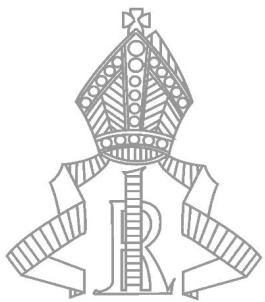




Year 9 Options

14-16 courses 2026-2028

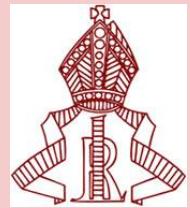
Presentation for parents and carers



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

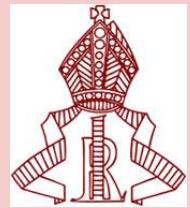
[Website](#)

[Unifrog](#)

Subject teachers

Parents and carers

Heads of House or Tutor



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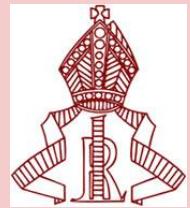
Don't forget to use Unifrog to help explore pathways and search for future opportunities.



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



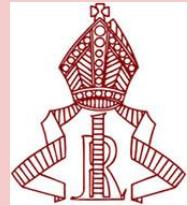
Our Curriculum

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:

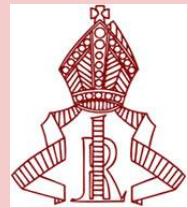
- Broad
- Balanced
- Relevant
- Personalised
- Accommodates the English Baccalaureate
- Provides for some flexibility and choice within a guided structure

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

Curriculum review timeline

The curriculum review reforms timeline



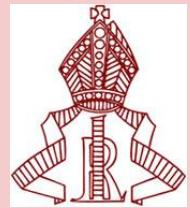


Pathways through Key Stage 4

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.

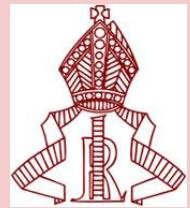


Pathways through Key Stage 4

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.

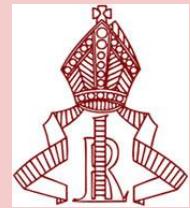


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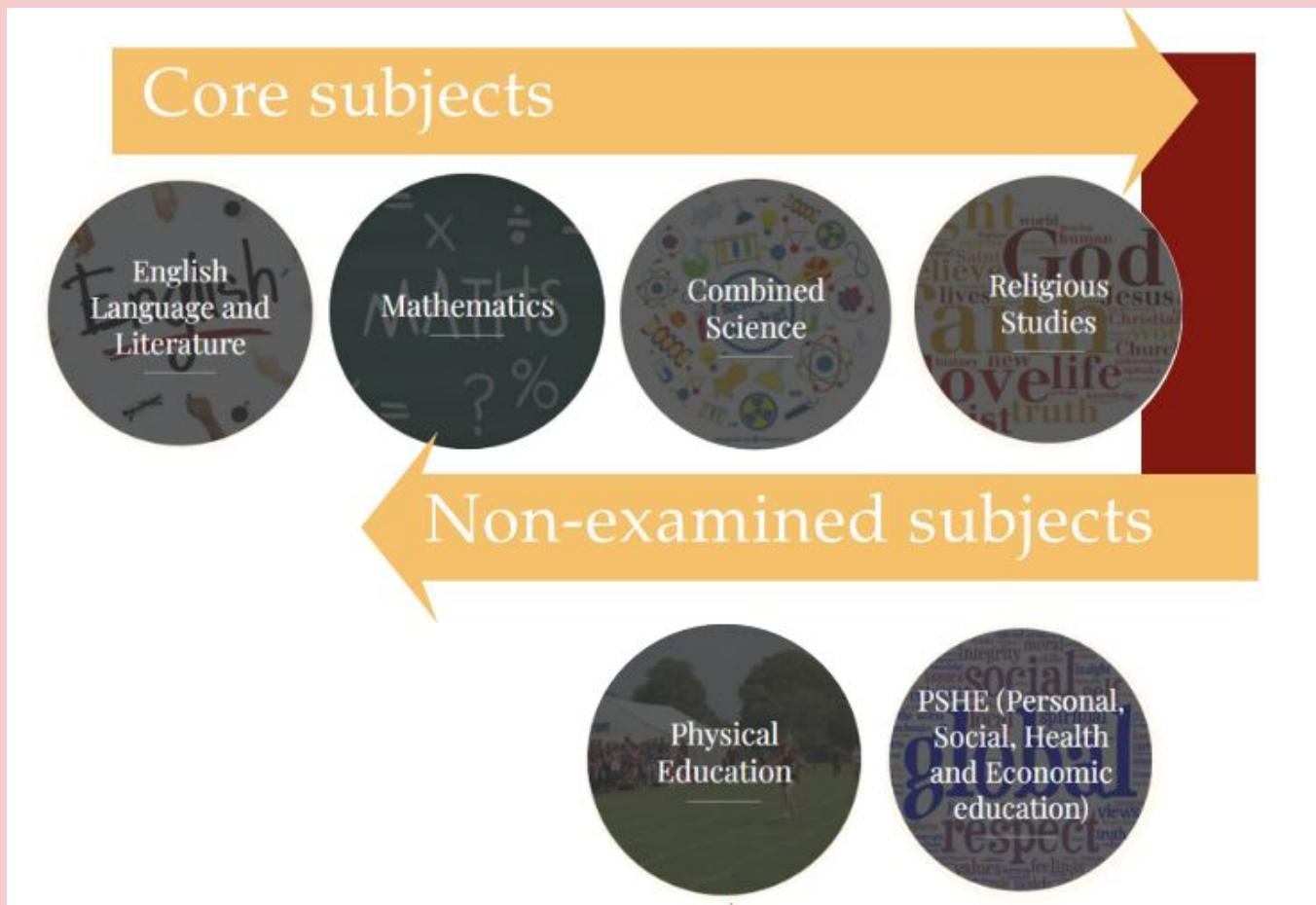
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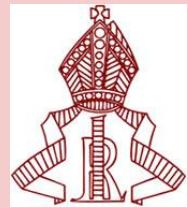
Learning to balance your studies, wellbeing, and extracurricular activities.

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



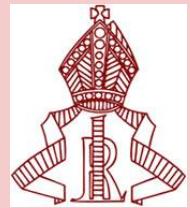
Design &
Technology -
Product Design



Food
Preparation and
Nutrition

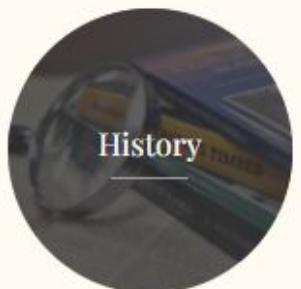


Textiles Design

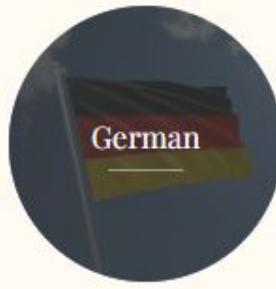


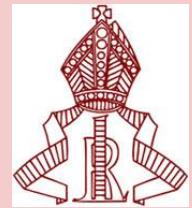
Option subjects

Humanities



Languages





Option subjects

Science



Sports Studies

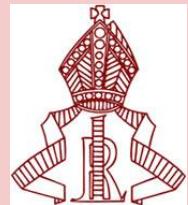


PE GCSE



Curriculum
Support & Key
Skills





Prohibited combinations

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

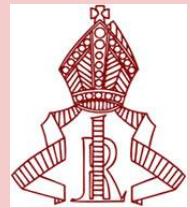
Pick either GCSE Computer Science **or** Creative iMedia (Cambridge National)

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

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

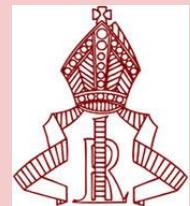
Pick either GCSE D&T Product Design **or** GCSE D&T Textiles

Submitting your choices online



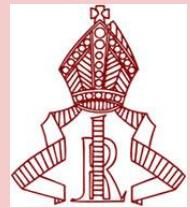
- You will submit your choices using T.O.O.L.S.
'TimeTabler Options On-Line System'
- An email will be sent to your **school account**, with a link to one of the following sites, depending upon your pathway:
www.studentoptions.co/BLS-Y9OPTIONS-ASPIRATION
www.studentoptions.co/BLS-Y9OPTIONS-ENDEAVOUR
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

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

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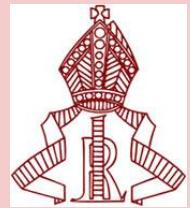
Key Stage 4 Course Information

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*

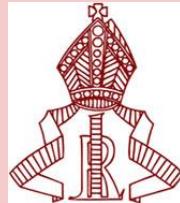


Linda Corry

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 ?

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.

FREE ONLINE
EVENT

JANUARY

28

6-7PM



Subjects and Locations

Staff member	Subject	Locations
Mrs Hopp	Careers	Back of Bartlett Hall
Mr Brown and Mrs Basurto	Support Department	Small Hall
Mrs Thorpe	Art	Dance
Miss Witherow, Mrs Bonney, Mr Thompson	D&T textiles and Product Design and Food and Nutrition	Dance
Mrs Lawlor	Dance	Dance
Mrs Furnell	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 or the head of English CollinsS@bishopluffa.org.uk .