HELSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ASPIRATION - AMBITION - ACHIEVEMENT

KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM OPTIONS



2023 - 2024





KS4 brings about many changes

- √ Choice
- ✓ New subjects
- ✓ Assessment through examinations, controlled assessments and portfolio work
- ✓ Students are expected to become increasingly independent learners
- Students need to manage their workload effectively
- ✓ Students need to start thinking about future careers and find out what skills and qualifications are required



New GCSEs

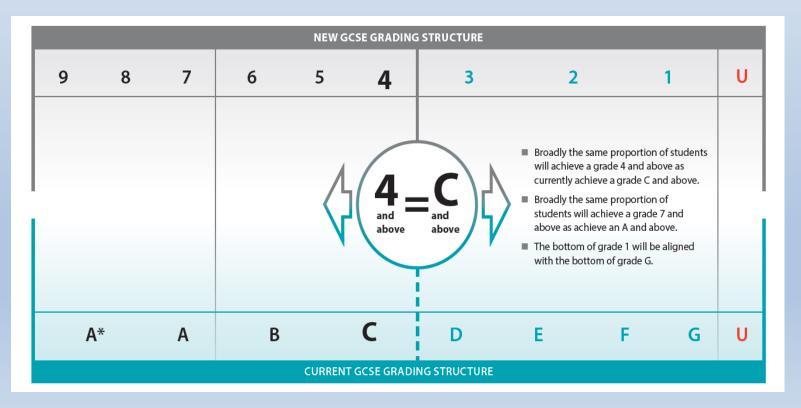
In September 2017 new GCSEs were introduced.

These GCSEs are more demanding and require higher levels of literacy and numeracy to access the top grades.



Assessment

All assessment to take place at the end of a course and take the form of examinations in most subjects. Only Maths and Science and have tiers.





The KS4 common core: (Things all students still have to study)

- English Language and Literature
- Mathematics
- Combined Science (Double Award)
- RE (Short Course)
- P.E.
- Citizenship
- Sex and Relationship Education

Students also have to pick an additional EBacc subject as one of their options:

Geography, History, French, Spanish, Computer Science or Triple Science

Good performance in these subjects provides a secure foundation for future study and improves career prospects.



Common Core 7 GCSEs

🎇 English Language & Literature **Mathematics Combined Science (Double Award)** Triple Science takes up one Option 0.5

(Short Course)

(not examined)

Physical Education

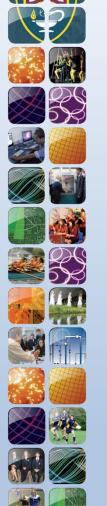
Option A

Geography, History, French, Spanish, Computer Science or Triple Science

This structure will be repeated across most schools in the country



CURRICULUM OPTIONS











Common Core	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	
English Language & Literature			Full	Full	
Mathematics	EBacc	Full	GCSE	GCSE	
Combined Science (Double Award)	GCSE	GCSE	Vocational course		
RE (Short Course)			at level	el 1 spread	
PE	over 2		options		



General Options

Full GCSE choices (4 from the following subjects)

Art and Design

Computer Science

Creative Media Production

Drama

Engineering Design

Enterprise and Marketing

Food Preparation & Nutrition

French

Geography

Health & Social Care

History

Information Technologies

Music

Spanish

Sport BTEC

Travel & Tourism

Triple Science



Applied Options

There are a small number of these courses:

Construction

Hair & Beauty

These qualifications are suitable for Foundation and Entry Level learners achieving 'Beginning' and 'Developing' in their assessments.



Additional Guidance

Certain subjects should not be combined.

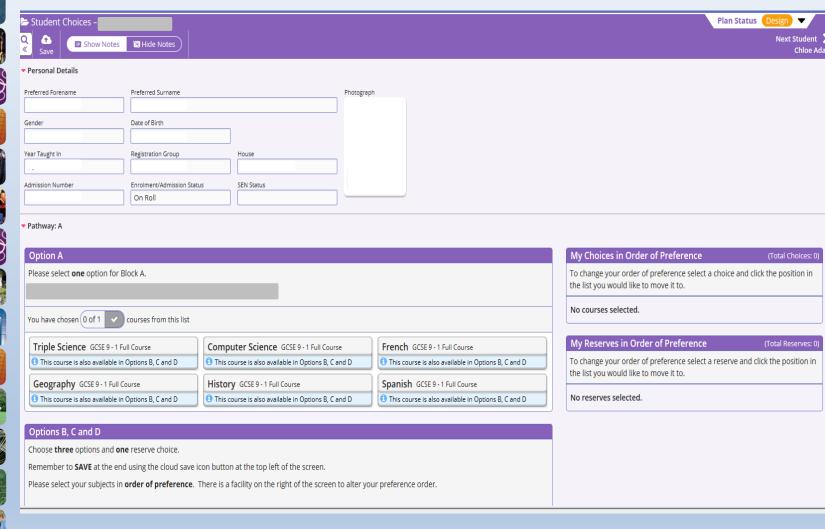
We cannot guarantee that every subject opted for will be running.

We also cannot guarantee that everyone will get all of their first choices.

Class sizes will need to be around 25 on average.



ONLINE OPTIONS FORM





PAPER VERSION



























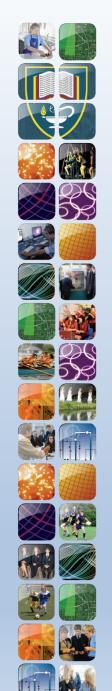
Option A

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Computer Science	
French	lacksquare
Geography	
History	
Spanish	
Triple Science	

Options B. C & D

Write 1, 2, 3 and R in the box next to each subject choice to show your order of preference (R = Reserve choice)

*			Fine Art	
*			Art, Craft and Design: Graphics	
			Business	
			Computer Science	
			D&T: Food Preparation and Nutrition	
			D&T	
			Drama	
			French	
	R		Geography	
			Health and Social Care	
	3		History	
			Creative Media Production	
			Media Studies	
			Music	
			Spanish	
			Sport (BTEC)	
			Triple Science	
			Construction Single	
#			Construction Double	
#	2	1 1	Hair and Beauty	



FAQs

- What if an option is over or under-subscribed?
- What if I cannot have one of my options?
- All my teachers tell me I should do their subject....
- Will teacher X take me for that subject?
- Will my friend be in my class?
- If I do not do Triple Science, will I still be able to do a Science A level?
- I want to study a modern language but I do not have a high target, can I opt for it?
- If I do not do a subject at KS4, can I do it at Post 16/ KS5?



Thank you for attending.

A wide range of teaching staff and members of SLT will be available around the site to answer any questions you may have at this stage.

Please contact us if you have any queries regarding the Option process.