

Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening

Thursday 23rd March 2017

Overview of the evening

6pm – 6.20pm

- Welcome and explanation of the transition process

6.20pm – 7.30pm

- Meet the Subject Leaders and staff
- Ask questions about the KS4 courses



Mobile phones: please switch off or turn to silent.



If a fire alarm sounds, please exit calmly through the highlighted fire exits and gather in front of the main entrance

We want all students to achieve the best grades possible in order to maximise their chances and successes when they move on from The Burgess Hill Academy.



We have cared for, worked with and supported students through KS3 and so are in the privileged position of being able to give advice on where they will perform best as they move into KS4.



The process

- All of you should have received a personalised KS4 Curriculum form, a tracking sheet and subject directory.
- Every student will select 4 courses to follow at KS4 from the recommended/alternative list offered to them to go along with the humanities subject being studied.
 - Recommended subjects – based on where progress is best matched to KS4 courses.
 - Alternative subjects – other subjects which may appeal where progress is well matched.

The process (continued)

- Investigate and research the courses offered to you by speaking to subject staff tonight and reading the KS4 Subject Directory.
- Fill out 4 selections. Include any queries, concerns and/or feedback.
- Return the form to tutors by Wednesday 5th April at the latest. Sooner is fine.
- In June, you will be made aware of your final allocation of subjects.

KS3 progress is vital in setting up for a successful KS4. All subjects are important for the whole year!

I need to work
hard

I need to
achieve the best
grades I can

Key Stage 4 is a stepping stone to
a bright future.

Secure the
post-16
course I want

Be able to
compete for jobs
against others

Be happy in
what I do and
who I am

The KS4 Curriculum

- Compulsory subjects: English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Double Award Science all to GCSE examination.
- Compulsory subjects non-examination: PE, Citizenship.
- Most students will study a humanities subject and have the chance to study a modern foreign language.
- You will then select from your personal KS4 curriculum offer.
- Higher ability students in Science will be selected to study for 3 separate Science GCSEs (Biology, Chemistry and Physics).

What is
EBacc?

Ebacc is combination of subjects studied that are considered 'gateway' to higher education

- Students will complete the Ebacc if they achieve a 4+ in:
 - English or English Literature
 - Maths
 - Two Science subjects (Combined Science)
 - History or Geography
 - A modern foreign language – French, Spanish or German

A broad and balanced curriculum

Students should select subjects across a range of disciplines. Key Stage 4 is not the time to specialise.

Unsuitable subject combinations:

- Art and Photography
- PE and Sports Studies
- Resistant Materials and Textiles

Commitment is
what
transforms a
promise into
reality.

Abraham Lincoln

meetville.com

**Subject selections made
are a commitment.**

**Subjects will be studied through to the
end of KS4 and exams will be sat.**

motivation
is what gets you started.

commitment
is what keeps you going.

COMMITMENT

is that turning point
in your life when you

SEIZE THE MOMENT

and convert it into an
opportunity to

ALTER YOUR DESTINY.

- Denis Waitley

**DECIDE.
COMMIT.
SUCCEED.**

GCSE?

Subjects for GCSE are exam based and these will be sat at the end of Year 11.

Cambridge National?

This is a coursework based course with an external exam sat at some point during the two years.

New GCSEs and 9-1 grades

The same proportion of students who currently are awarded a 'C' and above will be awarded a '4' and above. The same applies to 'A' and '7'.

Ofqual

New GCSE Grading Structure

NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

Currently, you will need a 5+ to go on to study a subject at Level 3 (A' level or equivalent). If you achieve a 4 or above in English (English Language or Literature) and Maths you will not have to retake the subject.

Health warning!

- A small number of students will have to make alternative choices even after they have selected their 4 subjects. This is due to the complexity of the process of matching 170 students in 28 groups. It is not personal, it's maths.
- Last year it was 5 students.

Limiting factors on getting your selected subjects...

- Only 1 group will run of the following subjects:
 - Business
 - Health and Social Care
- Only 28 groups will run in KS4.
- Priority will be given to 'recommended' students.
- Subject combinations and numbers of students selecting subjects may mean that some subjects do not run at KS4.

Key dates

- Wednesday 15th March – Key Stage 4 Curriculum forms issued.
- Friday 24th March to Wednesday 5th April (latest) – forms returned to tutors.
- Monday 24th April to Friday 26th May – KS4 curriculum organised. Any issues with clashes or subject choices not working will be sorted out during this period.
- June 2017 – final subject allocations confirmed to students and parents.

Meeting the teachers...

- Ask about course content
 - Ask about style of delivery
 - Ask about the exam format
 - Ask whether it is an appropriate course
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- If your son/daughter is interested in a course that is not on their form, he/she needs to speak to that Subject Leader/teacher to see whether it will be an appropriate choice.

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What if further support and advice is needed?

- Tutor
- Head of Year
- Subject teachers
- Ms McGeough
- Mr Smith
- Me
- Mrs Dorgan
- Parents

Kerry Mann and Mrs Dorgan are available in the Sports Hall for any advice on or queries about post-16 choices and destinations.