

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.



A vertical strip of 30 small images arranged in two columns of 15. The images alternate between photographs of school activities and abstract geometric patterns. The photographs show students working on projects, using computers, and participating in sports. The abstract patterns include various geometric shapes like squares, circles, and lines in different colors and orientations.

NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE									
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CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE									



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 **2**

Mathematics **1**

Combined Science (Double Award) **2**

Triple Science takes up one Option

RE (Short Course) **0.5**

Physical Education **(not examined)**

Option A **1**

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	EBacc GCSE	Full GCSE	Full GCSE	Full GCSE
Mathematics				
Combined Science (Double Award)			Vocational course at level 1 spread over 2 options	
RE (Short Course)				
PE				

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

Blue subjects: EBacc – must choose at least one

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

Student Choices -

Plan Status **Design**

Next Student > Chloe Adam

Save

Show Notes

Hide Notes

Personal Details

Preferred Forename

Preferred Surname

Photograph

Gender

Date of Birth

Year Taught In

Registration Group

House

Admission Number

Enrolment/Admission Status

SEN Status

Pathway: A

Option A

Please select **one** option for Block A.

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

Triple Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

This course is also available in Options B, C and D

Computer Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

This course is also available in Options B, C and D

French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

This course is also available in Options B, C and D

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

This course is also available in Options B, C and D

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

This course is also available in Options B, C and D

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

This course is also available in Options B, C and D

Options B, C and D

Choose **three** options and **one** reserve choice.

Remember to **SAVE** at the end using the cloud save icon button at the top left of the screen.

Please select your subjects in **order of preference**. There is a facility on the right of the screen to alter your preference order.

My Choices in Order of Preference (Total Choices: 0)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No courses selected.

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 0)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No reserves selected.

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PAPER VERSION

Option A

	TICK ONE
Computer Science	<input type="checkbox"/>
French	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>
History	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Triple Science	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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.