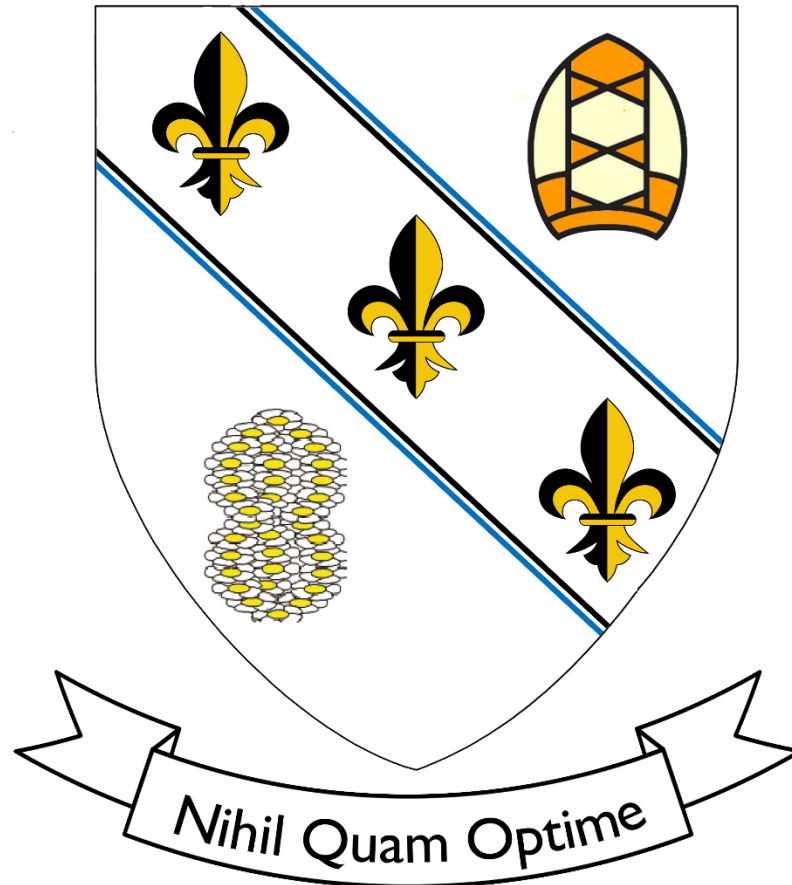
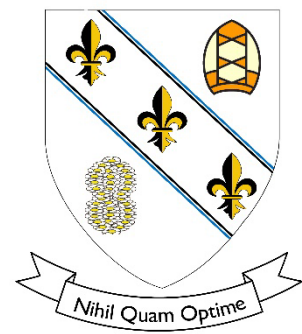


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Key Stage Four Options 2023/25

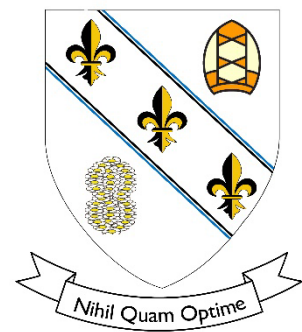


Key Stage Four



- Pupils begin their formal study of their GCSEs in Years 10 and 11 (Key Stage 4).
- There are two types of courses - **core and optional**.
- **Core** are subjects that all pupils **must** study.
- **Optional** are subjects that pupils may choose themselves.

Core Subjects



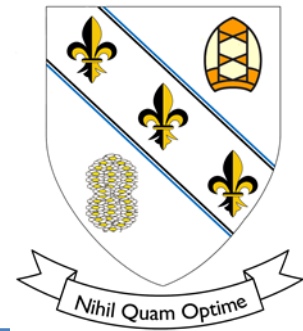
English/ English Literature (Two GCSEs)	Mathematics GCSE	Combined Science (Two GCSEs)	Religious Studies/PSHE/ Citizenship	Physical Education
9 hours	6 hours	7 hours	3 hours	2 hours

Core Subjects (continued)



Block A Humanities	Block B French
5 hours	5 hours

Optional Subjects



Block C
Optional

Block D
Optional

Additional Humanities (Geography or History)

Animal Care

Art and Design

Citizenship Studies

Design Technology

Drama

Food and Nutrition

Further Mathematics

Music

Psychology

Singe Sciences

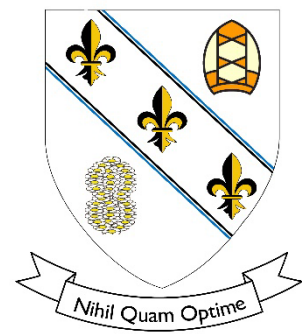
Sociology

Statistics

PE Studies

Textiles

What are blocks??



- The College timetable is built from blocks of subjects.
- The blocks contain classes of the same subject or are mixed.
- The whole year group have one allocated class per block and this is why some subjects can clash. For example, Sociology and Psychology could be in the same block and therefore pupils may only choose one of these subjects.
- Option Blocks are optimised to give the widest choice to the maximum number of pupils.

New GCSE Grading Structure

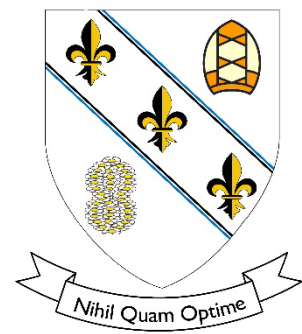


NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
U	G
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GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

The English Baccalaureate



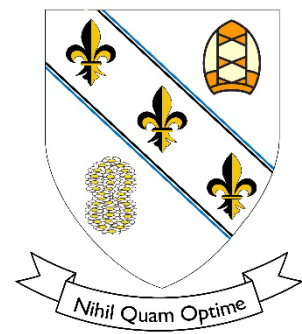
The Gold Standard of GCSE qualifications.

Good Pass: Achieving at least Grade 5 (or above)

Standard Pass: Achieving at least Grade 4 (or above)

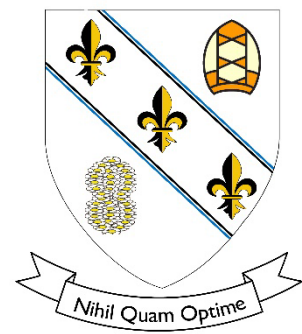
English, Mathematics, 2 x Sciences, MFL and History or Geography.

The English Baccalaureate - why?



- The government has directed schools to ensure 85% of pupils follow this curriculum.
- Forms the basis of a rigorous and rounded education
- Gives our pupils a competitive advantage. EBacc outcomes at Chulmleigh are the best for a non-selective, non-fee paying school in the South West

Personal Tutor



Pupils organised into horizontal tutor groups in Year 10, retaining the same form tutor where possible. Focus on:

- Intervention.
- PSHE
- Careers Education
- Study Skills

The Expectations of KS4



- Pupils take a greater responsibility for their work.
- Pupils utilise study-support.
- Homework (c. one hour per subject) completed on time.
- Accelerated Reader
- Attendance.
- Role Models.

What next?



- Parents' Evening
- Time to consider/reflect
- Online forms go live – Friday 27th January
- Don't rush completion.
- Deadline 9th February.

How to support your child



- Read the Pathways Booklet with them.
- Focus on choosing two optional subjects that they enjoy.
- Disregard favourite teachers.
- Disregard choices of friends.
- See or email teachers of subjects your child wishes to opt for, or isn't quite sure about.
- Maintain an ongoing conversation about school.

Frequently asked questions



- A subject I want is not running, why not?
Lack of a subject specialist or lack of uptake means that some courses don't run. A class needs at least 15 pupils to be viable.
- What happens if a subject is full? *We will make a decision on places based on effort grades in that subject (or equivalent) in Year 9 and consider effort in Year 9 Exam Week.*

Frequently asked questions

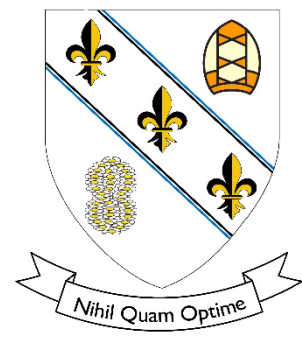


- Can I change my mind after I submit my form?

Yes, but courses may be full already if you do so after the deadline.

- Why do I need to submit an insurance choice?

Sometimes we move the subjects from one block to another to optimise choice or a course is full or is withdrawn.



Any questions?