

Key Stage 4 Options 2020

Questions for your child to consider

- What would I like to do when I leave Whitstone?
- Which subjects do I enjoy?
- Which subjects am I good at?
- How do I learn best?

Where next for your child?

- Opening doors after Whitstone, inspiring futures
- Careers education
- Individual guidance
- Visits and taster days

All our students on a course or in training

Progression

To progress to Level 3 courses, 'A' Levels, to any University course or into any of the professions, students must achieve:

- At least 5 GCSEs (or BTECs) grade 9 to 4, including English & Maths
- Students will need to secure the grades set by the institution running the particular course they want to study.
- Some universities may also require a Modern Foreign Language

The Key Stage 4 Curriculum – two parts

Part 1: The core

(Subjects students must study)

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Part 2: The option choices

The core curriculum

- English Language GCSE
- English Literature GCSE
- Maths GCSE
- Science – Two GCSEs
- PE (not examined)
- RE/PSHE (not examined)

Two Pathways

Pathway 1 for gifted linguists and students who are strong in the humanities subjects

English	Maths	Science	PE	PSHE/RE	French	Geography or History	Free Choice
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Pathway 2 for all other students

English	Maths	Science	PE	PSHE/RE	Geography or History or French	Free Choice	Free Choice
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Pathways are flexible and not fixed

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Pathway 1

Name:		Tutor Group:	
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Core Curriculum

English Language GCSE English Literature GCSE	Mathematics GCSE	Science Double GCSE	PE (not examined)	PSHE/RE (not examined)	French GCSE	Choice of Geography GCSE or History GCSE	Free choice
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Option subjects

Art BTEC	Geography GCSE	Hospitality & Catering Award	Sport BTEC
Dance BTEC*	History GCSE	Design Technology/Product Design GCSE	ICT BTEC
Drama BTEC*	Religious Studies and Ethics GCSE	Health & Social Care BTEC	
Music BTEC			

*You cannot choose Dance and Drama

My Options

Option 1	Option 2	Reserve Option 1	Reserve Option 2

One of your choices must be Geography or History

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Pathway 2

Name:	Tutor Group:
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Core Curriculum

English Language GCSE English Literature GCSE	Mathematics GCSE	Science Double GCSE	PE (not examined)	PSHE/RE (not examined)	Choice of French GCSE Geography GCSE or History GCSE	Free choice	Free choice
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Option subjects

Art BTEC	Geography GCSE	Hospitality & Catering Award	Sport BTEC
Dance BTEC*	History GCSE	Design Technology-Product Design GCSE	ICT BTEC
Drama BTEC*	French GCSE	Health & Social Care BTEC	
Music BTEC	Religious Studies and Ethics GCSE		

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My Options

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Reserve Option 1	Reserve Option 2

One of your choices must include at least one from: French, Geography or History

Two different types of course

GCSEs

- Exams at the end of Year 11
- Test skills and knowledge
- Grades from 9 - 1

BTECs

- Assessed through assignments marked by your teachers (60-75%)
- One externally set assessment (25-40%)
- Grades: Distinction* (9/8), Distinction (7), Merit (6) and Pass (5)

The option courses

GCSEs

- Geography
- History
- French
- Religious Studies and Ethics
- Design Technology
(Product Design)

BTECs/Vocational

- Art
- Hospitality & Catering
- Dance
- Drama
- Music
- Health & Social Care
- Sport
- ICT

What Next?

The deadline for the return of Option forms is Monday 23rd March

If your son/daughter is finding it difficult to make their option choices then they can get help in the following ways:

- Speak to/message their tutor who will be dedicating tutor time next week to Year 9 and their options
- Speak to/message their class teachers
- Speak to/message the course contact teacher (listed in the Options booklet)
- Read the Options booklet