Preferences Process: Choosing the right subjects for KS4
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Years 9, 10 and 11
KS4 at Hazeley

• It is a stepping stone to Post-16 education
• A broad and balanced curriculum
• Keep your options open
• Ensure you select appropriate types of courses
  – Academic  GCSE
  – Vocational / Technical  e.g. BTEC, VCert, Cambridge National
How are KS4 qualifications graded?

Most Vocational qualifications use Pass/Merit/Distinction/Distinction* grading system. This is directly comparable with the new 9-1 GCSE grading system.

- GCSEs are now graded 9 to 1, with 9 being the top grade.
- Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as a C and above.
- Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as did an A and above.
- The bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G.
How well is my son or daughter doing in KS3? What does that mean in relation to KS4 targets?

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A grade 1 in KS3 is the same as a grade 1 in KS4.
# Probable Flightpath from Year 8 to the end of KS4

## Examples

### Student A
- Year 8 Spring PR: 2
- Year 9 Summer PR: 3
- Year 10 Summer PR: 3+
- Year 11 Exam result: 4

### Student B
- Year 8 Spring PR: 3
- Year 9 Summer PR: 4
- Year 10 Summer PR: 5
- Year 11 Exam result: 6

### Student C
- Year 8 Spring PR: 4
- Year 9 Summer PR: 5+
- Year 10 Summer PR: 7
- Year 11 Exam result: 8+/9
Progression to KS4

• **Control over curriculum**
  – Spend more time in subjects you enjoy
  – Choose the subjects you do well in

• **Greater workload**
  – Expectation of regular homework
  – Some subjects require independent work outside of lessons

• **Better to achieve higher grades in fewer subjects**
  – Allows more options post-16
Qualifications

• GCSE exams taken in June of Year 11
  Some subjects contain an element of coursework or controlled assessments.

• BTEC / VCert / OCR National – GCSE equivalent
  Vocational subjects which are more coursework based.
  All vocational courses have at least one exam.
Progressing to Sixth Form

• **A Level courses:**
  – Eight 9-4 grades including English and Maths
  – Grade 6+ in relevant subjects

• **Level 3 Applied (Vocational) courses:**
  – Five 9-4 grades including English and Maths

These entry requirements are typical grades and are given as a guide only.

Requirements may change by September 2022 when current Year 8 begin their KS5 studies.
Key Stage 4

Curriculum
National focus on GCSE standards with 9-1 grades

National emphasis on the English Baccalaureate, studying the following subjects as part of a KS4 curriculum package:

- English / Maths / Science / History or Geography / MFL

Curriculum choices at KS4 could have implications for future pathways and choices at Post-16 and beyond.
Red route students are required to select at least two EBacc subjects:

**History or Geography** (both can be opted for)
**French or Spanish** (the language you study now)

Purple route and Green route students will be required to select at least one EBacc subject, could opt for two if desired:

**History / Geography / French / Spanish**
The Core Curriculum

**English**  
9 lessons  
2 x GCSE  
English Language and English Literature

**Maths**  
8 lessons  
1 or 2 x GCSE  
Maths (and for some Statistics in Year 10/11)

**Science**  
9 lessons  
2 x GCSE

**PE**  
4 lessons
The subjects

Core Subjects – who to speak to?

• **English** – Mrs Fairley and current English teacher

• **Maths** – Mr Sheppee and current Maths teacher

• **Science** – Miss Kennedy and current Science teacher

• **Core PE** – Mr Hall and current PE teacher
GCSE Sciences

• All students study 2 GCSEs (Balanced Science)
  – Biology, Chemistry, Physics Units

• Option for a further GCSE (Separate Sciences)
  – GCSE Biology
  – GCSE Chemistry
  – GCSE Physics

• Science advise Separate Sciences option if A Level Sciences a possibility

• Please discuss further with a Science teacher
Which subjects are on offer?

- Child Development
- Computer Science
- Creative iMedia
- Drama
- Health and Social Care
- Geography
- French
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- Geography
- Geography
- Separate Sciences
- Sport Science
- Media Studies
- Psychology
- Religious Studies: Philosophy & Ethics
- Music
- Film Studies
- Business Studies
- Sociology
- Business Studies
- Product Design
- Hospitality and Catering
- Art and Design
- History
- Travel and Tourism
- Spanish
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- History
- Creative iMedia
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- Geography
- French
- Business Studies
- Drama
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- Sociology
- IT
- Media Studies
- Art and Design
- Sports Science
- Hospitality and Catering
- Religious Studies: Philosophy & Ethics
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- Film Studies
- Music
- Product Design
## The Curriculum Model

### Key Stage 4 Curriculum 2019

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**Note:** The table above outlines the curriculum model for Key Stage 4, with separate blocks for different courses and subjects. Each block is color-coded to distinguish between them.
Purple Route
Which subjects are on offer?

- Child Development
- Travel and Tourism
- Creative iMedia
- History
- French
- Spanish
- Health and Social Care
- Business Studies
- Geography
- Drama
- Sociology
- Sport Science
- Art and Design
- Media Studies
- Hospitality and Catering
- Psychology
- IT
- Product Design
- Music
- Religious Studies: Philosophy & Ethics
# The Curriculum Model

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- IT
- Drama
- Media Studies
- BBB Leadership
- Art and Design
- Hospitality and Catering
- Psychology
- Religious Studies: Philosophy & Ethics
- Music
- Product Design
# The Curriculum Model

## Key Stage 4 Curriculum 2019

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The Process

• Obtaining information
  – Discuss courses with teaching staff
  – Make sure you know what a course involves
  – Speak to current GCSE students

• Help and support
  – Parents, tutor, subject staff

• The form
  – Deadline: Monday 4th March 2019

• Changing your mind
Next steps...

• **Take time over your choices**
  – The decisions you make have consequences
  – Choosing the ‘easy’ option is not necessarily the best option in the longer term
  – Choose subjects you know you will excel at
  – Keep an open mind

• **Then get it right!**
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