



# GCSE OPTIONS EVENING

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7<sup>th</sup> February 2024



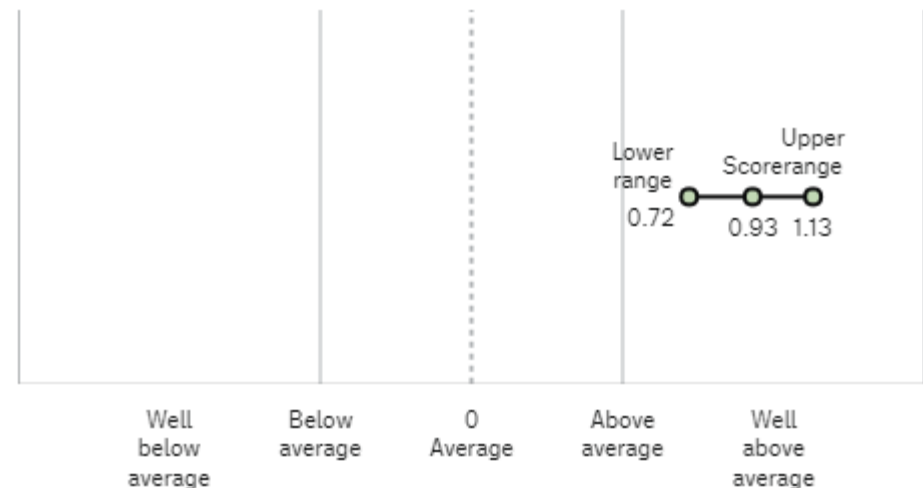
## Progress 8 score ?

This score shows how much progress pupils at this school made across 8 qualifications between the end of key stage 2 and the end of key stage 4.

The score for this school is **0.93**

The local authority (Sutton) average score for state-funded schools is 0.35.

The average score for all state-funded schools in England is -0.03.



# SYLLABUSES CHANGED FROM 2017

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- More rigorous and advanced content
- Better preparation for A Level
- New grading system
- Less coursework (Non-examined assessment)

# GRADING SYSTEM

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- Grades are awarded 9 – 1 where 9 is the highest
- 9 is “higher” than an A\*
- 5 is a “good pass”
- Grade 7 required to take most A Levels at WHSG
- Comparative Outcomes



# Grading the New GCSEs in 2017

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NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE											
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<div><div><div>4 = C</div><div>and above</div><div>and above</div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above.</li><li>■ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as achieve an A and above.</li><li>■ The bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G.</li></ul></div></div>											
A*		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U		
CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE											

September 2014

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# OUR KS4 CURRICULUM

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- Develops a genuine passion for learning
- Student wellbeing
- Quality rather than quantity
- Choice
- Equality of opportunity

# WHAT DO STUDENTS STUDY?

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10 GCSEs in total:

- 6 compulsory GCSEs
- 2 Ebacc GCSEs (1 humanity, 1 language)
- 2 wider choices
- PE
- Agora (Political Philosophy)
- PSHCE

# WIDER OPTIONS

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- French/German/Spanish
- History
- Geography
- TP (Religious Studies)
- Computer Science
- Art
- Music
- Drama
- Business Studies
- Media Studies
- Psychology
- Food Science & Nutrition
- Product Design (RM, Graphics and Textiles options)
- Dance
- PE



# TWILIGHT SUBJECTS

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- These run after school
- Studied in addition to the 10 GCSEs taken in normal curriculum time
- Latin and Photography
- Extra workload – acceptance depends on current progress and ability (not guaranteed)

# OPTIONS PROCESS

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- Straw poll via email Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Parents' Evening (2 – 5:30pm) Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb
- Final options submitted **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**
- Timetabled constructed from the choices
- Aim to meet all combination of choices – rare cases this might not be possible

# MAKING INFORMED CHOICES

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- Every subject is a possibility
- Choose what you enjoy
- Great grades follow great choices

*Please see the Informed Choices session  
with Mr Parkinson in E22 tonight*

# ADVICE - PASTORAL

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- Keep a healthy balance of school-work and extra-curricular activities.
- Physical and emotional health
- Health and happiness lead to great grades

# THINGS TO AVOID:

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- Choosing a subject because your best friend is doing it
- Choosing a subject not because you like it, but because you like the teacher you have in Year 9
- Making assumptions about a subject

# ADVICE

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- This evening
- Subject Information Booklet
- Careers Advisor (library on Weds lunchtime)
- Form tutors/Head of Year/ subject teachers all happy to advise



# THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

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# WHAT NEXT

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- Attend 6 workshops
- Please enable these to run on time
- Use SOCS to check which sessions are booked
- **Note session 1 for Business is now in the Hall**
- Don't forget the MFL talk
- Mrs Godyn and Miss Cooper available for questions in the foyer