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Parents' Information Evening



**Good evening and
welcome!**



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This presentation is intended to give Year 9 students, and their parents, information to help them make an informed decision about the courses available in Years 10 and 11.

Read the description of the subjects carefully.

It makes sense to choose:

- **The courses you are good at**
- **The courses you will enjoy**
- **The courses you may need in the future**

DO NOT choose a subject just because:

- **A friend is doing it!**
- **You like the teacher (the teacher may not be the one you are expecting!)**

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Level of qualifications

8	PhD
7	MSc, MEng
6	Bsc, BEng (Hons)
5	Found. Degree HND
4	HNC
3	A Level Adv. Diploma
2	GCSE Diploma

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GCSE Examination Grades

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

BTEC Distinction * (D*) = 8 or 9 at GCSE
BTEC Distinction (D) = 7 or 8 at GCSE
BTEC Merit (M) = 5 or 6 at GCSE
BTEC Pass (P) = 4 or 5 at GCSE

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Year 10 Curriculum Intent

All students at Launceston College will study a curriculum pathway that is best suited to their individual ability, need and career aim. We would like students to be aspirational in their choices and be successful in all they do.

At Launceston College, we have;

- **high aspirations for our students,**
- **an academically rigorous curriculum**
- **expert guidance and advice to students**
- **an expectation to achieve the very best that they can.**

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There are two curriculum pathways available to students at Launceston College; **BLUE** and **GREEN**.

Both **BLUE** and **GREEN** curriculum pathways consist of compulsory courses which every student will study. These are;

- ✓ **English Language and Literature**
- ✓ **Mathematics**
- ✓ **Dual Science**
- ✓ **Geography or History**
- ✓ **Physical Education (PE)**
- ✓ **Character lessons**

Students, once allocated their curriculum pathway must then follow the criteria and choices below;

BLUE curriculum pathway	GREEN curriculum pathway
✓ Compulsory courses (listed above)	✓ Compulsory courses (listed above)
✓ French or Spanish	✓ 2 free options
✓ 1 free option	+ 1 Reserve Option
+ 1 Reserve Option	

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The Curriculum Pathways Form

The Curriculum Pathways Form allows students to select which subjects they wish to do. The google form your child receives will reflect these choices. This year the form is available from **Monday 26th February** as a google form on ClassCharts.

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Why are we focusing on 8 subjects?

- ✓ Higher grades are more important than a higher number of qualifications
- ✓ Over 200 hours extra over Year 10-11 for English, Maths, Science and Options compared to schools that do 9/10 subjects.
- ✓ More time for subjects brings better outcomes and better life chances.
- ✓ Even the Russell group universities only look at grades achieved rather than the number of qualifications.
- ✓ Students who don't achieve a grade 4 standard pass have to retake English and/or Maths in Year 12 and have reduced future career opportunities.

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Why are we suggesting the **BLUE** curriculum pathway students study a language?

- ✓ All students can opt to study a language
- ✓ Students in the top 50% of the cohort, based on nationally standardised testing, are expected to keep up a language until 16, just as in most countries globally.

*‘A study by the UCL Institute of Education shows that studying Languages **provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education.**’*

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HUMANITIES



Compulsory Subjects

All students will study the core subjects; mathematics, English, science, either history or geography, PE, RE and IAG, alongside their options. Following the introduction of the English Baccalaureate, most students will study a language as well as 2 option subjects.

Please select your Humanities and Language options below.

1. Humanities - Please choose one subject *

☐ Geography

☐ History

✓ Students then have to choose their **humanities** option.

This will be either **history or geography**.

Students can choose both and if your child wishes to do this they select the other subject as one of their option choices in the table below.

GCSE RS – this is now an option for students to choose as one of their options!

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SCIENCE



All students will study **AQA Trilogy Combined Science** which covers biology, chemistry and physics across two GCSEs.

Combined Science is a suitable course for those students who wish to progress to A-levels in science subjects such as biology, chemistry, physics, geology and applied science.

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Optional subjects



ART

DRAMA

MUSIC

PRODUCT DESIGN

FASHION & TEXTILES

CONSTRUCTION

HAIR & BEAUTY

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

PROFESSIONAL CATERING

CHILDHOOD STUDIES

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

HISTORY

GEOGRAPHY

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

COMPUTER SCIENCE

BTEC SPORT

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The Curriculum Pathways booklet will give you more information about the different subjects.

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It is not guaranteed that all students will get the subjects they wish but we do write our curriculum specifically each year on what the students request.

The deadline for completing the Options Form, via ClassCharts is;

Monday 11th March.



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The Curriculum Pathways booklet is online now for students to view along with many Faculty presentations. This part of the Launceston College website also includes an Options FAQs section with many of the most frequently asked questions.

<https://www.launcestoncollege.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Pathways+%28Yr+10+Options%29&pid=61>

Students and parents will have the opportunity to discuss the Options process further with their subject teachers at Year 9 parents' evening on **Thursday 1st February.**

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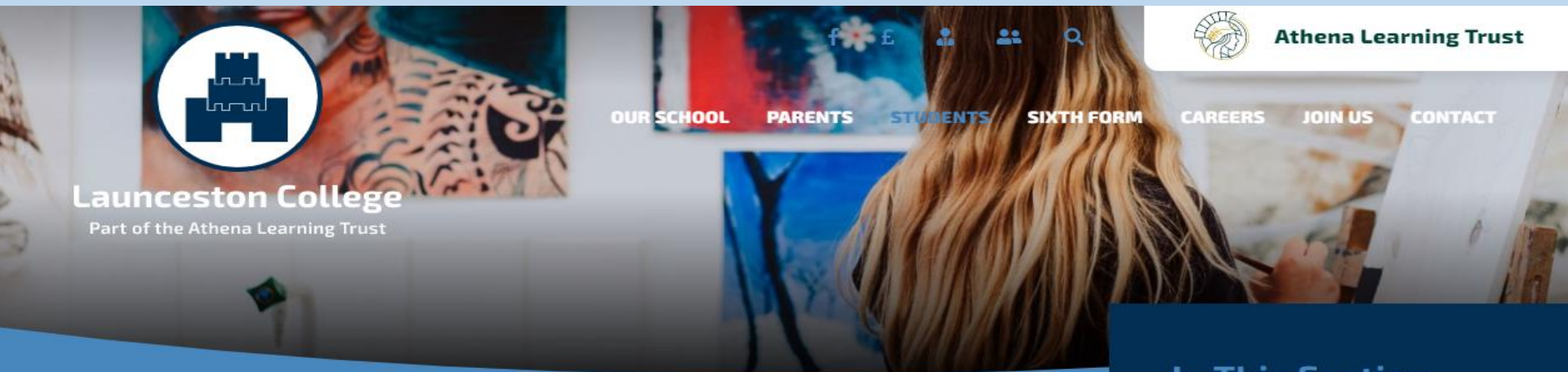
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Key Dates

- Letter to parents re. Curriculum Pathways programme 16/01/2024
- Year 9 student Curriculum Pathways – introduction 17/01/2024
- Curriculum Pathways Information Evening 25/01/2024
- Curriculum Pathways booklet online 29/01/2024
- Year 9 Subject Parents' Evening 01/02/2024
- Issue Curriculum Pathways forms via ClassCharts 26/02/2024
- Curriculum Pathways form to be returned 11/03/2024



Thank you for your time and your help
in supporting the young people we
are working with!

