

KS4 Options Information Evening

Achieving potential through challenge and care.

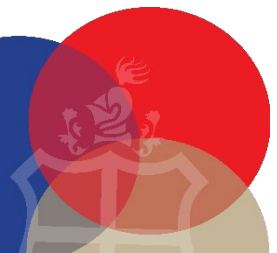
Thursday 21st March 2024

Presentation 1 - 5.45pm till 6.15pm

Presentation 2 - 6.30pm till 7.00pm

At St George's we believe

- Learning should be **accessible** to everyone
- Learning should be **personalised**
- Students should be given **challenging** opportunities
- Students should be given a foundation of strong **values**, based on mutual understanding, tolerance and respect.
- The curriculum choices, classroom culture and overall atmosphere should **celebrate** diversity while emphasising a feeling of community.
- The learning environment should be stimulating, positive, **supportive** and safe.



Welcome and Introductions



Ms Simmonds, Head Teacher (Secondary)

Welcome, Why St George's International School and GCSE Results.



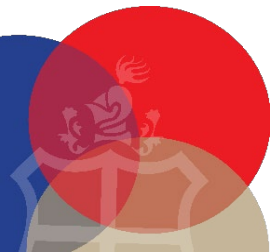
Mr Evans, Deputy Head Teacher

Personal Development and Wider Support in Key Stage 4



Mr Davis, Head of Year 10

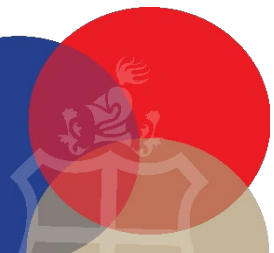
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I/GCSE Results 2023

- 100% pass rate
- 41% of results graded 9-8 (A** to A*)
- 56% of results graded 9-7 (A** to A)
- 96% of results graded 4 or above (C+)
- 98% of students achieved 5 grades 9-4 (A** to C)
- 62% of results were either on or above the higher aspirational target grade

	UK Average %	Private Schools Average (UK)	St George's %
Grade 9-7	21.6%	46.6%	56%
Grade 9-4	67.8%		96%
Grade 9-1	98%		100%

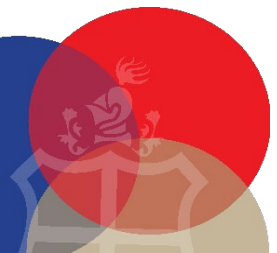


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Deputy Head – Personal Development

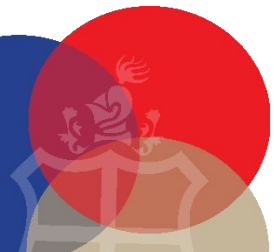
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Year 10 and 11 PDV curriculum overview

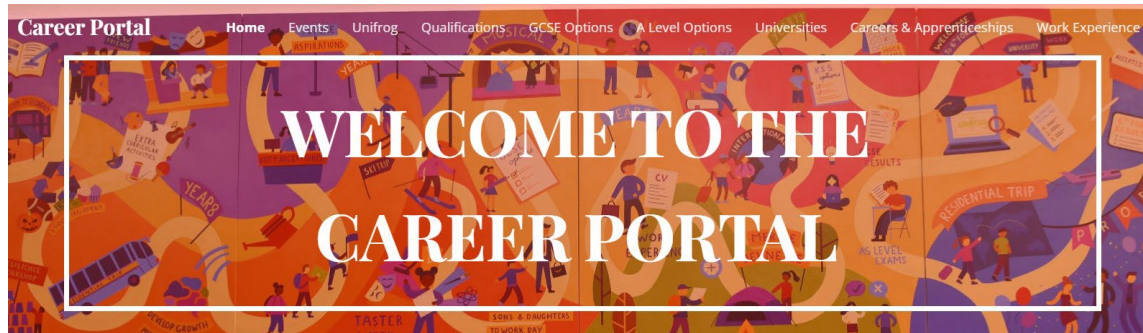
- Well-being and mental health (Year 10-11)
- Relationships (Year 10-11)
- Revision – introduction to GCSE pod (Year 10)
- Careers – Focus on preparation for work experience (Year 10)
- First aid (Year 11)
- Poverty and Homeless outreach (Year 11)
- Exam preparation (Year 11)
- Regular sessions on Sustainable Development Goals (Year 10-11)



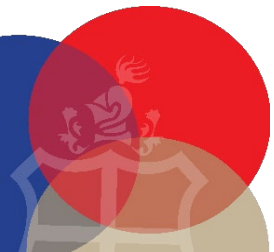
Other Sources of Support

A resource that provides information about career opportunities and employment skills.

<https://sites.google.com/view/sgis-career-portal/home>



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Other Sources of Support



- Easy to learn 3-5 minutes short bursts of audio-visual learning.
- Content from 21 subjects, all mapped to their exam board.
- Available online or offline.
- Complete tests and receive instant feedback.



Can be accessed on
any mobile, tablet
or desktop



Watch online, or
download to watch
offline



Master tricky topics



Organise your
revision leading up
to exams



Everything you
need to succeed



Key facts and
images help you
learn



Other Sources of Support



- Cambridge international Examinations
<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-upper-secondary/cambridge-igcse/subjects/>



- Pearson Edexcel
<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses.html>



- AQA
<https://www.aqa.org.uk/qualifications>



- CCEA
<https://ccea.org.uk/key-stage-4/gcse/subjects>

Mr Davis

Head of Year 10

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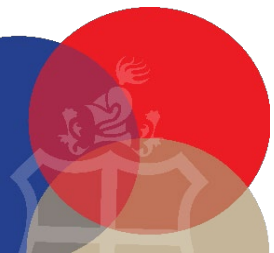
What do GCSEs do?

GCSEs prepare you for life in one of several pathways:

- Sixth Form (Key Stage 5)
- Further Education
- University
- Apprenticeship
- Employment
- Armed Forces



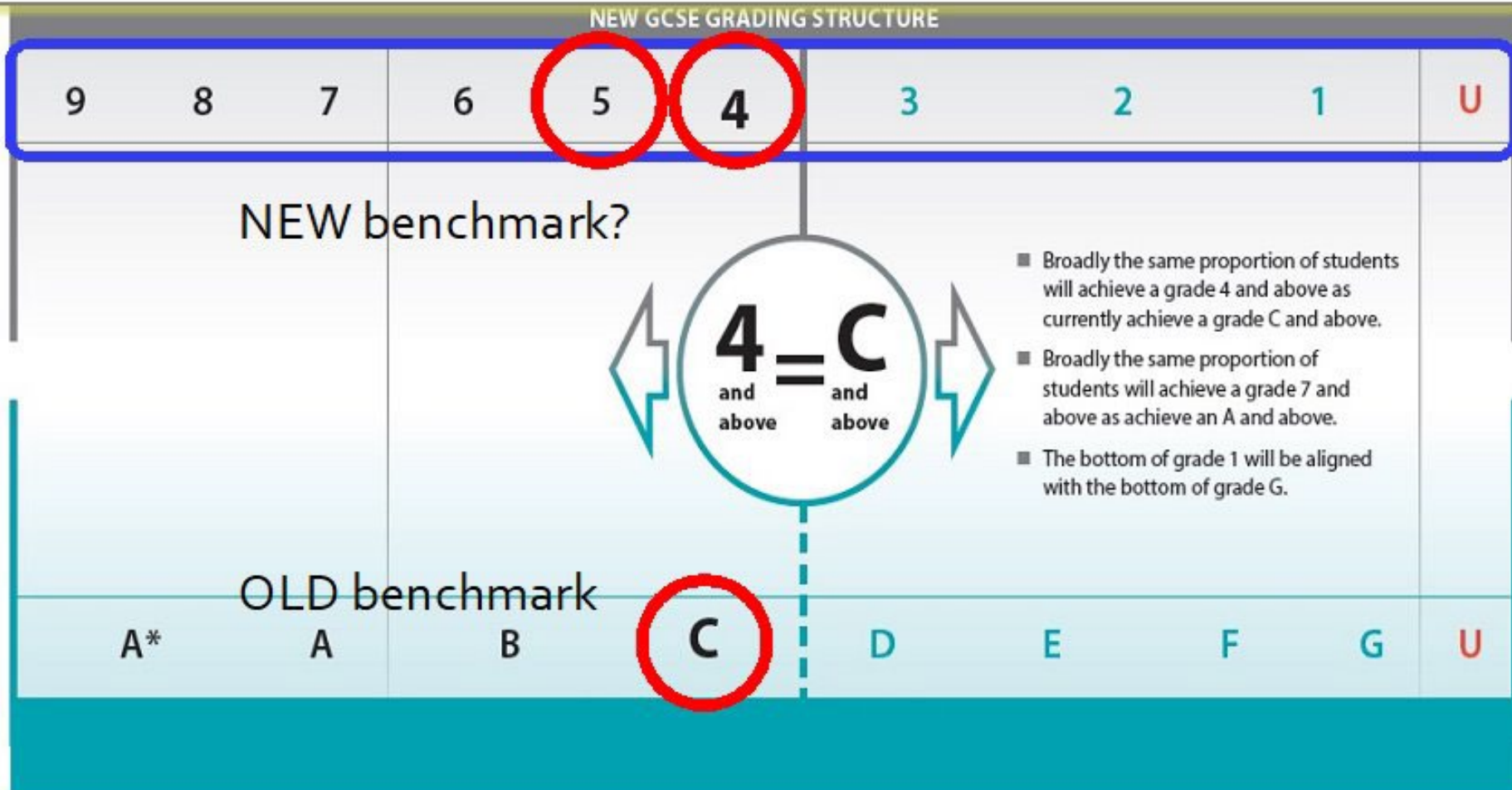
Your GCSEs are a **stepping stone** to the next chapter in your lives, making choices now that keep a range of **options open** is a perfectly normal and sensible decision.



Grading the New GCSEs

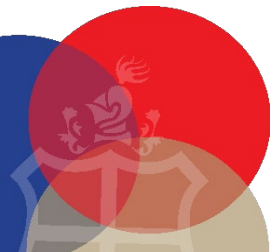
5 = 'Strong pass'

4 = 'Standard pass'



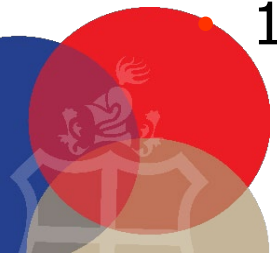
BTECs

- The BTEC (Business Technology Education Council) courses are the equivalent of an IGCSE.
- High-quality, career-focused qualifications grounded in the real world of work.
- BTEC learners develop and apply the knowledge, skills, and behaviours that employers and universities are looking for.
- Coursework based modular qualifications over two years and therefore have no final examination.
- The grading system is pass, merit or distinction.



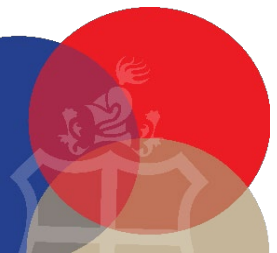
Key Dates

- 6/3/24 Year 9 GCSE Options Assembly
- 20/3/24 Year 9 Full Reports available
- 19/3/24 to 22/3/24 Year 9 Taster Days
- 20/3/24 Student Led Options Fair
- 21/3/24 Year 9 Options Evening
- 25/3/24 to 29/3/24 Year 9 Options Mentoring
- 29/3/24 Year 9 Preliminary Options Form Open
- 16/4/24 Year 9 Preliminary Options Form Closes



Compulsory Subjects

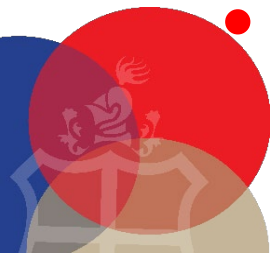
- Mathematics x3 lessons.
- English language and English literature (counts as 2 grades) x4 lessons.
- Co-ordinated sciences (counts as two grades and includes biology, chemistry and physics) x5 lessons.
- Either French or German x3 lessons
- Core PE x2 lessons
- Personal Development x1 lesson



You will choose four additional subjects from the following list:

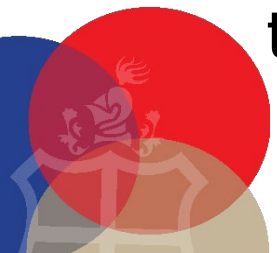
- Art craft and design
- Business studies
- Computer science
- Drama or BTEC Production Arts
- Economics
- French
- German
- Further mathematics
- Geography
- Politics
- History
- Media studies
- Music
- BTEC Sport (Level 2)
- Psychology
- Sociology
- BTEC Work Skills (Level 2)

*A MINIMUM of 6 students are needed for a course to run.
Each subject is x3 lessons.*



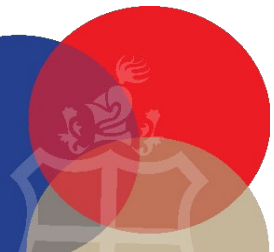
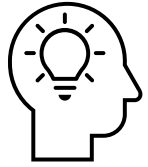
How can you help support your son / daughter in choosing their GCSE Subjects?

- Research the subjects they are interested in before making a decision.
- Advise them to speak with subject teachers, Form tutor or Head of Year.
- If they have career ideas, choose subjects needed for future opportunities or for further/higher education.
- If they are uncertain about career options, choose a range of subjects that will give them plenty of choice after Year 11.



Reasons to choose a subject:

- You like the subject!
- You find it interesting.
- You enjoy and want to be successful in it.
- It's right level of qualification / learning style for you.
- It is something you might want to study in Key Stage 5.
- It relates to a career you are interested in.

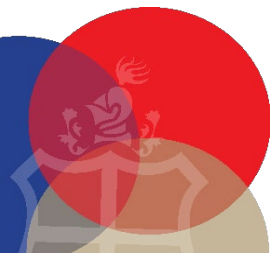


How NOT to make a good choice!

Do not pick an Option to be with your friends.....it's **YOUR** future not theirs!
Do not choose a subject for a **TEACHER**

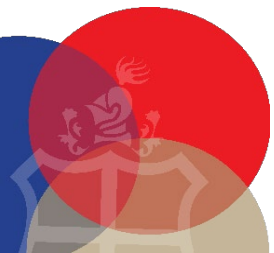


Take your time to make the right choice



What happens now?

- Visit all the stands in the Auditorium and ask lots of questions.
- Access the [KS4 Curriculum Guide](#).
- Consider the advice given during your Options Mentoring Meeting.
- Timetable will be confirmed in September.
- Consider wider opportunities both inside and outside school.
- External candidates to liaise with Mrs Tranter.



Questions?

