

Raising Aspirations

Y8 Options Evening
Tues 22nd April 2025

Please collect an option booklet

Learn Together. Grow Together. Succeed Together.



An exciting part of
your THS journey.

Refining your options
for year 9.

Where will these
options take you?

- Most students are getting it right, but some need our support
- What can you do to help support your children at this important time?

Knowledge, Behaviours and Skills

The way we behave in school is how students will need to behave in the workplace; uniform, polite manners, working hard and arriving on time.

Annual Exams

Students will be receive information from their teachers about their Annual exams timetable.

This is important as it gives them a sense of just how much they are expected to remember.

Students would have received their data which will give them some idea of what they are expected to get in Y11

Over the next 3 years

What matters over the next 3 years is that you work hard and get the best grades you can.

Focus on developing the skills which are crucial for any career.

Communication	Decision-Making
Commitment	Leadership
Motivation	Teamwork
Organisation	Flexible
Good attendance	

Who is here to support your child

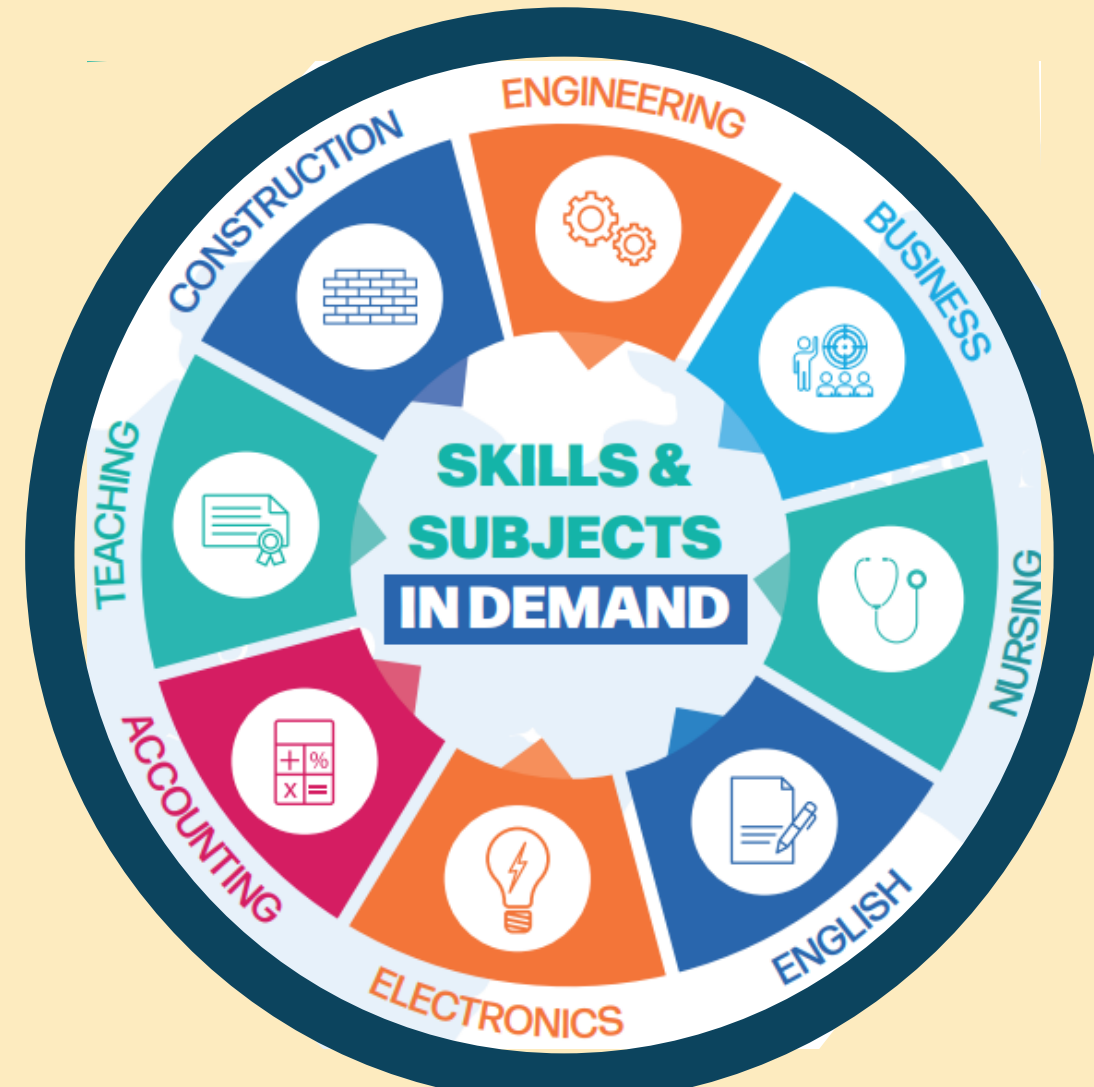
Ms. Parker - Assistant Head for
Curriculum and Assessment Careers
Lead

Mrs. Gould - Transition officer and
Careers Advisor
Tutors, HOY, AHOY

Labour Market



Most of the labour market careers are careers that need specialist training at a high level



Where will your options take you?

- [Navigating Journeys to Higher Education | Next Steps South West](#)
- [Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)
- These websites can help you to:
 - Understand the qualifications and experience you need for your chosen career
 - Trace steps back from your goal to where you are now ie plan your route!
 - Understand what opportunities and progression options within your career

Does it matter if I don't know what I want to do?

- Don't worry, its ok!
- Choose what you enjoy and what you are good at.
- Think about the skills that are transferable and develop them.

Colleges



What about university?

- Do you need a degree in your chosen area of study that will enable you to get the career of your dreams?

Understanding the next steps

Old GCSEs	New GCSE Grades	Vocational quals	Levels	What next
A*	9	Distinction * Distinction Merit Pass	Level 2	If you achieve these grades you go onto study a level 3 course
	8			
A	7			
B	6			
C	5			
	4			
D	3	Distinction * Distinction Merit Pass	Level 1	If you achieve these grades you go onto study a level 1 or level 2 course, depending on the course and your grades
E	2			
F	1			
G				

If you do not achieve grade 4 at maths and English then you will have to retake these at college

Level 3	A and AS levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • study at least three subjects • Exam assessment coursework/ practical assessment • Most require at least five grade 4+ at GCSE • grade 6 in the subjects you want to study 	T Levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed by employers universities • Three months work experience • building skills and knowledge • Leads to a specific occupation 	BTEC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learning programmes relate to specific job roles/ sectors • progress in a career or go on to University • Designed by industry • Practical 	Apprenticeships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will have a contract of employment for 30 hours per week • You earn a real wage of (from April 25 £7.55) per hour whilst gaining skills and qualifications • Minimum requirements are English and maths GCSE
Can study these courses at level 1 and 2				
Pathway:	Academic	Vocational		Work-based

How will my Year 9 timetable be made up?

The Basics

By the end of Y11 you will need:

- 8 subjects
- Basics in English and Maths:
‘Good’ pass is 5/5.
‘Standard’ pass is 4/4

Our aim is to keep the curriculum as broad as possible yet still providing students with an element of choice.

The Basics



English



Maths

All students need at least a grade 4 in English and Maths to progress onto courses at college.

If you do not achieve this then you will need to retake at college

Science

Science

Humanities

PSHE

Geography

History

MFL

Religion

Your Options

**Healthy Living
Physical Education (P.E.) or Dance**

**Choose 4
Performing Arts and Design (P.A.D.) Subject Choice**

Choose from

Art

Food

D&T

Drama

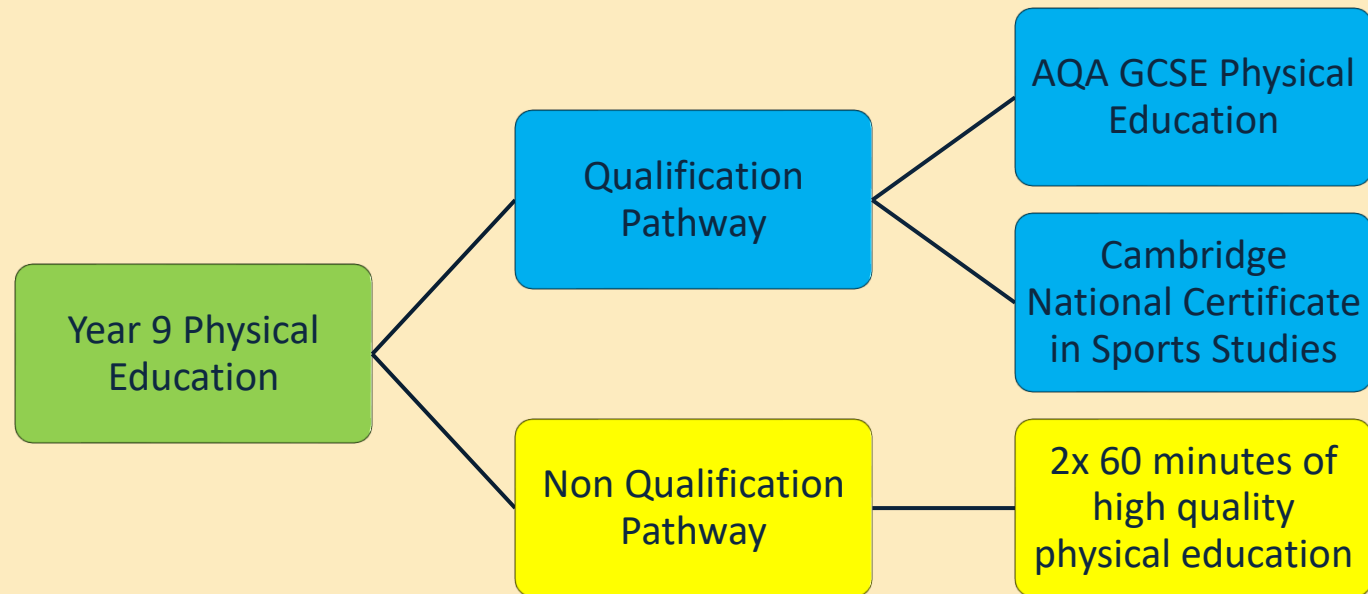
Music

Computing

You can only study a GCSE if you have studied them in year 9

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Healthy Living Physical Education (P.E.) or Dance



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Performing Arts & Design Option



Art

Art and
Design
GCSE

3D
Design
GCSE

Photography
GCSE

Performing Arts & Design Option



Design Technology

*Design
Technology
GCSE*

3D Design
GCSE

WJEC Level
1/2 Award in
Construction

Performing Arts & Design Option



Food

*Food, preparation
and nutrition GCSE*

Performing Arts & Design Option



Drama

Drama GCSE

Performing Arts & Design Option



Computing

Computer Science
GCSE

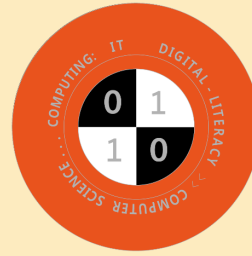
Performing Arts & Design Option



Music

Music GCSE

Choose 4
Performing Arts and Design (P.A.D.) Subject Choice
Choose from



Art

Computing

Design Technology



Drama

Food

Music

PSHE Lesson

- From February half term all students will have a PSHE lesson, this will no longer be in tutor time.
- During these lessons students will be thinking about all aspects of life, including careers.
- Development days (Enrichment days) will continue to offer experiences for students to work with employers, colleges and explore apprenticeship routes.
- Assemblies will cover key dates and information about work experience and college opportunities.

Deadline and process

This form in the back of the options booklet is a practice option form only.

Please fill this in before you fill in the online options form.

The link to the online form will be sent to you after Parents evening on Tuesday 29th April.

You only get one attempt to submit the online form.

If you do need to change your options, you need to email options@tiverton.devon.sch.uk.

Deadline and process

- The deadline for the online form is Friday 2nd May.
- We will do everything we can to give you your top four choices, but it may not be possible.

Next Year

Y9 will be able to opt for 3 GCSEs or equivalent

One will need to be an Ebacc

Separate science

Computer science

History

Geography

French/ German

The other two options can be from the open or Ebacc list