

Option Choices
for
Keystage Four

Glebe School
2019



Selecting your options

All pupils will follow the core curriculum: English, Maths, Science, P.S.H.E. Careers, Religious Studies, Physical Education and ICT.

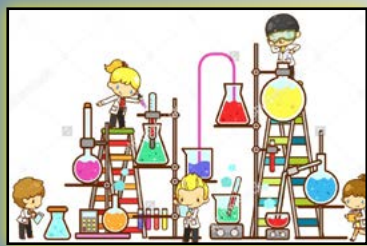
Students should choose one from each option block, making sure they do not choose the same option twice:

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
Select One	Select One	Select One	Select One
Geography	Geography	Design Technology	PE
History	Food Technology	Performing Arts	Astronomy
Design Technology	Art	GCSE PE	iMedia (ICT)
Art	Art & Design (Textiles)	Chemistry	MFL Spanish

All options are two-year courses. It will not be possible to change options once begun.

AQA GCSE Chemistry

From the largest object to the smallest, everything is made of atoms. GCSE Chemistry looks at and investigates how these atoms interact with each other and possibly more importantly, with us.



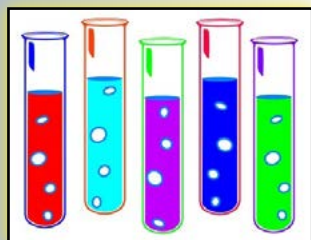
GCSE Chemistry gives students the opportunity to gain a good understanding of:

1. How Chemistry affects our everyday lives.
2. The nature of substances and how they react together.
3. How chemistry is used on an industrial scale.
4. How our use of raw materials and fuels can affect our environment.

In this course students are taught practical skills and techniques, safety and analytical thinking.

The course runs for two years and finishes with two exam papers.

Further, we feel that the course will compliment the new AQA double GCSE Science.



GCSE in Art



It is expected that students choosing Art as an option have a high level of motivation and interest in the subject.

All art students will work toward a GCSE in Art and Design. Students will develop personal responses to given themes to develop coursework. Students will continue to explore and develop the practical skills of drawing, painting, sculpture in clay and construction learnt at Key Stage 3. They will also be required to take more of an interest in the work of artists and craftspeople. There will be trips to London art galleries and students will be expected to carry out personal research outside of lessons. At the end of the course there will be a ten hour practical examination and an exhibition of their two years' work.

The art course is a chance for students to explore personal expression and the art department aims to promote this through positive encouragement and creative discussions.



For more information contact Mr Kellard

Astronomy

This course will be based upon the EDEXCEL GCSE in Astronomy. It will focus on the practical aspects of astronomy and include making different types of astronomical devices from sundials to telescopes.

Students will be expected to participate in school trips designed to reinforce the skills they will learn. They will be taught to use telescopes for astronomical and solar observations. These will include the Robotic telescopes belonging to the National Schools Observatory. Students will also be able to experiment with astrophotography and image editing.

Candidates making expected progress will be entered for the GCSE.

Students gain an understanding of several astronomy theories and practices. The history of astronomy and its cultural impacts are also explored. At the same time, students will improve their research and analytical skills, and develop an understanding of recent advances made within astronomy. For more information see Mr Larrive.



NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Performing Arts

Performing Arts is a practical course. During years 10 and 11 you will follow the NCFE Performing Arts course which includes elements of Acting, Drama, Media Studies, Film, Radio, Music and an in depth look at the Theatre.



This course is completely coursework based, which will be assessed by your teacher. We record your work on camera, as voice and sound recordings or filmed. We also look at the behind scenes work in performances, such as lighting, sound, costumes, props and stage design.

We will visit theatres and other performance venues and as part of the course. You should be willing to come to these. You also need to be able to work as part of a group.

So if you like to act, sing, direct and be involved in performing, this is the option for you.

For more information see Mr Best



Physical Education

NCFE Health and Fitness Level 1

This is an exciting opportunity for students who wish to pursue a greater depth of knowledge and understanding as an active participant in their particular area of sporting interest. This is a two year course split into four units studying:

- (1) Introduction to health and fitness
- (2) Understanding healthy lifestyles
- (3) Planning an exercise session
- (4) Understanding a personal fitness programme

Students who select this option must be aware that this is a theory and a practical based course and some homework will be required.

N.B. PE is a compulsory subject and all students will still be required to participate in a double PE lesson throughout the week.



Cambridge National Certificate in Creative iMedia

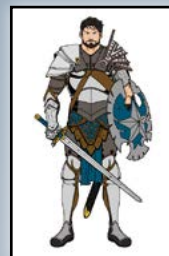
We are influenced by Digital Media on a daily basis. For example, watching a movie trailer on YouTube will persuade us to go and watch the movie, listening to a podcast on the latest iPhone will influence us to purchase the phone or even purchasing a new game after playing a small online sample.

This course will give learners the opportunity to gain understanding, knowledge and skills across the creative digital media sectors, e.g. moving image, audio production, games design, Graphic Design and publishing. For example, students will have the opportunity to:

- explore the different creative media sectors;
- Produce a digital Image, such as a Film Poster or DVD cover
- Creating a comic strip, with unique characters.
- Producing a computer game.

Assessment

The course is 25% exam and 75% controlled assessment. Internet access at home would be of real benefit. All individual units are graded as Pass, Merit and Distinction. The final course is graded in the same way.



MFL: FCSE Spanish

Foundation Certificate of Secondary Education

Learning a language is an exciting challenge. It can be very beneficial for activities like traveling and socialising as well as boosting your confidence and brain power! Students who choose MFL FCSE option will have a fantastic opportunity to explore Spanish language in more depth and add to the knowledge they gained in Year 7, 8 & 9. The course will focus on encouraging students to make a better use of Spanish and gain confidence in the four skills of the language (Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing).

The course comprises 3 main topics divided by themes:

THEME 1: My world - Relationships, family and friends

THEME 2: Holidays and Leisure - Holidays and Travel

THEME 3: Lifestyle - Food and drink

These topics will be assessed in tests based on Speaking, Listening, Writing and Reading and each skill will count 25% of the final mark. On successful completion of the coursework and tests students will be awarded an FCSE Spanish certificate with Pass, Merit or Distinction depending on their final mark.

If you enjoy learning Spanish language and you would like to explore the language as well as Spanish and Latin American art, music, cuisine and culture this is a great option for you!

For more information,
contact Miss Fernández.



OCR Entry Level Certificate in History

Students of the history course will develop a knowledge of the subject as well as building key skills essential to the work. Studies are interactive and wherever possible encourage a practical, “hands-on” approach. The course is structured to cater for the range of learning styles of the students.

There are three units based on topics including:

- The Victorians: Changes in work and society.
- World War One: The Causes, Events and Results, The Western Front and the Home Front.
- Hitler and the growth of the Nazi Party.

There is also one unit based on a specific individual in History. Students will be able to choose the individual that they are most interested in researching.

Visits include a trip to the Imperial War Museum. ICT is used for research and to help students present appropriate work. On successful completion of the course, pupils will be awarded the OCR Entry Level Certificate at either Level 2 or 3.

For more information see Ms Noble



Geography

Geography lessons will often take place in the school grounds and will include a variety of outdoor skills such as gardening, outdoor cooking, navigating, shelter building, rainwater harvesting, recycling or pond dipping. Students will also be expected to go on a number of trips and work with people from all sorts of backgrounds and professions:

Locally: including High Elms Country Park, Downe Activity Centre, Bromley Farmers Markets and local schools.

London: Brick Lane, China Town, Waterloo.

Snowdonia: on a 4 day mountain experience expedition.

Students will link these personal experiences with those of other people in other places.

Geography students have the option of taking either a GCSE or a BTEC examination. In some cases they may do both.



The **GCSE** is an exciting new course which supports students to make real connections between their own lives and other people and places around the world.

The **BTEC** options offers practical skills training for working in some outdoor environments and improving the places they work in.

OCR Entry Level Certificate in Art & Design (Textiles)

Students will explore processes, fabrics and techniques in a range of practical ways. They will use their creative and imaginative skills to produce a variety of textiles including: constructed textiles, printed fabrics, soft furnishings and stitched or embellished textiles. Students will develop contextual understanding to support practical work. They will use drawing skills for different needs and purposes, to support the development process.



No prior learning of the subject is required. There are two areas of assessment: Portfolio 60% and an externally set task 40%. On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded the OCR Entry Level Certificate at either level 2 or level 3.



For more information contact Mrs Jessup

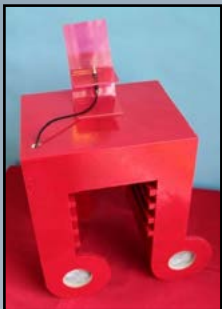


Design Technology (Technical Awards)

Within this course, young learners will have the opportunity to develop skills in making high quality products using woods, metal and polymers (plastics).

They will be expected to make a range of products, prototypes and samples, applying technical and practical expertise to ensure that the product is fit for purpose. Learners will have the opportunity to use traditional skills and modern technologies.

The qualification will be the equivalent of a GCSE and would provide a valuable pathway for students with an interest in more vocational careers. In 2016, 100% of students gained a GCSE in the option group.



Past students' work (2016)

Food Technology

This is a great course for those students interested in cooking. It has a strong practical element and also provides a recognised qualification at the end.

It will provide students with experience of using different cooking techniques and methods to enable them to use these within further education or apprenticeships.

The knowledge and skills gained will provide an introduction to those interested in the food and cookery industry.

The course is run over two years and will involve cooking a number of dishes, researching healthy eating and considering how people make food choices.

This qualification shows students how:

- ◇ to prepare and cook using basic skills
- ◇ to understand food and its simple function in the body and in recipes
- ◇ to plan a balanced diet and to adapt recipes to make them healthier
- ◇ to plan and produce dishes for a specific purpose

The course is part coursework based and part examination based. Students need to be prepared to take part fully in the written elements of the course as well as the practical tasks. Emphasis will be placed on health and safety practices and developing a mature approach to work.

