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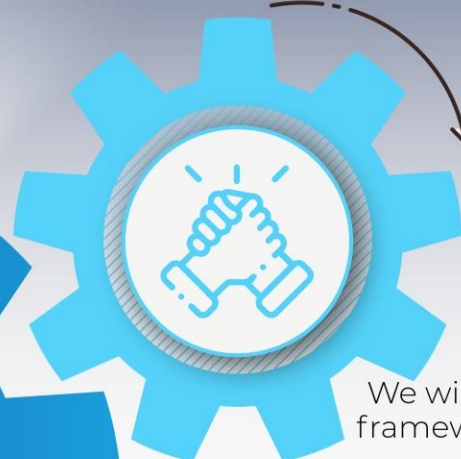
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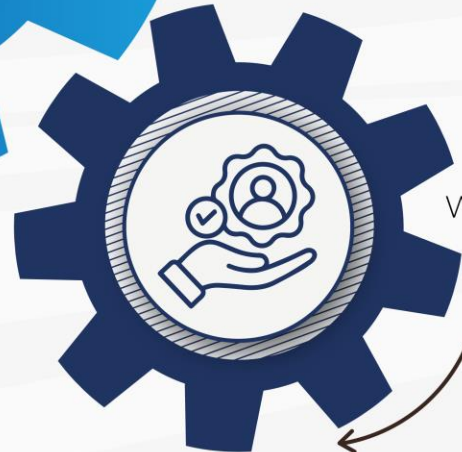
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Headteacher's Welcome

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Assistant Headteacher



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Year 9 into 10

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Options Presentation

The Options Process

What it is all about

Subjects you must do

Frequently asked questions



Compulsory Subjects

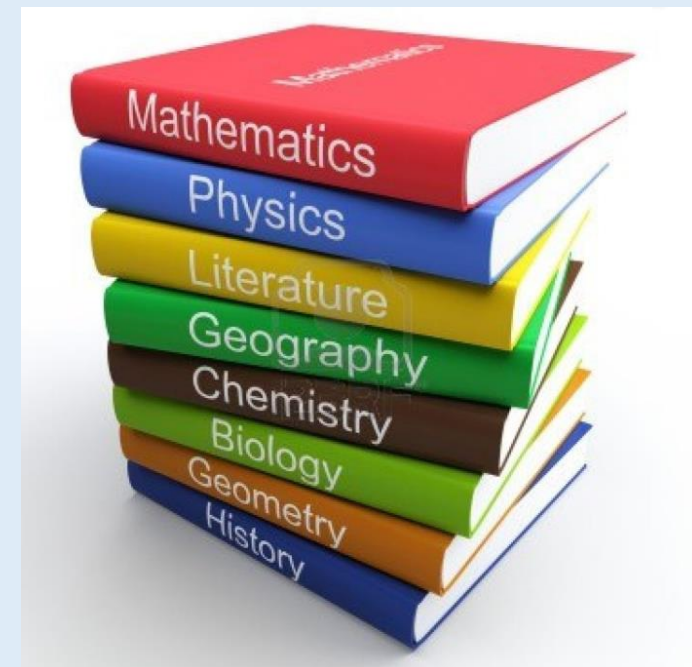
There are some subjects which you all must do.

That is because they deliver important skills which you will all need and because there are very few jobs you can do or courses you can move onto when you are older unless you have done them.

So, you will all have to do:

- Maths
- English
- Science
- RE
- Core PE

You then choose four other subjects from a list



Optional Subjects

Art (GCSE)	DT – Hospitality and Catering (L1/2)	Geography (GCSE)
Business Studies (GCSE)	DT – Engineering (WJEC L1/2)	German (GCSE)
Child Development (Cam Nat)	DT – Food & Nutrition (GCSE)	History (GCSE)
Computer Science (GCSE)	DT – Graphic Products (GCSE)	Music (GCSE)
Creative Media (Cam Nat)	DT – Resistant Materials (GCSE)	PE (GCSE)
Dance (GCSE)	DT – Textiles Technology (GCSE)	Spanish (GCSE)
Drama (GCSE)	Health & Social Care (Cam Nat)	Sport (BTEC)
	French (GCSE)	

- Students choose 3 or 4 subjects from the above list, plus two reserves
- Consider Practical subjects
- What subjects are you strongest in?
- What subjects do you enjoy?
- What subjects are suitable for any future plans?
- For some students supported by the SEN department, it may be appropriate to study one fewer subject and have additional extra time, focusing on other subjects, in the SEN department. Any such students will be contacted individually by the SEN department. A full set of choices should still be made on the options form.



The following restrictions on choices should be noted

- Students cannot study both PE GCSE and Sport BTEC
- Students choosing Separate Science/Full Course RE as one of their options will be able to study at most one DT subject.
- Students not choosing Separate Science/Full Course RE may be able to study two DT subjects with the restriction that they can:
 - Only choose one of Hospitality & Catering and Food & Nutrition
 - Only choose one of Graphic Products, Product Design and Textiles Technology

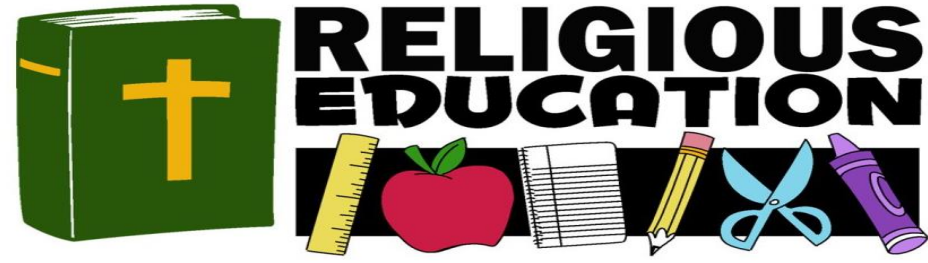


The next steps:

- Options form sent out after Options Evening
- Friday 27th February: Deadline date for option forms (online)
- Follow up discussions for some students. We will email and or phone if necessary.
- Before the end of the year: options allocated
- September: Commence studying your option subjects!



FAQ 1



“Why so I have to study RE – it takes up an option and they’d rather do something else?”

- It is compulsory for schools to teach RE and at FCC we very much value this subject.
- Removing short course RE from the curriculum would not allow enough time to study another option



FAQ 2

What are Vocational (Technical) qualifications?

- These qualifications are alternatives to GCSE but are seen as equivalent to GCSEs. They include BTEC, Cambridge Nationals or L1/2 Certificates
- The assessment of these is based more on coursework and ongoing assessment although all contain some form of external assessment (exam)
- Make sure you think about your choices carefully for subjects with more than one route



FAQ 3

Will we get the subjects we put on the form?

Most students get their chosen subjects. The reasons you may not are:

We can't fit together the combination of subjects you choose. It is inevitable that some combinations of subjects will not be possible to timetable.

A subject you have chosen is over-subscribed. In this situation, pupils putting the subject as their 1st or 2nd choice will be allocated ahead of those putting the subject as their 3rd or 4th choice.

We feel the student needs to think further about their choice of subjects.

The subject you have chosen does not have a viable group

