



Third Form Parents' Evening/GCSE Options





7.2.24 Parents' & GCSE Options Evening

- The Third Form....
- Progression from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4 (GCSEs)
 - The core curriculum
 - The non-compulsory / option subjects



The Core Curriculum at Bloxham

- English Language
- English Literature*
- Mathematics
- Science **
- French and / or Spanish ***
- **PSHE – a subject tackling religious, moral, political, economic and social themes, as well as research and study skills**
- **Physical Education (non GCSE)**
- **Games**
- **EAL (English as an Additional Language)**
- **ACE**

Non-Compulsory / Option Subjects



Art	History
Business	Latin
Computer Science	Music
Design and Technology	Physical Education
Drama	Spanish
Food	Religion, Philosophy & Ethics
Geography	



Non Compulsory / Option Subjects

- All students must take at least one Modern Foreign Language*
- All students must choose three additional option choices (2023 Blocks)

Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
French	Business	Art	Art
Spanish	Computer Science	Business	Business
	Food	Design & Technology	Drama
EAL	Geography	Drama	Design & Technology
ACE	History	Geography	Food
	Music	History	Geography
Alternative Provision	Latin	Physical Education	Physical Education
	Physical Education		Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

Scholars



- It is the expectation that students in receipt of 11+ or 13+ subject scholarships will opt to study that subject at GCSE.
- In addition, scholarship students will continue to be expected to take a full and active role in extra-curricular programmes and enrichment opportunities in that subject.
- The continued award of subject scholarships is reviewed annually with a full review at the end of GCSE's.

Making the Right Choice



- Discuss subjects with Teachers, Tutors, HsMs, Heads of Department, the Head of Careers (Mrs Guzenda), Parents and older Students.
- Ask questions:
 - What is on the GCSE syllabus?
 - How is the syllabus taught? Is there coursework?
 - How much is practical based?

Making the Right Choice



- **Try to achieve a good balance of subjects** – this will keep your future options open.
- **Think about the skills that each subject will teach you** – a good balance between the arts, humanities and sciences will lead to a more rounded student. We would strongly recommend you consider continuing the study of at least one practical or creative subject to GCSE level.
- **Don't focus too much on what career you think you want when you are older** – you will probably change your mind many times before you get a job and chances are the job you will do does not exist

What is the English Baccalaureate (EBacc)?



The government has been promoting the study of a combination of GCSE subjects which they and the Russell Group of universities (at A-level) argue open more doors to more degrees and keep young people's options open for their future careers.

The EBacc consists of:

- English language and literature
- maths
- the sciences
- geography or history
- a language

Languages at Bloxham



- The Bloxham School Curriculum includes studying a language at GCSE
- We strongly believe that this prepares students for the global world in which they live
- Current 3rd Form students will have studied either French or Spanish for 5 years by the time exams are taken in Summer 2026
- The study of a language teaches perseverance, dedication and resilience

Future of Skills: Employment in 2030



1. Judgement and decision making
2. Fluency of ideas
3. Active learning
4. Learning strategies
5. Originality
6. Evaluation
7. Deductive reasoning
8. Complex problem solving
9. Analysis
10. Monitoring

Decision Time



Student choices must be submitted by 6pm on:

<https://forms.office.com/e/sQgTR2Zpw6>

Monday 19th February

Assessment



- Numerical scale 9 – 1
- Mainly by external examination. Two year linear courses with all exams at the end of that period of study
- Non-Examination Assessment (NEA) only where it is the only way to provide valid assessment of the skills required
- Spelling and grammar to be assessed in English language and other subjects such as Geography and History.



GCSE Options: Careers Guidance



Helpful Resources:



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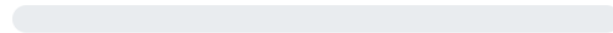


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Personality Locked

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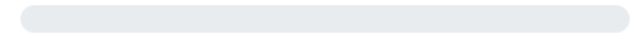


Careers

Subjects

Destinations

Progress



Action Plan

Activities

Essential Skills

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Textile Designer

Your rating  73%

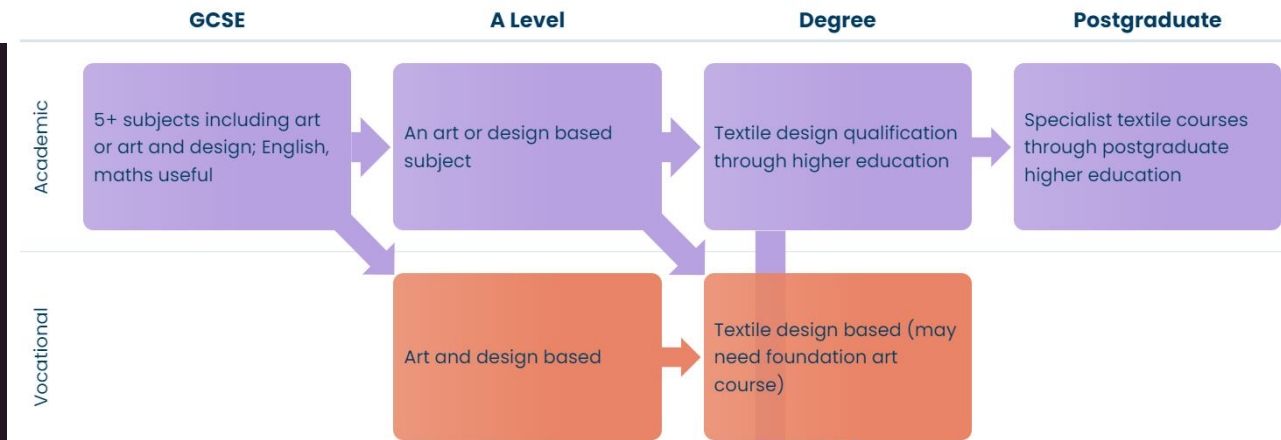


Requirements

You will need


- An A Level (or equivalent) in an art based subject (or equivalent vocational qualifications)
- A GCSE (4+/A*-C) (or equivalent) in an art based subject
- A degree in textile or surface design

Routes





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Three golden rules on how to choose a subject

There's no official rulebook on choosing your exam subjects, but here's what can help you in the process:



A little preparation goes a long way. Think about what you'd like to study in the future, or the kind of job that you'd like to do. If you don't know yet, mixing things up can help to keep your options open.



Reach out for help. Get advice from teachers, advisors, or senior students if you're feeling stuck. Don't rush to decide.



Know yourself. Chances are, the more you like a subject, the easier learning will be. Do what's best for you, not for others.

Final words of advice from the Sixth Form ...



- "Do what you love and something that you'll enjoy doing." (Shamilla, U6th)
- "Choose the subjects you find most enjoyable and the most interesting because this will help you out when it comes to revising for your exams." (Annabel, U6th)
- "Try and include a creative arts subject that stretches you in different ways." (Morgan, U6th)



Parents' meeting - practicalities

- Appointments system for core curriculum subject (+ geography, history and Latin)
- Option Subject Presentations (6:30pm, 7pm and 7:30pm)
- HoDs and / or subject staff available thereafter

Art	Art Studio (upstairs)	Mr Matthew
Business	Recital Room	Mrs Clitheroe
Drama	Great Hall 1 7pm (only)	Mr Hornsby*
Food	Great Hall	Mr Harvey
Physical Education	Chapel	Mr Ford

Option subjects with appointments



Computer Science	Mr Harris
Drama	Mr Hornsby / Mr Brassington
Design Technology	Mr Skevington
Religious Studies	Father Alex
Music	Mr Redpath

Parents' meetings practicalities II



- Multiple sets in core curriculum subjects; Biology (Mr Lear), Chemistry (Mr Fowler), Physics (Mr Stindt).
- Multiple sets in non-core subjects; Geography (Mr Thompson) and History (Miss Carr).
- Absent
 - Mrs Bowden (Maths) – please book a remote appointment on 22nd February
 - Mrs Limpkin (Chemistry)
 - Dr Floate (Chemistry)
- Refreshments