

Arthur Mellows Village College

Options for Year 10



2017



Purpose of the Evening

- To outline the opportunities available in Years 10 and 11 and how these link with latest Government education policy
- To explain the Options process and how we will help with it
- To answer any questions you may have



Delivering learning for life....

Choosing the right courses now is the key to:

- How students will enjoy their next two years
- Their chances of achieving excellent qualifications
- Future courses, employment and potentially, salary

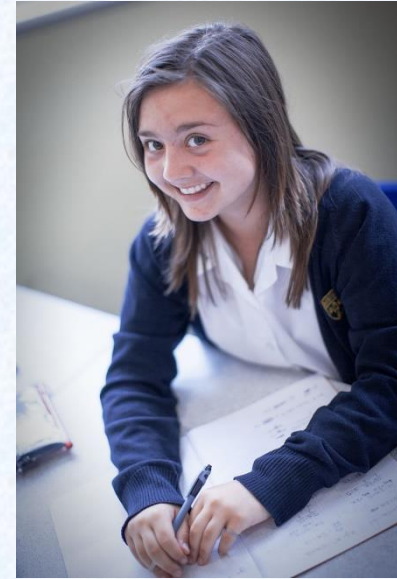
We really want to help our students successfully achieve the very best they can



Everyone Will Study

Lessons per fortnight

- 9 English (2 GCSEs for most)
- 11 Maths
- 10 Science (2 GCSEs)
- 2 RE (Slim course GCSE)



Non-Exam Courses

Lessons per fortnight

- 3 Core PE
- 1 Lifeskills



What Will Students Choose?

- There are 3 Option Blocks
- **One subject** from **option block A**, **one subject** from **option block B** and **2 subjects** from **option block C**.
- Students must choose a **first** and **reserve** choice (write a 1 and R for each block)
- Students must not choose the same subject as 1st choice in more than 1 block
- Students **MUST** include **ONE** of the following: History, Geography, Computer Science, Single Science, French, German or Spanish



Option Blocks A and B

Option A	
French—GCSE	
Spanish—GCSE	
History—GCSE	
Geography—GCSE	
Business—BTEC Vocational	
Engineering—BTEC	
Health and Social Care—Vocational	
ICT—Vocational	
Creative Media—Vocational	
Sport—BTEC Vocational	
Travel and Tourism—BTEC Vocational	

Option B	
History—GCSE	
Geography—GCSE	
German—GCSE	
Business—BTEC Vocational	
Engineering—BTEC Vocational	
Health and Social Care—Vocational	
ICT—Vocational	
Creative Media—Vocational	
Sport—BTEC Vocational	
Travel and Tourism—BTEC Vocational	



Option Block C

Option C	
Computer Science—GCSE	Food Preparation and Nutrition—GCSE
History—GCSE	ICT—Vocational
Geography—GCSE	Creative Media—Vocational
Single Science (Biology/Chemistry/Physics)—GCSE	Music—GCSE
Art—GCSE	PE—GCSE
Business—BTEC Vocational	Product Design—GCSE
Dance—BTEC Vocational	RE—GCSE
Drama—GCSE	Textiles—GCSE
Economics—GCSE	
Engineering—BTEC Vocational	



English Baccalaureate

GCSE's at grade C (grade 5) or above in

- English
- Mathematics
- 2 x Sciences (can include Computer Science)
- Modern Foreign Languages
- History or Geography



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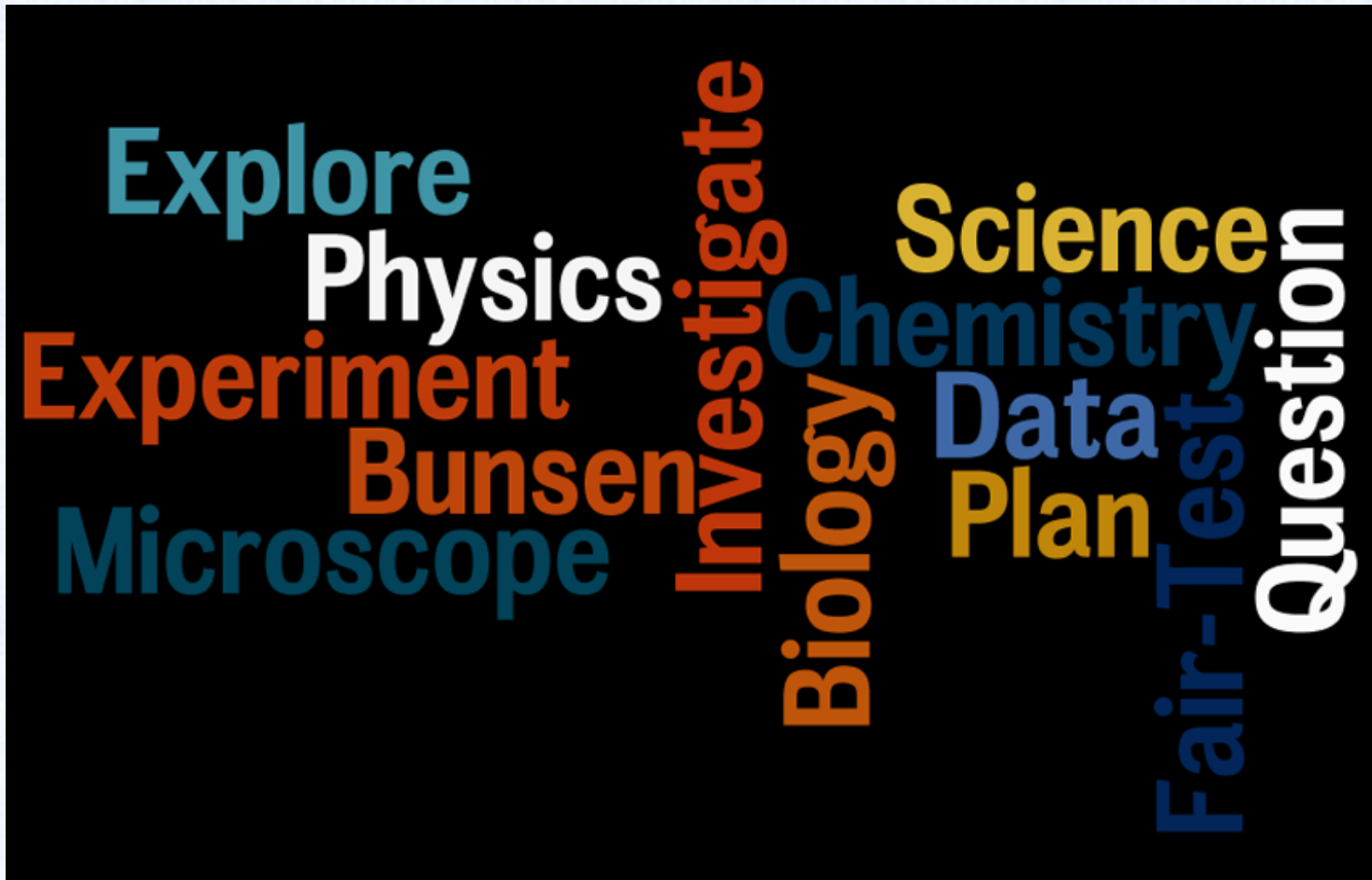
All students in sets 1 and 2, and most students from set 3 are expected to achieve the English Baccalaureate

Option A	
French - GCSE	
Spanish – GCSE	
History – GCSE	
Geography - GCSE	

Option B / C	
History - GCSE	
Geography – GCSE	
German - GCSE	



Science





Science Curriculum

- Different choice of courses to meet the needs of all students
- To interest, motivate and engage
- To prepare students for different career choices post 16.



GCSE Science Courses 2017 - 2019

Route A

Year 9/10

Combined Science
(Double Award)

Year 11

Combined Science

Route B

Year 9/10

Single Science
Biology
Chemistry
Physics

Year 11

Single Science



ROUTE A

Year 9/10 – Combined Science

- All students (unless doing Single Science)
- 100% Exam (7.5 hours)
- No Controlled assessment
- 16 Practicals to complete
- 15% Practical based questions in the exam
- 20% Maths assessment in the exam
- **Two GCSE's** of grades 1-9 in June 2019



Route B

Years 9/10 and 11 – Single Science (formerly Triple Science)

- Useful (not essential) for students who may look to study A Levels in Science
- Requirements- at least a **Level 6** in Science and a high level of **literacy and numeracy** understanding
- Study Combined Science plus extended content and concepts
- 100% Exam for each Science subject (10.5 hours)
- No Controlled Assessment
- 24 Practicals to complete (8 for each Science subject)
- 15% Practical based questions in each exam
- Maths assessment: Biology 10%, Chemistry 20%, Physics 30%
- **Three GCSEs** graded 1-9 in June 2019
- **Biology, Chemistry and Physics**

What next?

- Speak to the Science teacher about the suitability for Single Science at parents evening.
- If you don't want to choose Single Science then you don't need to do anything.
- If you do want to do Single Science then choose it in option block C.



The Vocational Subjects

- Business – BTEC
- Sport - BTEC
- Health and Social Care – Cambridge National
- Travel and Tourism - BTEC
- Engineering – BTEC
- Dance – BTEC
- Creative Media – Cambridge National
- ICT

Students cannot pick more than 3 Vocational subjects



Vocational Subjects

How Are They Different?

- Assignment (75%) and exam based (25%)
- Differentiated tasks suitable for all abilities
- Ongoing assessment for assignments
- Teacher feedback
- Opportunity for resubmission



General Advice For Students

- Remember it's for 2 years
- Talk to people and listen to advice
- Plan ahead – what do you want to do in the future – what do you need to get there?
- Research online
- Choose subjects because you are interested in them and enjoy them
- Don't make choices based on favourite teachers
- Don't base choices on what friends are doing
- There are no 'easy' subjects.... Make sure you know what is involved



If Students Are Confused?

Help is at hand.....

- Lifeskills lessons
- Options booklet – lots of information – read it!
- College / Sixth Form websites – what do they need?
- Year 9 Parents' Evening
- Form Tutor / Head of Year
- Subject Teachers



What Happens Next?

Monday 30 January 2017	Options booklet given out Information Evening
Monday 6 February 2017	Year 9 Parents' Evening Meet the subject teachers
Friday 17 February 2017	Deadline for Options Forms to be handed in to Form Tutors
Week Commencing Monday 19 June 2017	Options confirmed to student



Please Remember...

- Ensure you meet the return deadline of Friday 17 February 2017
- Names must be on forms!
- It is vital that a **First** and **Reserve** choice is made in each Option Block

Option A	
French—GCSE	
Spanish—GCSE	
History—GCSE	1
Geography—GCSE	R
Business—BTEC Vocational	
Engineering—BTEC	
Health and Social Care—Vocational	
ICT—Vocational	
Creative Media—Vocational	
Sport—BTEC Vocational	
Travel and Tourism—BTEC Vocational	

Option B	
History—GCSE	
Geography—GCSE	
German—GCSE	
Business—BTEC Vocational	
Engineering—BTEC Vocational	
Health and Social Care—Vocational	
ICT—Vocational	1
Creative Media—Vocational	R
Sport—BTEC Vocational	
Travel and Tourism—BTEC Vocational	