



Harborne Academy

OPTIONS 2019



STAR Pathways

- **S** Pathway: Triple Science, French, and Humanities – students will be on the EBAC Russell Group qualification;
 - **T** Pathway: Combined Science, French, and Humanities – students will be on the EBAC qualification;
 - **A** Pathway: Combined Science and 3 options subjects including Humanities;
 - **R** Pathway: Combined Science, Study Skills, and 2 options subjects.
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- Personalised options forms which have been generated from students' KS2 data are available in your packs* and discussion about these is possible.
 - Humanities = Geography or History

Harder Exams! New Grading!

- Grade 9: Equivalent to A** (top 5% of the country)
- Grade 8: Equivalent to A*
- Grade 7: Equivalent to A
- Grade 6: Equivalent to B+
- Grade 5: Equivalent to C+/B-
- Grade 4: Equivalent to C-/D+
- Grade 3: Equivalent to D
- Grade 2: Equivalent to E
- Grade 1: Equivalent to F and G

Decisions! Decisions!

- Consider career plans;
- Consider plans for further education;
- Consider subjects which you enjoy;
- Try to make choices which give overall breadth, giving more opportunities;
- Consider the nature, amount and timing of assignments (learning styles to consider);
- Find out as much as possible about possible subject choices and career opportunities.

DATE

EVENT

27/02/19

PSHE for Year 8 Options Taster Day was made available to students to investigate the option subjects.

06/03/19

Year 8 Parents & Options Evening

18/03/19

Options form deadline.

Assembly on 15/03/19

27/03/19

Options confirmation sent home in a letter, any parental concerns will need a meeting or call with Mr Lewis to discuss the change before the deadline.

GCSE

French
Geography
History
Art & Design
Photography
Product Design
Music
Drama
Home Language
Religious Studies
Triple Science

VOCATIONAL

Health & Social Care
Food & Catering
ICT
Business Studies

**** Sport**

Option A	Option B	Option C
<p>History Geography Performing Arts Art Product Design Business</p>	<p>Music IT Food French Study Skills*</p>	<p>Geography Business H&S Care IT RE Triple Science*</p>
<p>* Criteria for this subject option</p>		

Eligibility for S Pathway

- Achieved 105+ in English and mathematics at the end of KS2;
- Forecasted to achieve a Grade 3 or better in English and mathematics at the end of Year 8.

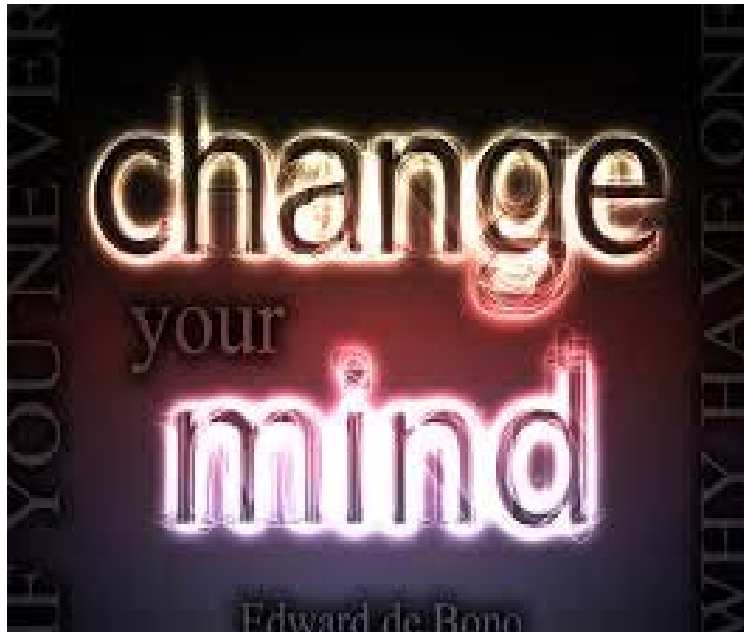
S Pathway

Every student will:

- Study GCSE French;
- Choose a Humanities subject: History or Geography (must express a preference).

Why might I not get my first choice?

- Dependent on viable group sizes;
- Oversubscribed courses;
- Undersubscribed courses;
- Some combinations are problematic due to timetabling;
- Eligibility – Making the right choice.



We would like every student on the correct career pathway with no changes to subjects at a later date.

Please ensure that you research your career pathway and seek independent career advice and guidance.

Students are advised to use the KUDOS software, speak to Birmingham Careers Service, as well as our Level 6 trained Careers Advisors in the Academy.