



**GCSE
OPTIONS
2015 -
2017**

*Heathfield
School*



**Welcome to the
Fourth Form 2015**

TODAY

2.15pm

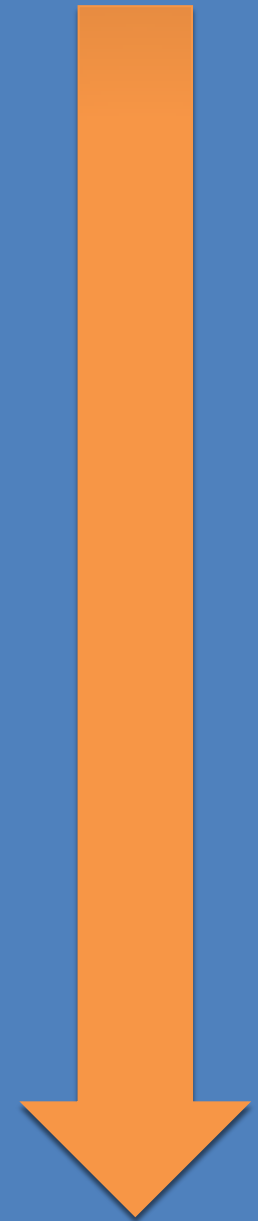
GCSE Options presentation

2.40pm

Options Subject Fair

3pm

Parents' Meeting



TIMELINE

13th Feb
2015

GCSE presentation - discussion
with teachers

14th Feb

Discussion with parents over half
term

25th Feb

Provisional GCSE option choices in

4th March

GCSE bands decided

9th March

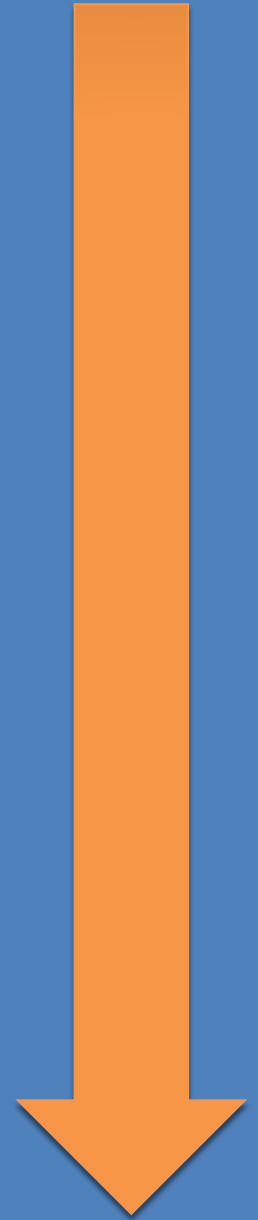
GCSE choices confirmed

September
2016

GCSE courses start

June 2017

GCSE EXAMS



WHY ARE GCSEs IMPORTANT?

- These are the first formal qualifications
- They will be with you forever
- When applying for any Higher Education course GCSEs are often the first stage of the screening process
- A Level Changes make these even more important as only level playing field.
- Most careers/courses require a basic minimum of passes in Maths, English, Science and one Foreign Language.

THE EDUCATIONAL CLIMATE

Current reforms

- Move from modular assessment to linear.
- No more coursework/in class assessment.
- Final examinations at the end of 2 years.
- No more A/S levels/ Units / Tiers of Entry
- GCSE First teaching : 2015 taking in 2017
- A Levels – no more January entry.
 - November – retakes only.

NEW GCSES

- Graded 1 – 9 where 9 is the highest and 1 the lowest.
- Pass, currently, is a 4
- Maths and English Language and Literature to be taught from 2015, others from 2016.
- Linear examination so no assessments/coursework in advance.
- Mix of grades received: numbers in English and Maths; letters from old style GCSEs.
- Untiered papers: Higher/Foundation
- More expected eg English Literature closed book

NEW A LEVELS

- AS Levels
- 1 year self-contained course
- Co-teachable or not?
- Separate qualification
- A Levels
- 2 year course
- No examinations at end of first year.
- Lack of information from universities as to their requirements.
- Pathways: 4 A Levels
- 3 A Levels with EPQ

Heathfield School: Provisional GCSE Options 2015

This is to give us an indication of what your subject choices are likely to be. We will be asking for your final choices after you have had the opportunity to discuss them further with your subject teachers and Head of House.

This form needs to be handed to your tutor by **Wednesday 25th February**.

Name:

House:

In addition to the core subjects of English, English Literature, Maths, Religious Studies and Science (2 GCSEs), you are required to choose one language plus at least two subjects of your choice. In the rare event that your subject choices cannot be accommodated, we need you to select a reserve subject in box 4.

- Please write in box 1, the language you would like to study:
If you wish to study more than one language, please use all the boxes to make your choices.

French
Spanish
Latin
Classical Greek

1.

- Please write in boxes 2 and 3, the two additional subjects you would like to study:

Art
Business Studies
Classics
Classical Greek
Drama
Geography
History
Latin
Music
PE
Spanish

2.

3.

- Now please write your reserve subject choice in box 4.
Some girls may feel that they are capable of taking 10 GCSEs. **With the approval of the Director of Studies, it may be possible to study your reserve subject as an additional GCSE.** The decision will be based upon your ability, work ethic and organisational skills. If you would like to be considered for this please indicate below by deleting the non-relevant words.

*Reserve/Additional Subject

4.

*delete as appropriate

- Next please indicate if you are likely to be involved in any of the follow by placing a tick against each relevant activity or subject:

Spectrum support
An additional language (please say which one and at what level)
Music Lessons
LAMDA Lessons
Dance Lessons/GCSE

FIRST HURDLE

HOW DO I CHOOSE

- What do you enjoy?
- Future plans?
- What am I good at?
- What is the format?
- How many should I take?
- Which subjects are compulsory?
- Which subjects are optional?
- What are the best subject combinations?



GCSE SUBJECTS

Basic Core Subjects

- **Mathematics**
- **English Language**
- **English Literature**
- **Science**
- **Religious Studies**
- + Language
- **French**
- **Spanish**
- **Classical Greek**
- **Latin**

Optional Subjects

- **Art**
- **Business Studies**
- **Classics**
- **Drama**
- **French**
- **Geography**
- **Classical Greek**
- **History**
- **Latin**
- **Music**
- **Physical Education**
- **Spanish**

GCSE SUBJECTS



Maths
English x 2
RS
Science 2 or 3

French
Spanish
Classical Greek
Latin

Art
Business Studies
Classical Civilisation
Drama
French
Geography
Classical Greek
History
Latin
Music
PE
Spanish

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Also available for
download in Parents'
Section of the school
website



*GCSE Options Booklet
2015—2017*



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**GCSE
OPTIONS
2015**

- National and International competitions
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Arts Award - Bronze
- Individual Music lessons,
- Choir and Wind band.
- LAMDA
- Dance GCSE
- Volunteering opportunities

**WHAT
DO WE
OFFER?**

TOP TEN TIPS FOR CHOOSING GCSES

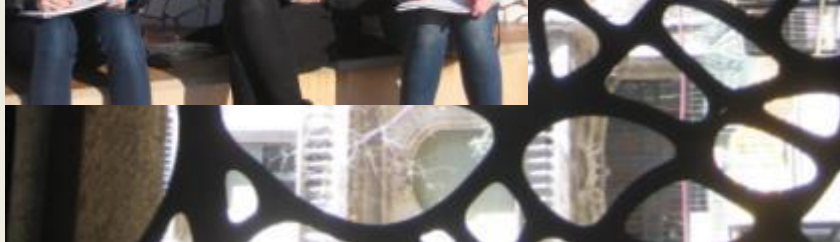
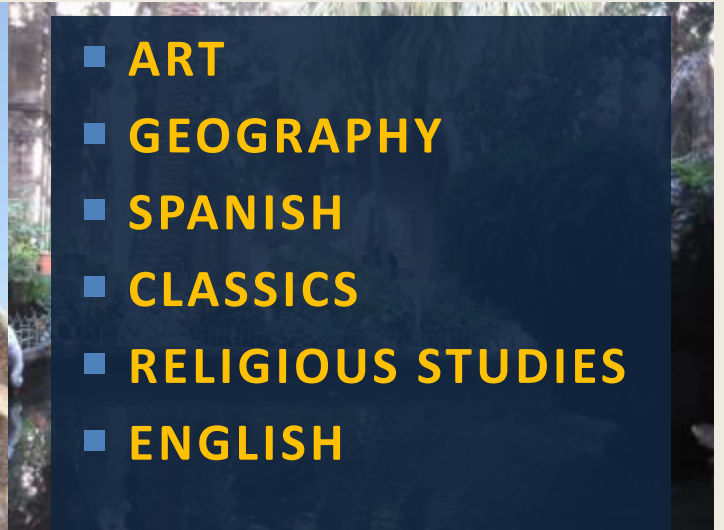
1. Quality not quantity — make sure you can get the best results you can
2. Do not believe anyone who tells you they do not matter — they do!
3. Choose subjects you are good at
4. Choose subjects your school is good at—ask about results
5. Think ahead—are there GCSEs you need to have in order to apply for certain A Levels or university courses? Take advice
6. Think about employment
7. Avoid choosing too many creative subjects—they can take up a lot of time
8. Make sure you take a language and a humanities subject
9. Once you have your list, take a look at it—what does it say about you?
10. Study what you love—make sure you study something that really excites you



BARCELONA

- RESPONSIBILITY
- DECISION MAKING
- INDEPENDENCE
- CARE & SUPPORT

- ART
- GEOGRAPHY
- SPANISH
- CLASSICS
- RELIGIOUS STUDIES
- ENGLISH



COMPULSORY CORE CORNER

Fire exit

Science

Maths

English

RS

D of E

LANGUAGES LANE

Spanish

French

Latin

Classics

Geography

PE

History

Business

OPTIONS AVENUE

Art

Drama

Music

Careers

SCREEN

Refreshments

Surveys

Door



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