

## HOBART HIGH SCHOOL

## Year 9 <br> Options Information <br> Evening 2023

## Key Stage 4

- Builds on work covered during Key Stage 3;
- Focuses on high achievement for all students;
- Offers options to suit the needs of our students;
- High value qualifications to help support post-16 choices.


## Compulsory Subjects

- English Language and English Literature;
- Mathematics;
- Combined Science (unless you opted for triple);
- PSD (Personal \& Social Development including core RE \& PSHE - non exam);
- PE (Core - non exam)


## Future Needs

- Colleges and Sixth Forms (and universities) are increasingly looking for a broad and balanced curriculum to have been studied with a focus on EBacc subjects (the English Baccalaureate).
- English
- Mathematics
- Sciences
- Humanities (Geography or History)
- Languages (French or Spanish)


## Why study the Ebacc?

## Maths, English, Science, MFL and Geography or History

- The English Baccalaureate includes academic subjects highly valued by some colleges and universities
- Russell Group universities value language skills but there is no universal entry requirement for students to have studied a modern foreign language at GCSE or equivalent. Check whether there are any course-specific requirements.


## Why choose to study a language?

- Languages are recognised as difficult subjects by employers and colleges.
- Therefore, this makes you stand out among your peers, especially when numbers are decreasing.
- Great opportunities, especially when travelling - reading signs, talking to people in their own language, especially when some people will only speak to you if you make and effort in their language.
- Appreciation of other cultures.
- Studies show that learning a language improves logic, reasoning and memory.



## Other GCSE Option Subjects

- Art;
- Business Studies;
- Computer Science;
- Design \& Technology;
- Drama;
- Curriculum Access; (by invitation from Mrs Hill)
- Food Preparation \& Nutrition;
- Music;
- Physical Education;
- Religious Studies;
- Triple Science.


## Making your choices

## Choose 4 option subjects and a Reserve.

Ebacc Pathway:
Humanities (Hist, Geog) + Language (French, German or Spanish) + 2 further options General Pathway:

One option from each of the blocks

## Support Pathway:

Curriculum Access +3 options

## Our Option Blocks

| Option Block A | Option Block B | Option Block C | Option Block D |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Business | Computer Science | Business | Art |
| Drama | Curriculum Access | D \& T | Food |
| French | Geography | Geography | History |
| German | History | History | PE |
| Spanish | Triple Science <br> (separate CcsE courses in Biology, <br> Chemistry and Physiss | Music | RS |

## Making your choices

## Be informed:

- Talk to subject staff;
- Read the options booklet;
- Check requirements linked to future career plans;
- Ask questions.



## Making your choices

## Good reasons for choosing a course:

- You're good at the subject;
- You think you will enjoy it;
- It goes well with your other choices;
- You're interested in the knowledge and skills it develops;
- It will give you plenty of choice in the future;
- You think you might want to continue studying it.


## Making your choices

## Bad reasons for choosing a course:

- Your friends are doing it;
- People say it's easy;
- You think it's a good course for a boy/girl;
- Someone else thinks it's a good idea but you disagree;
- You like the teacher you have now;
- You don't have time to research your options.


## Making your choices

## Things to consider when submitting choices:

- Order in which choices are placed

Please note that we cannot guarantee any subject choice for any student. Some subjects may not run if there is insufficient interest from pupils.

## Making your choices

## Go to school website:

## www.hobart.org.uk

## Making your choices

## PUPIL ZONE

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## Making your choices

## T.O.O.L.S

TimeTabler Options On-Line System

Collecting Student Choices On-line


## Making your choices

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Please enter your 4 choices by entering 1, 2,3, etc. in the box by your chosen subjects.
To mark your Reserve choice, put 'R' by that subject.

| Subject | Choice |
| :---: | :---: |
| Art \& Design (Ar) |  |
| Business (Bu) |  |
| Curriculum Acce (Ca) |  |
| Computer Scienc (Cs) | $\square$ |
| Drama (Dr) | $\square$ |
| Design Technolo (DT) |  |
| Food Technology (Fo) |  |
| French (Fr) |  |
| Geography (Gg) |  |
| History (Hi) | $\square$ |
| Music (Mu) | $\square$ |
| Physical Educat (Pe) | $\square$ |
| Religious Studi (Rs) |  |
| Spanish (Sp) |  |
| Triple Science (Ts) | $\square$ |

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## What to do now

- Don't rush or rule anything out at this stage;
- Talk to your teachers and/or form tutor;
- Talk about the different courses at home;
- Complete your options form online.


## Key date

## Tuesday 7 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ March 2023 Deadline for choices



## This evening.....

- The Library (upstairs) - PE and Science
- Hall - Curriculum Access
- Canteen - All other subjects
- Reception - Careers Advisor Mrs. Whidett


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Thank you for listening


