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# Year 9 Options Evening

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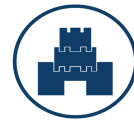
## Why choose a subject?

- You're successful in lessons
- You enjoy the subject
- You may need the subject in the future

## Reasons not to choose a subject:

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

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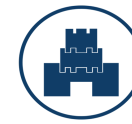
There are two curriculum pathways available to students at Launceston College; **BLUE** and **GREEN**.

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**

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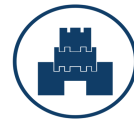


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✓ Compulsory courses (listed above)	✓ Compulsory courses (listed above)
✓ French or Spanish	✓ 2 free options
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**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Google form to parent and student email

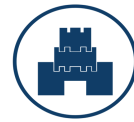
**Only one reply needed please!**



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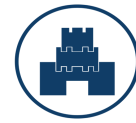


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## Why are we focusing on 8 subjects?

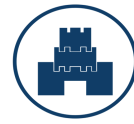
- ✓ Higher grades are more important than a higher number of qualifications
- ✓ Over 200 hours extra over Year 10-11 for English, Maths, Science and Options compared to schools that do 9/10 subjects.
- ✓ More time for subjects brings better outcomes and better life chances.
- ✓ Even the Russell group 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.



## 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 further education'*



## Compulsory Subjects

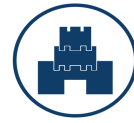
All students will study the core subjects; mathematics, English, science, either history or geography, PE, RE and IAG, alongside their options. Following the introduction of the English Baccalaureate, most students will study a language as well as 2 option subjects.

Please select your Humanities and Language options below.

### 1. Humanities - Please choose one subject \*

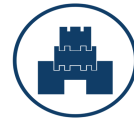
- Geography
- History





Students can choose history and geography

Religious Studies is also an option



All students will study **AOA GCSE 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.

# *Optional Subjects*



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**ART**

**DRAMA**

**BTEC MUSIC**

**DT PRODUCT DESIGN**

**BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**

**PROFESSIONAL CATERING**

**HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE**

**HISTORY**

**GEOGRAPHY**

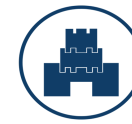
**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**DIGITAL iMEDIA**

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**BTEC SPORT**

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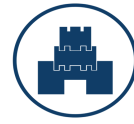


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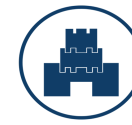


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All students may not get their first choices!

Options Form completed; **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February.**

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The Curriculum Pathways booklet is online from tomorrow morning!

Options FAQs section on website

Students and parents will have the opportunity to discuss the Options process further with their subject teachers at Year 9 parents' evening on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February.**

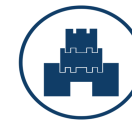


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# Key dates



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- Letter to parents re. Curriculum Pathways programme 13/01/2025
- Year 9 student Curriculum Pathways – introduction 22/01/2025
- Curriculum Pathways Information Evening 30/01/2025
- Curriculum Pathways booklet online 31/01/2025
- Year 9 Subject Parents' Evening 06/02/2025
- Issue Curriculum Pathways forms via ClassCharts 12/02/2025
- Curriculum Pathways form to be returned 25/02/2025