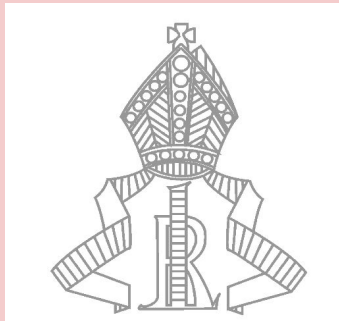




# Year 9 Options

## 14-16 courses 2026-2028

Presentation for parents and carers



# Opening doors to your future.....



14 - 16 Courses 2026 – 2028



# Factors to consider

- Gifts and talents?
- Interests?
- Goals and ambitions?
- Preferred assessment routes?



# Information, Advice & Guidance

## Information

[Website](#)

[Unifrog](#)

Subject teachers

Parents and carers

Heads of House or Tutor



# Unifrog

Don't forget to use Unifrog to help explore pathways and search for future opportunities.



To sign in students should use their school e-mail address and the forgotten password link (if they are yet to set up an account)

The personality profile and careers library are a great place to start

Details coming out tomorrow of how you can create an account



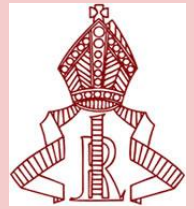
# Our Curriculum

## 14-16 Options

We encourage students to seek out challenge, be creative and maintain a breadth of subjects.



# Our Curriculum



To help them we have designed a Curriculum that is:

- Broad
- Balanced
- Relevant
- Personalised
- Accommodates the English Baccalaureate
- Provides for some flexibility and choice within a guided structure

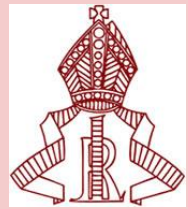
They will also have access to a wide range of extra curricular opportunities.

# Curriculum review timeline

## The curriculum review reforms timeline







# Pathways through Key Stage 4

## ASPIRATION

*Having a goal to aim for and working towards that goal drives you forward.*

Learning a foreign language helps you develop important skills that are hard to gain in other subjects. Because of this, most students are expected to study a language at Key Stage 4 (KS4). If you have shown you can succeed in a language, you should continue with the one you chose at the end of Year 7. You can then choose two more subjects from the full range available.

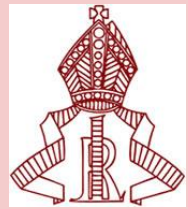


# Pathways through Key Stage 4

## ENDEAVOUR

*Having to strive for success is what makes us who we are.*

On this pathway, you can choose from all KS4 courses. You should choose three subjects, one of which can be a language. When choosing, think about assessment styles. GCSEs are mainly exam-based, while Cambridge Nationals include more non-exam assessment.



# Pathways through Key Stage 4

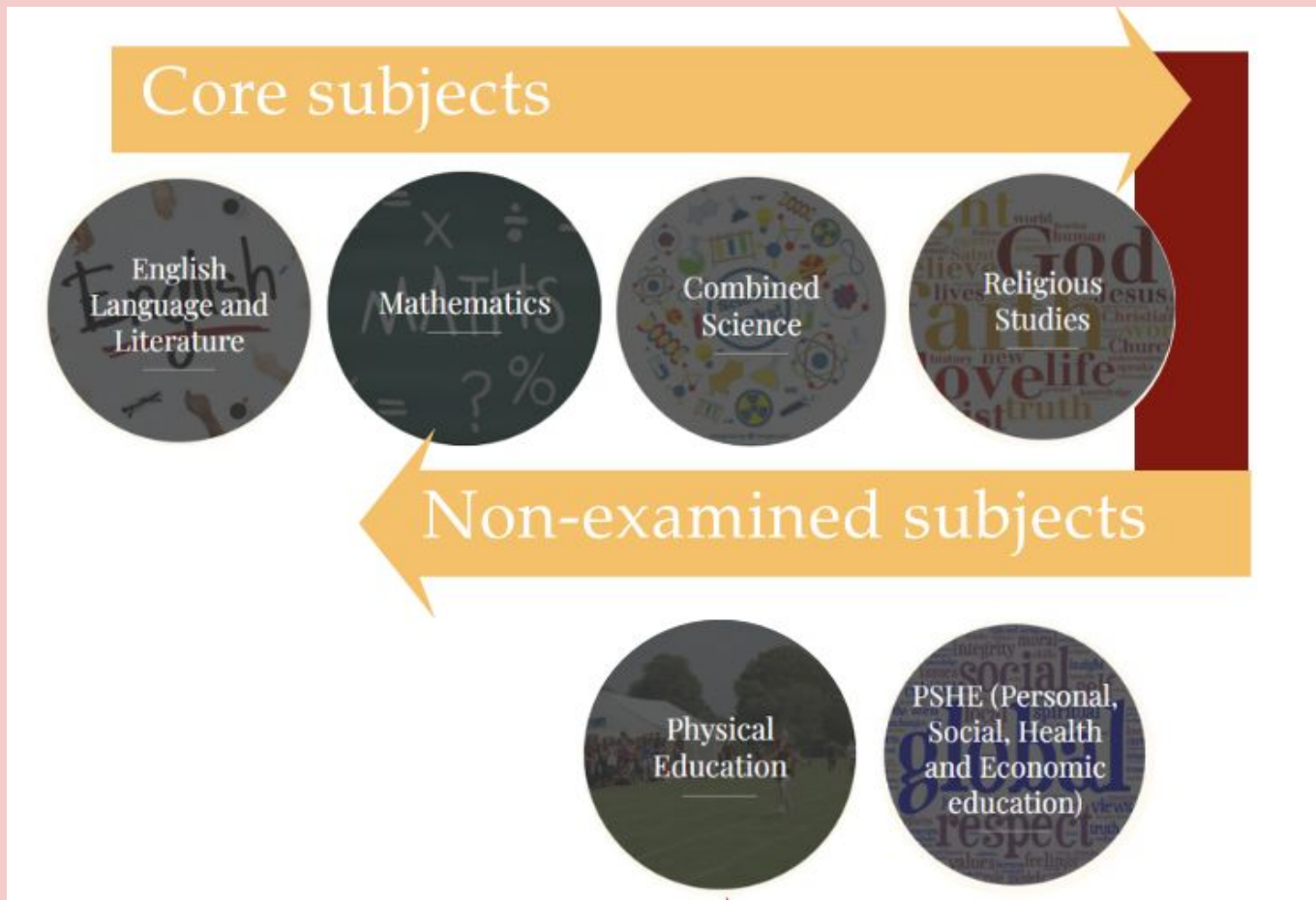
## INDEPENDENCE

*Learning to balance your studies, wellbeing, and extracurricular activities.*

This pathway lets you choose the same options as the Aspiration and Endeavour pathway, with the added option of the Curriculum Support and Key Skills course. This course helps you gain qualifications in English and Maths and supports your GCSE progress. You choose three subjects from the full range, and taking Curriculum support and Key Skills is optional.



# Curriculum Design





# Option subjects

## Arts



Art and Design



Dance



Drama



Media Studies



Music

## Design and Technology



Design &  
Technology -  
Product Design



Food  
Preparation and  
Nutrition



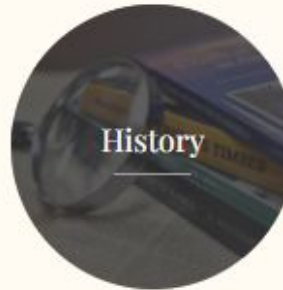
Textiles Design





# Option subjects

## Humanities



## Languages





# Option subjects

## Science

Triple Science

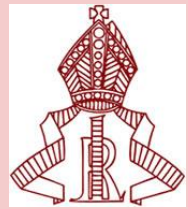
Computer  
Science

Creative iMedia

Sports Studies

PE GCSE

Curriculum  
Support & Key  
Skills



## Prohibited combinations

To ensure a broad KS4 curriculum, the following combinations are not allowed:

Pick either GCSE Computer Science **or** Creative iMedia (Cambridge National)

Pick either GCSE PE **or** Sport Studies (Cambridge National)

Pick either GCSE Media **or** Creative iMedia (Cambridge National)

Pick either GCSE D&T Product Design **or** GCSE D&T Textiles



# Submitting your choices online



- You will submit your choices using T.O.O.L.S.  
'TimeTabler Options On-Line System'



- An email will be sent to your **school account**, with a link to one of the following sites, depending upon your pathway:  
[www.studentoptions.co/BLS-Y9OPTIONS-ASPIRATION](http://www.studentoptions.co/BLS-Y9OPTIONS-ASPIRATION)  
[www.studentoptions.co/BLS-Y9OPTIONS-ENDEAVOUR](http://www.studentoptions.co/BLS-Y9OPTIONS-ENDEAVOUR)  
[www.studentoptions.co/BLS-Y9OPTIONS-INDEPENDENCE](http://www.studentoptions.co/BLS-Y9OPTIONS-INDEPENDENCE)
- The email will include your **username and password**, as well as **clear instructions** on how to log in and submit your choices



# Timeline for making decisions

<b>6th - 8th January</b>	<b>Faculties talk to students about subjects</b>
Friday 9th January	Key Stage 4 courses information issued online to students - assembly to explain process
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Window for making preliminary online choices starts. Instructions emailed to you.</b>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 9 grades issued
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 9 Options Information Evening and subject fair (Parents / carers only) at 5.30pm</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Preliminary online choices deadline
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Parents' and Carers' Virtual Consultation Evening (with students) 4-7pm</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Final online choices deadline



# Option Blocks

- These will be constructed from the results of the Preliminary Choice form and timetable factors
- Please complete this carefully
- You **can** make changes up until the deadline

Making sure you are informed

[Year 9 Options 2026-2028](#)

The logo for Bishop Luffa School is a stylized shield. The top section is a dark red rectangle containing the text 'Bishop Luffa School' in white. Below this is a white horizontal band. The bottom section is a dark red arrow pointing to the right, containing the text 'Key Stage 4 Course Information' in white. At the bottom left of the shield is a yellow arrow pointing to the left, containing the text 'Subject Guide 2026-2028' in dark red.

Bishop Luffa School

Key Stage 4 Course Information

Subject Guide  
2026-2028



# Making good decisions

- Choose areas that interest and inspire you
- Find out about the subjects from the teachers
- Look at your reports and consider your strengths
- Take advice from staff and relatives
- Do **not** choose subjects based on who you think might teach them
- Do **not** choose subjects based on friendships
- *Ask **God** to give you wisdom and invite him to be with you as you decide*



# Linda Corry

**Careers Advisor Education Business Partnership**  
(careers video presentation available on the Y9 Options  
school website page)



**In school contact:**  
**Mrs Angie Hopp-Careers coordinator**

# WHAT NEXT GCSEs

FREE ONLINE  
EVENT

## Thinking about GCSEs?

If you're in Year 8 or Year 9 – or a parent or carer helping someone decide their next steps – this online event is for you!

Join Get Career Confident's qualified advisors for a friendly, informative session all about choosing GCSEs.

### You'll get support thinking through:

- How to choose the right courses for you
- How GCSE choices connect to your future plans
- Where to get extra support in the decision making process
- When and how to apply
- Plus – access videos and guides to help you

This event is free and open to everyone, but it will be especially useful for those about to make their GCSE options.





# Subjects and Locations

Staff member	Subject	Locations
Mrs Hopp	Careers	Back of Bartlett Hall
Mr Brown and Mrs Basurto	Support Department	Small Hall
MrsThorpe	Art	Dance
Miss Witherow, Mrs Bonney, Mr Thompson	D&T textiles and Product Design and Food and Nutrition	Dance
Mrs Lawlor	Dance	Dance
MrsFurnell	Drama	Dance
Mr Evans	Media Studies	Dance
Mrs Bowen-Melfi	Music	Dance
Mrs Smerdon-Corp	Business Studies	Drama
Mrs Williams	Computer Science and iMedia	Drama
Mrs Wilburn	Geography	Drama
Mr Barnett	History	Drama
Mrs Christie	Languages	Drama
Mr Godfray	PE GCSE and Sports Studies	Drama
Mr King and Mr Cooke	Triple Science	E9
	Talks at 6pm, 6.20pm and 6.40pm	

For further information about Curriculum support and Key skills please contact the head of Maths (Mrs Kettle and Mr Healy) [HoFMaths@bishopluffa.org.uk](mailto:HoFMaths@bishopluffa.org.uk) or the head of English [CollinsS@bishopluffa.org.uk](mailto:CollinsS@bishopluffa.org.uk) .