



Scalby School

Parents' Forum Curriculum Tweaks

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Issues with our Older Curriculum

- **3 year KS3 (because of SATS) & 2 year KS4**
- **Students only opted ONCE at the end of Year 9**
- **Students locked into Options for TWO YEARS**
- **Students couldn't change career plans during KS4**

What has been our Current Curriculum?

- **3 Year KS4 starting in Year 9**
- **Option courses of one Year, mixed age classes**
- **Option choices at end of Year 8 → Year 9**
- **Option choices again in Year 9 → Year 10**
- **Option choices again in Year 10 → Year 11**

Has It Worked?

- **2010 – Students achieved 99% 5A*-C**
- **2008 = 56%**
- **2010 – Students achieved 69% 5A*-C inc En & Ma**
- **2008 = 33%**
- **2010 – APS 633 (Top 1% in the England)**
- **2008 – 345**
- **2010 – 78% English A*-C (Top 3% in England)**
- **2010 – 74% Maths A*-C (Top 20% in England)**

Year 8 into 9 Options List 2011

- Acting (BTEC Cert)
- Acting (BTEC Diploma)
- Art (BTEC Cert)
- Art (BTEC Diploma)
- Business Studies (BTEC Cert)
- Business (BTEC Diploma)
- Catering (GCSE)
- French (1 year GCSE)
- French (2 year GCSE)*
- Geography (GCSE)
- Global Challenge (CoPE)
- History (GCSE)
- ICT (OCR)
- Journalism (GCSE)
- Media (GCSE)
- Music (BTEC Cert)
- Music (BTEC Diploma)
- Public Services (BTEC Cert)
- PE (GCSE)
- Science (GCSE)
- Sport (BTEC Diploma)
- Textiles (GCSE)



Current Timetable Example

September 2010

YEAR 8 INTO 9 : EXAMPLE YEAR 9 TIMETABLE

Core : Maths (3) English (3) D&T (2) Science (3) PE (2) ICT (1) Life (1)

Learning Pathway choices : BTEC Art (5) GCSE French (5)

	1	2	3	4	5
Monday	GCSE French	GCSE French	GCSE French	BTEC Art	BTEC Art
Tuesday	BTEC Art	BTEC Art	BTEC Art	GCSE French	GCSE French
Wednesday	PE BTEC	PE BTEC	ICT OCR	ENGLISH Set 1	MATHS Set 2
Thursday	MATHS Set 2	ENGLISH Set 1	SCIENCE	D&T Food	D&T Food
Friday	ENGLISH Set 1	MATHS Set 2	Life	SCIENCE	SCIENCE
BTEC Art (Certificate) and GCSE French completed in one year					

So Why Tweak Things?

The English Baccalaureate

- This is a new Award announced by the Government in December 2010
- It is awarded to students who achieve a GCSE in English, Maths, Science, French and Geography or History
- It is tough to achieve, and likely to be highly rated by Universities and Colleges
- We will be strongly advising certain students to pick Geography or History, or French if you haven't so far
- To help students understand this they are put in a Pathway – either Blue, **Green** or **Yellow**

What Does Each **Pathway** Mean?

Blue Pathway – Do a Humanity **and** French

A student has the ability to get A* - C in a Humanity subject – Geography GCSE or History GCSE **AND**

also has the ability to get A* - C in French GCSE

Green Pathway – Do a Humanity **or** French

A student has the ability to get A* - C in a Humanity subject – Geography GCSE or History GCSE **OR**

A student has the ability to get A* - C in French GCSE

Yellow Pathway

Students don't need to pick Geography or History or French as they may struggle to get A* - C
Other courses may be more suitable

Rank 5 Targets!

What Might **Humanities** Guidance Be?

Blue or **Green** Pathways

- No need to pick (have already done **History GCSE**)
- No need to pick (have already done **Geog GCSE**)
- Should pick **Hist** or **Geog** in **Y10** or **Y11**
- **Of course students can pick both if they want!**

Yellow Pathway

- No need to pick **Geography** or **History** if don't want to. **Other courses** may be more appropriate
- **Students can pick if they really want to!**

What Might **French** Guidance Be?

Blue or **Green** Pathways

- No need to pick (have already done **French GCSE**)
- Should pick 1 yr **French** this year
- Should pick 2 yr **French** this year

Yellow Pathway

- No need to pick **French** if don't want to. **Other** courses may be more appropriate.

Impartial Advice & Guidance

- **Tutors will discuss options and other guidance in VMG time this month**
- **There is an IAG day on Monday 10th January to discuss options in a meeting with your child's tutor, and to access other sources of guidance**
- **Peer mentors are available for 2-to-1 advice from students who have been through the process**

Impartial Advice & Guidance #2

- **The Careers advisor can be booked, with parents if required, through our peer mentors**
- **Options choices will be reviewed after the deadline to check that they are suitable for students' needs and that guidance has been followed our guidance**
- **We will continue to also target some students for either a full Booster English or a full Booster Maths option later in the Year**

2011-12 Timetable Example

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Learning Pathway choices : BTEC Art (5) GCSE French (5)

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Monday	MATHS Set 2	ENGLISH Set 1	SCIENCE	D&T Food	D&T Food
Tuesday	BTEC Art	BTEC Art	BTEC Art	GCSE French	GCSE French
Wednesday	PE BTEC	PE BTEC	ICT OCR	ENGLISH Set 1	MATHS Set 2
Thursday	GCSE French	GCSE French	GCSE French	BTEC Art	BTEC Art
Friday	ENGLISH Set 1	MATHS Set 2	Life	SCIENCE	SCIENCE
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In Short

3 Year KS4 Remains

Options in a Year Remain

Pathways introduced to guide students to achieve the English Baccalaureate if they can

Options on Tuesdays and Thursdays



Thank you