



The Bishops' Blue Coat  
Church of England High School

The Bishops' Blue Coat Church of England High School is an **exciting place to be**. We know, nurture, and inspire our community to be the **best version of themselves** through a better understanding of the Christian faith, our core values and a **rich set of opportunities**. Students achieve academically whilst growing personally and spiritually. Through their engagement in society, at Bishops' and beyond, our students **make a positive difference** through wise action, resilience and a sense of responsibility. Our community is enabled to live a life guided by Jesus, to flourish and have, "*life in all its fullness*" (John 10:10).

# KS4 Options 2024

Year 9 Assembly  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

**Mr Bowden** - Year Leader

**Mrs Mooney** – Timetable and Options Lead

**Mrs Robbins** – Deputy Headteacher

**Mr McAlynn** – Head of Business Enterprise

**Mrs Caroe** – Head of Computer Studies

**Mrs Duncan** – Health & Social Care Lead

**Mrs Adams** – Head of Psychology

**Dr Toczyski** – Careers Leader

# Introduction

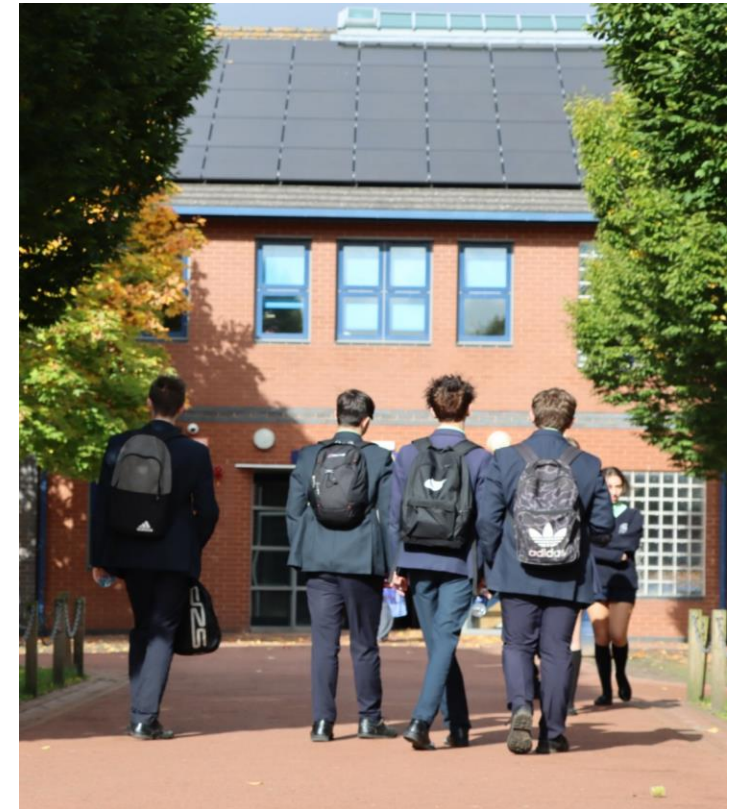


Choosing your options is an exciting and important time  
You will be able to choose some of the subjects you will  
Study along with the core compulsory subjects of:

English  
Maths  
Science  
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During the options process, you will find out what's on offer to  
you & you will be supported in making the right choices. It is  
important that you choose the right options for you. You will  
need to consider:

Which subjects you enjoy  
Which subjects you are good at  
What you want to do in the future



# The importance of choosing wisely



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We do not operate a first come first served process – all option choices submitted by the deadline will be considered.

All choices will be considered before the timetable is put together so that we can try & accommodate as many of your choices as possible.

You will be allocated BTEC work skills.

You will be asked to choose 2 options subjects plus a **reserve** choice.

It is important that you choose this reserve carefully because it **will** be used if your other choices do not fit the timetable.

It is advisable that one of your choices is a **facilitating subject**. These are the subjects considered most important by future study centres & most likely to gain access to future studies. Our facilitating subjects are **History, Geography, French, Spanish, Separate Science**. You can select more than one facilitating subject.





# 2024 Timeline

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Date	Options Process
10th January	Year 9 assembly & information from new subjects not studied at KS3
	Options information evening on Teams at 7pm
15th January	Year 9 Next Steps session. Students will participate in sessions & consider their future. They will be given a copy of the Options Booklet
15th – 26th January	Options information given out during lessons & during PD sessions
6th February	Options face to face parents evening
6th – 13th February	Options choices week. <b>Deadline for making options choices is Tuesday 13th February</b>

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# BTEC Tech Award Animal Care

## Mrs Mooney



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- The animal care sector has 20,000 businesses, 78,000 employees and many volunteers.
- There are many different career paths and opportunities for those wishing to work in animal care. The animals involved can be small or large, domesticated or exotic, and the work can be in sub-sector areas such as animal welfare, business, science and wildlife conservation
- There are 3 components
  - Animal handling – internal assessment
  - Animal housing and accommodation – internal assessment
  - Animal health and welfare – external synoptic assessment
- There will be the opportunity to handle & look after different animals in lessons



## Mr McAlynn

- Business studies is the study of the setup and management of businesses.
- It covers all aspects of business including entrepreneurship, marketing, human resources, operations and finance.
- In recent years successful pupils have gone on to study business management, marketing and finance at university.
- There are two elements to the course
  - coursework project(60%) and
  - exam(40%)

Year 10	Year 11	
<b>Theory only no external assessment</b>	<b>Coursework project</b>	<b>External exam</b>
Entrepreneurship, Marketing, HR, Operations, Growth, Finance and the External Environment.	Design a business plan from a chosen case study.	1 hour 30 mins paper. All theory tested.
N/A	60%	40%



# Computer Science

## Mrs Caroe



- Computer science is the study of how computers work & learning how to write programs for computers using maths & coding.
- It is different from IT, which is learning how to use computers & their software.
- Successful computer science students have gone onto study computer science at university, & onto level 3 coding & cyber security apprenticeships with the Government & Barclays.

Paper 1 50%	Paper 2 50%
Systems Architecture	Algorithms
Memory and Storage	Programming Techniques
Systems Software	Producing robust programs
Systems Security	Boolean Logic
Ethical, Legal, Cultural and environmental concerns	Programming Languages and IDEs
Networks, connections and protocols	*This paper focuses on programming skills

## Mrs Duncan

- In BTEC Level 2 Health & Social Care, you will have the opportunity to learn about both health care and social care services, jobs and the behaviours professionals use, when dealing with people.
- Some students go on to jobs such as nursing, childcare, teaching, social work, paramedic, dietician, care worker, youth worker and many more.
- Over the 2 years you will look at three different areas of Health and Social Care called components. Two of the components are internally assessed coursework units and the last component is an exam paper you will sit at the end of year 11.

Component 1 internally assessed	Component 2 internally assessed	Component external exam
Year 10	Year 10/11	Year 11
Human Lifespan and development	Health & Social Care services and values	Health and wellbeing
30% of final grade	30% of final grade	40% of final grade





# Psychology

## Mrs Adams



- Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour and experience.
- It is helpful in a wide range of careers e.g. police, childcare, nursing, midwifery, social work.
- What students say about GCSE Psychology:
  - It's interesting but not easy...
  - You need to have a good memory
  - Makes you see the world from a different perspective
  - Helps you to understand why people do what they do
  - Don't take it if you don't like exams!



Year 10 Paper 1 55%	Year 11 Paper 2 45%
Development of self & brain Psychological problems Brain & Neuropsychology Social Influence	Research methods Criminal psychology Sleep & Dreaming



Trust in the Lord with all  
your heart and lean not on  
your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to  
him, and he will make your  
paths straight.

Prov. 3:5-6

## Help & Support

There is a lot of help & support for you in making these choices during the options process

Speak to:

Your teachers & form tutors

Your Parents

Careers advice is available from Dr Toczyski

Read through:

Your options booklet & find out what subjects are required for your future pathway

Useful websites such as [unifrog](#)