



**Maltings**  
**Academy**

To make our best better

# **YEAR 8 CURRICULUM CHOICES**

**2010 - 2013**

# 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 IN THE LONGER TERM.
- You need to get the choices right because your future may depend upon what you choose to do in years 9, 10 and 11
- **BUT...**
- We are here to help you and make this process as easy and stress free as possible

# TIMELINE

<b>14 January 2010</b>	<b>Curriculum Choices booklet issued to Year 8 students.</b>
<b>28 January 2010</b>	<b>Options Evening for parents and students. This event runs from 7.00 – 8.30pm at the Academy</b>
<b>29 January 2010</b>	<b>Course Selection form issued to students.</b>
<b>5 February 2010</b>	<b>‘One to One’ Interviews with Parents</b>
<b>9 February 2010</b>	<b>Course Selection form submitted to tutors.</b>
<b>Spring/Summer Term</b>	<b>Individual student interviews to confirm courses.</b>

# THE ORDER OF THINGS

- **Students briefed and booklets issued**
- **Read the options booklet**
- **Options Evening: speak to people**
- **Go home and talk everything through**
- **Attend 'one to one' interview on 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**
- **Make decisions in rough in booklet**
- **Complete final options form**
- **Return options form by 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

# **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**

## **YEAR NINE**

**There are TWO option routes in year 9:**

- Route One: The Traditional Route**
- Route Two: Pre-Vocational Route**

# **OPTION ROUTES**

## **YEARS TEN AND ELEVEN**

- **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 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. (J Population)**
- This route is designed for those students who are likely to follow Level Three courses at college post-16.**

# ROUTE ONE: The Traditional Route

a) Until February in Year 9:

Subject	En	Ma	Sc	It	Pe	Re/Cz/ Pd	Opt A	Opt B	Opt C	Opt D	Opt E	Opt F
Periods	7	7	8	5	5	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
GCSEs	2	1 or 2	2-4	2	0.5 -> 2	0.5+						

b) From February in Year 9 through Years 10 and 11:

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: Pre-Vocational Courses**

- **This route prepares students for vocational college programmes in years 10-11 when they work outside the academy for two days each week.**
- **This route is best suited to lower ability students, who have a clear idea of a career area in which they wish to work. (K Population)**

# VOCATIONAL ROUTE

Year 9:

SUBJECT	En	Ma	Sc	It	Pe	Et/Pd	Option X	Option Y	Option Z
Periods	7	7	8	5	5	2	6	6	6
GCSEs	2	1	2-4	2	0.5	0.5			

Year 10:

Higher Ability Vocational Pathway

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?

Lower Ability Vocational Pathway

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**
- **If you are still unclear about anything please contact Mrs Pooley on 01376 512911 or [tpooley@maltingsacademy.org](mailto:tpooley@maltingsacademy.org)**