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GUIDED CHOICES 2025

We believe that every child...

- should be able to fulfil their potential.
- should have access to the qualifications they need to move on to college, training or apprenticeships.



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The CORE (compulsory) Courses

English

Mathematics

Science

Religious Studies and PSHE

Core Physical Education

3 Option Subjects

Humanity (Geography or History)

Two 'guided choices'

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Subjects and Qualifications

- **Vocational** awards are **work-related qualifications** suitable for a wide range of students. Typically, students need to complete controlled assessments and examinations throughout the two years.
- **GCSEs** are more traditional qualifications assessed solely by exam at the end of Year 11.
- Both types of qualification are considered “high value” and accepted by employers and further educational establishments across the country.



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OPTION P	OPTION Q	OPTION R
History	French	Art
Geography	Mandarin	Engineering
	Art	Health and Social Care
	Drama	Hospitality
	Engineering	Photography
	Health and Social Care	RE
	Travel and Tourism	Sport
	Media Studies	Travel and Tourism
	Music	Triple Science
	Sport	

Each option subject is taught for 6 periods a fortnight.

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The English Baccalaureate

- The English Baccalaureate is awarded to any student who secures good (Level 5+) GCSE passes in English, Mathematics, Science, a language (Mandarin or French) and a humanity (History or Geography).
- This full combination of GCSEs at grades 5 or above will entitle you to a certificate recording your achievement.
- We will be discussing this route with identified students.



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Guided Choices Booklet 2025-2027

My Guided Choices

Please read through this booklet carefully.

This booklet contains information on each of the subjects available to you in Year 10. If you would like further information on any of the subjects, please see the member of staff highlighted at the bottom of each page.

You need to select your guided choices using the paper form or the online form by Friday 22nd March. Paper forms should be returned to Mr Sorrento. Alternatively, you can use the electronic form on our website.

Art and Design (GCSE)

You will be learning about:

Different artists (historical, modern and contemporary), designers and art cultures. You will have the opportunity to focus on the ones that interest you for example Robert Banksy, Pablo Picasso, Antony Gormley, Damien Hirst, Cartoon artists (Marvel comics and Walt Disney), Manga, Aboriginal, Egyptian, Stella McCartney, Vivienne Westwood and many more.

You will develop practical skills in a wide range of two and three-dimensional art materials and then focus on one or more materials of interest including drawing pencil, colour pencil, pastel and mixed media), painting, sculpture, textiles, digital photography, printmaking (mono, lino and etching), computer aided design (Photoshop) etc. You will have the opportunity to work with local artists, visit local industries and galleries.

How will this subject help me in the future?

Art and Design develops your visual knowledge and practical skills as well as your understanding skills both in a spoken and written way. These are invaluable skills and will support all careers, but especially art related ones such as animator, artist, designer (computer, costume, textile, interior, landscape and web), director, hairdressing, illustrator, photographer, make-up artist, teaching, and more.

When should I ask if I need more information?

What we tell our students



- choose courses you know you will enjoy
- choose courses you are interested in
- choose a range of different courses, so that you have a broad base from which to choose your post-16 courses
- read the subject information very carefully
- ask the advice of your subject teachers and Form Tutor
- discuss it with your parents



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What we tell our students



- choose a course simply because your friends have
- allow either you 'like' or 'dislike' of particular teachers to influence your choice
- choose a course because you think it might be easy
- drop any subject you may require for entry to a particular occupation or course



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Cautionary Note

- We will not let students take courses that are unsuitable, this is not to make them miserable but to ensure they are given the best opportunity to succeed.
- We cannot guarantee that everybody will get their first choice.
- Entry to examination courses will not be automatic.



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Year 9 Options Form 2025

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Please pick a **FIRST** choice and a **SECOND** choice from each of the Option Blocks above and write them below. Please remember, although all effort will be made to do so, we cannot guarantee you will get all of your first choices.

OPTION P	OPTION Q	OPTION R
1 st choice	1 st choice	1 st choice
2 nd choice	2 nd choice	2 nd choice

Student Name: _____ Form: _____

Signed by student: _____

Signed by parent: _____

This form must be completed and handed to Mr Sorrento

The Form



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Date	Step
4 th and 5 th March 2025	Subject Taster sessions
14 th March 2025	Deadline for options
Wb 24 th March 2025	Initial one-to-one meetings

Extra Support

<https://cliffparkoa.co.uk/curriculum/ks4-guided-choices>



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Any Questions?

