



THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

YEAR 9

**OPTIONS GUIDANCE
AUTUMN 2020**



HOW WILL THE PROCESS WORK?

- Before lockdown students had options assemblies from all subjects
- These are being repeated in class
- On 16th October they will all have an assembly via teams with mrs dean
- The options booklet will be sent home and uploaded to show my homework
- You will receive an early data report showing their commitment to learning
- Choices will be made using online form



WHAT WILL I BE STUDYING IN YEAR 9?

- All students have the opportunity to take the core offer, and 4 options of their choice.
- Core – English, Maths, Science and PE
- The new timetable will begin in January.



EBACC

The government have introduced the English Baccalaureate (eBacc).

English,

Mathematics,

Science (x2)

Computing Science,

a Language (French, German or Spanish)

Humanities subject (Geography or History).

In the future this may be considered as an additional factor by employers and further education. If you are considering A-Levels or University you should give serious consideration to studying Geography/History and a language.

All students (with the exception of 9x) need to take at least one of **the optional ebacc subjects in red**.



ON SUBJECTS ON OFFER

- History, Geography, Philosophy and Ethics
- Art and Design, Catering, Resistant Materials, Textiles
- Business Studies, BTEC Health and Social Care
- Drama, BTEC Sport, Music, Dance
- German, Spanish and French
- Computing and creative imedia



HOW DO OPTION BLOCKS WORK?

- We DO NOT create option blocks in advance of the process that restrict student choice to make them fit into a particular structure.
- We design the option blocks around what they tell us they want to do on the online form.
- This increases the number of students who are able to study their top 4 choices.
- On occasion we do need to use some of their reserve choices
- But in general it means that YOU and the PUPILS are shaping the curriculum, not made to fit into it.



QUALIFICATIONS ON OFFER?

GCSE

- Awarded – from 9-1
- Most subjects will be 100% examination!

BTEC – Technical Awards

- Awarded – Distinction (A), Merit (B), Pass(C), L1 Pass(DEFG), Fail (U).

Level 1/2 awards

- L2 Distinction*, L2 Distinction, L2 Merit, L2 pass, L1 Advanced Credit, L1 credit



STUDENTS - THINGS TO CONSIDER?

Do pick because.....

- You enjoy and/or have the skills required to be successful
- The level of study type suits your progress
- The subjects will help you achieve your ambitions/dreams/aspirations

Do not pick because.....

- Your mates are picking them
- You like the teacher
- You think they will be easy

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THINGS TO CONSIDER.....

WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MEET STUDENTS' FIRST OPTIONS CHOICES.

WHERE THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE WILL USE THE RESERVE CHOICE.

ON RARE OCCASIONS, SOME OPTIONS DO NOT RECRUIT A VIABLE GROUP.

