDATIONS



All students at St Antony's are entitled to a curriculum that is:

- Broad and balanced
- Relevant
- Challenging
- Enjoyable
- Personalised



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AN IMPORTANT POINT TO MAKE

All students at St Antony's have the same option choices available to them regardless of SEND or prior attainment.



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KS4 TIMETABLE – HOW ARE THE LESSONS BROKEN DOWN?

Subject	No. of lessons per fortnight	No. of qualifications
English (Language and Literature)	9	2
Maths	8	1
Science (not Triple Science)	9	2
RE	5	1
Option 1	5	1
Option 2	5	1
Option 3	5	1
Core PE	2	n/a
Personal Development	2	n/a
Totals	50	9



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BROAD AND BALANCED



To ensure that a broad and balanced curriculum is being followed, pupils must choose at least one of the following options:

- Geography
- History



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ENGLISH BACCALAUREATE (EBACC)

- This is the name given to a specific group of subjects that indicate that a pupil has studied a broad and balanced curriculum
- Subjects included: English, Maths, Science, Geography or History and a language (French)
- This group of options is open to all pupils and is a route we strongly encourage



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THE BENEFITS OF THE EBACC

- The Ebacc is made up of subjects which are considered essential to the opening up of lots of doors in both employment and further education
- Research indicates that studying the Ebacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and maths
- Studying the Ebacc increases the likelihood of a young person remaining in full-time education



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THE BENEFITS OF THE EBACC - FRENCH

- There have been adjustments made by the government to the qualification to make it more accessible
- Learning more than one language increases your brain capacity and you have better memory skills
- Learning a foreign language helps you understand your own language and your success in studying it
- Languages are highly regarded by employers and universities
- Those with language qualifications earn, on average, 10% more money
- It's an impressive achievement to speak a foreign language and you'll have better options for your future – work and travel
- French is a fast growing, global language, it is present in all continents **and** in the fastest growing continent, sub-Saharan Africa
- You develop a better ability to switch between tasks and also your attention span is improved



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TRIPLE SCIENCE

- All pupils gain 2 qualifications in Science. Triple Science enables pupils to gain 3 qualifications
- Those opting for this will have Science 14 times in a fortnight – Science twice a day on several occasions
- Triple Science is open to all pupils
- Talk in Science directly after this presentation with Mr Uglow in Sci2



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OPTION LIST

Option 1

- GCSE Geography or History

Option 2

- GCSE French - strongly recommended

Further Option 2 and Option 3 choices

- GCSE Business
- GCSE Computer Science
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE History
- GCSE Music
- GCSE Physical Education
- GCSE Triple Science
- Cambridge National – Sports Science
- Vocational Award – Hospitality and Catering
- GCSE Art, Craft & Design (see next slide)



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GCSE Art, Craft & Design – this option allows pupils to specialize in a choice of 3 areas:

- 3D Design & Graphics
- Fine Art & Photography
- Graphics & Textiles



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EXAMPLE OF A BROAD AND BALANCED CURRICULUM

- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths
- Combined Science
- RE
- Option 1 - A humanity: Geography or History
- Option 2 - A language: French
- Option 3 – other subjects



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OPTION RESTRICTIONS

- Pupils will only be allowed to take one subject from the Art/Technology suite of subjects
- Class sizes have limits – practical subjects generally have smaller numbers
- There will be an initial survey which will be used to generate 3 blocks of the most popular choices and combinations of subjects. Following this, the official options form will be sent home. It is anticipated that around 95% of choices will be met.
- All pupils need to select a reserve choice
- Option forms need to be signed by parents



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WHAT NEXT?

- Please ask questions this evening
- Take a booklet
- Please discuss with form tutors
- There will be an opportunities in school to talk to senior teachers, class teachers and form tutors
- The information from this evening will start to appear on the website from tomorrow onwards
- The initial survey will come out in the next week
- This will be followed a week later by the official options form



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TONIGHT'S ROOMS

- Triple Science – Science 2 – a talk to take place in 5 minutes
- Careers – Eleanor is at the back of the hall
- Geography – Room 3
- History – Room 1
- Music - Music Room
- Computer Science – Computer Room 4
- French – Computer Room 3
- PE – Computer Room 2
- Art and Technology subjects – Computer Room 6



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