

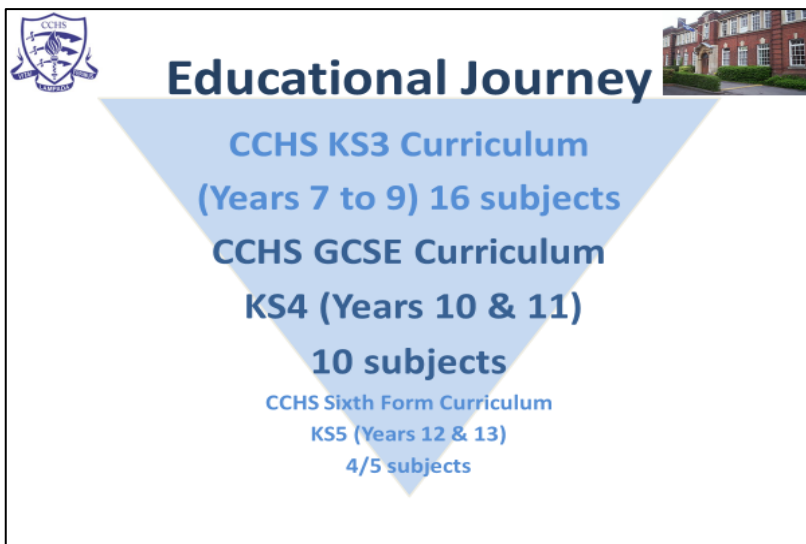


Year 9 Options Process

The purpose of this document, is to provide you with all of the information you need, to support your child through the Year 9 Options Process.

**The nature of the CCHS Key Stage 4 Curriculum, is that it is:
Broad, Balanced & Challenging**

Your child is now at the point of their educational journey, here at CCHS, where they are looking to specialise in subjects that: will help them continue along their path towards **future aspirations**, that will enable them to fulfil their potential and harness their **talents**, or simply enable them to obtain further **opportunity** for depth and exploration, in a subject that they **enjoy**. All, or any of these reasons, are important to bear in mind when supporting your child with their subject choices.



All students will study the Core Curriculum

English Language	English Literature	Mathematics
Biology	Chemistry	Physics
Core PE (3 hrs per fortnight in Years 10 & 11)		Core RS (1 hr per fortnight in Year 10, then integrated in to PSHE)

Students will also select one subject from each of the following four columns

MFL Choice

- French
- German

Humanities Choice

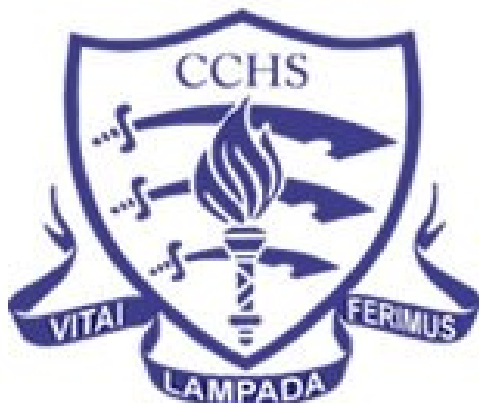
- Geography
- History

Additional Choice

- Art
- Computing
- Drama
- Latin
- Music
- RS
- Spanish

Open Choice

- Art
- Computing
- Drama
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Latin
- Music
- RS
- Spanish



All of the GCSE subjects we offer at CCHS are reformed (9-1) GCSEs

The main features of the new GCSEs

- There is new, more demanding content, which has been developed by the Department for Education and the examination boards.
- Courses are designed for two years of study – and no longer divided into modules. Students will take *all* exams in one period at the end of their course.
- Assessment will be mainly by examination, with other types of assessment used only where they are needed to test essential skills.
- A new grading scale of 9 to 1 is now used, with 9 being the top grade. This allows for greater differentiation between students, and helps distinguish the new GCSEs from previous versions.

Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5 STRONG PASS	
4 STANDARD PASS	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

Options Timeline

- **Presentation to Students – Thursday 21st January**
- **Parents' Evening and Options Consultation – Thursday 21st March**
 - **Options Booklet – Wednesday 24th February**
 - **Options Form Activated – Friday 12th March**
- **Option Form Submission Deadline – Wednesday 24th March**
 - **Option Choices Confirmed – Friday 28th May**

Online Options Form

On Friday 12th March, you will receive a School Post containing a link to the online options form. The form is self-explanatory, and guides you, and your child, through the process, step by step. When you have finished making your selections, simply click SAVE at the top of the form to submit it, and this will come directly to us for processing.

Should you have any difficulties accessing the form, then please contact our ICT helpdesk ICT Helpdesk: icthelpdesk@cchs.essex.sch.uk