



Maltings
Academy

To make our best better

YEAR 9 CURRICULUM CHOICES

2010 - 2012

DECISIONS... DECISIONS...

- For students and parents this is a difficult time because for the first time you have to decide what **YOU** want to do
- You need to get the choices right because your future may depend upon what you choose to do in years 10 and 11
- **BUT...**
- We are here to help you and make this process as easy and stress free as possible

TIMELINE

7th January 2010

Curriculum Choices booklet issued to Year 9 students.

21st January 2010

Options Evening for parents and students. This event runs from 7.00 – 8.30pm at the Academy

22nd January 2010

Course Selection form issued to students.

25th January 2010

Course Selection form submitted to tutors.

Spring/Summer Term

Individual student interviews to confirm courses.

THE ORDER OF THINGS

- Students briefed and booklets issued
- Read the options booklet
- Options Evening: speak to people
- Go home and talk everything through
- Make decisions in rough in booklet
- Complete final options form
- Return options form by 25TH JANUARY

MEETING THE NEEDS OF EVERY STUDENT...

Maltings options arrangements are designed to provide a range of option routes that as far as possible will allow every student to personalise or individualise their programme of learning for Key Stage Four

OPTION ROUTES

There are **THREE** option routes:

- **Route One: The Traditional Route**
- **Route Two: Vocational Route A (Higher Level College Courses)**
- **Route Three: Vocational Route B (Foundation Level College Courses)**

ROUTE ONE: The Traditional Route

- **This route involves students working at the academy full time on the compulsory core curriculum, plus a range of academic and vocational options.**
- **This route is best suited to the top 65+% of the ability range.**
- **This route is designed for those students who are likely to follow Level Three courses at college post-16.**

ROUTE ONE: The Traditional Route

Subject	En	Ma	Sc	It	Pe	Re/Cz/Pd	Opt A	Opt B	Opt C
Periods	7	7	8	5	5	2	6	6	6
GCSEs	2	1 or 2	2-4	2	0.5 -> 2	0.5+	1	1	1

ROUTES TWO AND THREE: College Courses

- **This route involves students working at the academy for three days each week on core subjects and two days elsewhere on a major vocational option.**
- **This route is best suited to middle and lower ability students, who have a clear idea of a career area in which they wish to work.**
- **Academy staff will interview students opting for these routes to ensure that they have made the correct choice.**

ROUTES TWO AND THREE: Vocational College Courses

ROUTE TWO: Higher Level College Courses (Level 2: GCSE Grade C+)

SUBJECT	En	Ma	Sc	It	Pe	Et/Pd	College
Periods	6	6	8	5	5	2	20
GCSEs	2	1	2-4	2	0.5	0.5	4?

ROUTE THREE: Lower Level College Courses (Level 1: GCSE Grades D – G)

SUBJECT	En	Ma	Sc	It	Pe	Et	Option	College
Periods	5	5	5	5	5	2	5	20
GCSEs	1	1	1-2	1	0.5	0.5	1	2?

Finally...

- **Tonight is your chance to speak to the experts and find out what each course is about**
- **Think about the subject or course NOT the person who teaches you now!**
- **Ask as much as you like, if you are still not sure senior staff are available**
- **One to one discussions may be arranged by making an appointment via Mrs Pooley on 01376 512911 or tpooley@maltingsacademy.org**