

Year 9 Options Presentation

February 5th 2019



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Welcome

“ I am sorry I can not join you this evening. I see the options process as one of the key events in a pupil’s time at school. I believe Balcarras offers a broad and exciting Key Stage 4 curriculum that helps all pupils succeed.”

Mr Burke

Welcome

- **The Process**

- ✓ Options Assembly this morning
- ✓ Parents meeting now
- ✓ Thursday 28th February: Year 9 Parents Evening
- ✓ Tuesday 5th March: Deadline for choices to be handed in to tutors



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The Curriculum in Years 10 and 11

Core

Subjects that students must follow.

Optional

Subjects chosen by students.

The Core Subjects

- ✓ English
- ✓ Maths
- ✓ Science
- ✓ Physical Education
- ✓ PHSE, Careers, Religious and social education

The Core Subjects

✓ English

GCSEs in English Language and Literature

✓ Maths

GCSE Maths

✓ Science

GCSE combined science, worth 2 GCSEs,
covers biology, chemistry and physics.

The Core Subjects

✓ English	7 hours
✓ Maths	7 hours
✓ Science	8/9 hours
✓ Physical Education	3/2 hours

The X and Y Band

- For the core subjects only pupils will be in the X or Y band.
- We have 2 bands as we can't have all pupils in the same subject at the same time.
- Which band pupils are in depends on the assessments they complete in English, maths and science in year 9.
- We have the same high expectations for pupils in both bands.

The Optional Subjects

- ✓ 5 Options
- ✓ 5 full courses
- ✓ 5 hours per course

- ✓ 25 hours total

The Optional Subjects

Art
Business
Computer Science
Drama
DT Food
DT Product Design
DT Textiles
French
Geography
Health and Social Care

History
Creative iMedia
Music
GCSE PE
Religion, Philosophy
and Ethics
Russian
Spanish
Study Support



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Reserve subject:

Name _____

Tutor Group _____

Pupil's signature _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

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Modern Foreign Languages

- Not Compulsory

BUT

- It is highly recommended that you study a language if you aspire to success in the sixth form and higher education

Guidance

- Try to maintain a balance of subjects.
- Eg: Include a humanities subject like History or Geography (important if you want to achieve the EBACC).

Some Restrictions

- You can only choose two from the following:
- Art
- Music
- Drama
- You can't do creative iMedia and computer science.
- You can't do product design and textiles.

Guidance

- **What is the EBACC?**
- A student who achieves the EBACC gets a grade 5 or above in the following subjects:
 - ✓ English
 - ✓ Maths
 - ✓ Two sciences
 - ✓ A language
 - ✓ History or Geography

Guidance

- **Sixth Form**
- Many A levels do not require you to have studied the subject before.
- To attend our sixth form you need two 6s and three 5s at GCSE including English and Maths
- Some subjects have a minimum grade requirement.

Advice

Reasons to do
subjects:

My friend is doing
it.

I like the teacher.

Reasons to do
subjects:

I'm good at it.

I like the subject.

It will help me
with my career.



Advice

- Today
- New subjects
- Tutors
- Mrs Young (Head of ILD)
- Mr Towers

Advice

- Year 9 Parents Evening
- Thursday 28th February
- Subject teachers.

Information about subjects

- Languages: Mrs Hockenhull
- Creative iMedia and Computer Science: Miss Hinton
- Health and Social Care: Mrs Grogan
- Business Studies: Mr Perry

Languages

Mrs Hockenhull



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“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.”

Nelson Mandela



It's a multilingual world- not everyone speaks English. 94% of the world does **NOT** speak English as their first language. **75%** of the world does not speak English at all.



‘Employees with language skills are definitely more marketable and have more worth in the labour market’

Bob Shankley, HR Director, BMW

‘It is important that our employees are able to communicate in a variety of different languages to remain competitive in an international market’

Soraya Malik, Operational Training Manager, lastminute.com



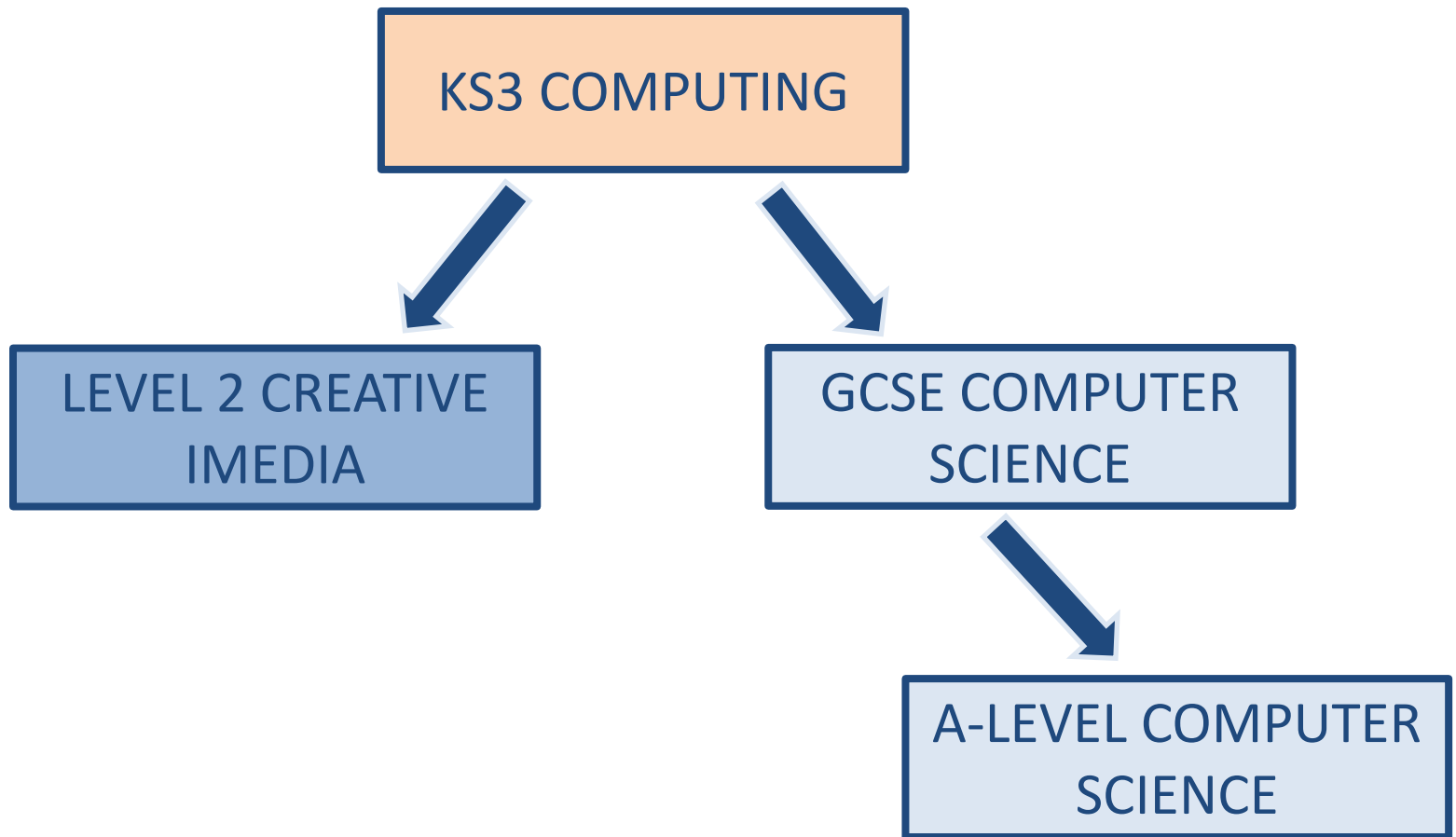
Computer Science and Creative iMedia

Miss Hinton



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Computing Department



Computer Science

Exam Board:	OCR
Course:	GCSE Computer Science
Course Overview:	3 Components. 2 exams worth 50% each plus a programming project

Component 1: Computer Systems

Assessment: Written exam paper
80 marks (90 minutes) **(50%)**

Component 2: Computational Thinking, Algorithms & Programming

Assessment: Written exam paper
80 marks (90 minutes) **(50%)**

Component 3: Programming Project

Assessment: N/A
Students complete a 20-hour project

Computer Science

Exam Board: OCR

Course: GCSE Computer Science

Component 1: Computer Systems (50%)

- Systems Architecture
- Memory
- Storage
- Wired and wireless networks
- Network topologies, protocols and layers
- System security
- System software
- Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental concerns

Assessment: Written exam paper
80 marks (90 minutes)

Component 2: Computational Thinking, Algorithms & Programming (50%)

- Algorithms
- Programming techniques
- Producing robust programs
- Computational logic
- Translators and facilities of languages
- Data representation

Assessment: Written exam paper
80 marks (90 minutes)

Computer Science

Exam Board: OCR

Course: GCSE Computer Science

Component 3: Programming Project (N/A)

- Programming techniques
- Analysis
- Design
- Development
- Testing and evaluation and conclusions

Assessment: N/A

Students complete a 20-hour project

Creative iMedia

Exam Board:	OCR
Course:	Level 2 Cambridge National Certificate
Course Overview:	The course consists of four units. Two completed each year. Three are coursework based and one is assessed with an exam.

Unit R081: Pre-production Skills (25%) Year 10	Written exam 60 marks (1 hour 15 mins)
Unit R082: Creating Digital Graphics (25%) Year 10	Coursework 60 marks
Unit R085: Creating a Multipage Website (25%) Year 11	Coursework 60 marks
Unit R086: Creating a Digital Animation (25%) Year 11	Coursework 60 marks

Careers

Creative iMedia

Animation
Advertising
Creative Media Production
Digital Arts
Games Design
Graphic Design
Interactive Media Development
Media Communication
Visual Communication
Visual Effects Design

Computer Science

App Development
Artificial Intelligence
Computer Forensics
Cyber Security
Digital Marketing
Information Systems
Networks and Security
Programming
Software Engineering
Web Development

Health and Social Care

Mrs Grogan



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Misconceptions...



communication



religion

culture

death



living conditions

sexuality

People

menopause

genetics

disability

puberty

healthcare

health



cohabitation

divorce

services

education



How is it taught?



By professionals



Discussion



Independent research

By engaging with others

What you will gain from doing Health and Social Care??

Along with a huge variety of skills you will gain the **Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care** (GCSE equivalent)

- 75% coursework element.
- One exam 25% done in Year 10.
- Freedom to research and learn about what interests YOU.

Why do pupils like it?

“Health and Social Care is currently my favourite lesson to go to and it has been since September. It is 75% coursework and it enables you to learn new social skills.” **Charlotte Youdan**

“It's a great subject to take if you have interests in health and social care. I enjoy having the work broken up through the year and there is no stress for large exams in Year11!” **Eloise Bull**

“It is a really creative choice. We get hot chocolate often and a strong relationship is built with the students and teacher. Health and Social Care is something I highly recommend” **Sophie Timony**

“Health and Social Care is your own pathway and you aren't restricted. It is quite relaxed and you get to have hot chocolate!” **Bella Poulson**

Careers

Nursing

Child Care

Counsellor

Social Work

Midwifery

Teaching

Psychology

Physiotherapy

Early Years Teaching



“Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others.”

Booker T Washington

Why choose Health and Social Care?

- Exciting new course at Balcarras
- Practical and coursework elements
- Freedom to decide what interests you
- Clear links to our A-Level course
- Fun lessons!



Business Studies

Mr Perry



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Business is everywhere.

*You have the opportunity to study a course
that allows you to understand **the world**
around you....*



What will you study?

Business Ownership



Students compete in a virtual share league.

What will you study?

Production



***Sourcing Suppliers, Quality
Management & Inventory***

What will you study?

Marketing



Students design & brand their own product in a marketing challenge

What will you study?

Human Resources



Leadership, Motivation and Organisational Structures

What will you study?

Finance & the economy



Profit & Loss, Cash flow, Balance Sheets & external factors

2015/16 Revenue (€m)

1	↑	2	Manchester United	689
2	↔	0	FC Barcelona	620.2
3	↓	(2)	Real Madrid	620.1
4	↑	1	Bayern Munich	592
5	↑	1	Manchester City	524.9
6	↓	(2)	Paris Saint-Germain	520.9
7	↔	0	Arsenal	468.5
8	↔	0	Chelsea	447.4
9	↔	0	Liverpool	403.8
10	↔	0	Juventus	341.1
11	↔	0	Borussia Dortmund	283.9
12	↔	0	Tottenham Hotspur	279.7
13	↑	3	Atlético de Madrid	228.6
14	↓	(1)	Schalke 04	224.5
15	↔	0	AS Roma	218.2
16	↓	(2)	AC Milan	214.7
17	↑	1	FC Zenit Saint Petersburg	196.5
18	n/a	new	West Ham United	192.3
19	↑	1	Internazionale	179.2
20	n/a	new	Leicester City	172.1

Assessment

- 100 % examination
- Students will sit two exams at the end of Year 11

Business Dynamics Paper 62.5%

A mixture of structured questions including longer essay questions.

Data Response Paper 37.5%

A set of questions based on a series of data linked to the syllabus.

Study Support

- Suitable for pupils where 10 GCSEs is not the right path.
- Emphasis on preparing for the future
- Students can do better in the most important subjects.
- The School will contact parents if we feel this is right for a student.

The Process: Reminder

- ✓ TODAY Options Assembly
- ✓ TODAY Parents meeting
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What happens next?

- ✓ You choose
- ✓ We make the groups

We may need to talk to you regarding:

- Course Full
- Course not suitable

Dropping Subjects

There is a common misconception amongst pupils that you can “drop” GCSEs that are not going well.

This is not the case.

Pupils have to be in a lesson and supervised at all times.
There is no capacity for them to not go to a particular lesson.

OPTIONS CONFIRMED

END OF APRIL



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Final thoughts

- ☐ Take time to consider
- ☐ Ask questions
- ☐ Form filled in correctly? Reserve subjects vital!
- ☐ Keep an eye on the 5th March.
- ☐ A change of heart after 5th March will probably result in disappointment!

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