

Year 8

Options Evening

Wednesday 13th March 2019

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The Options Process

Your options choices will enable you to focus on a smaller number of subjects.

It is important that you choose subjects that will:

- Keep your options open for further study and future careers.
- Help you to develop a range of useful knowledge and skills.
- Enable you to engage positively in order to secure the best possible qualifications at the end of Year 11.

Why do we start in Year 9?

- To give you more time to cover course content and prepare examination skills.
- To allow more time in lessons to study subjects in more depth and create enrichment opportunities.

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Our Curriculum

Students will study 9 or 10 qualifications..

Core GCSEs:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths
- Science (combined or triple)

Options qualifications:

- Option 1
- Option 2
- Option 3
- Option 4

Students will also be taught PE, cultural studies and our enrichment curriculum.

Options Subjects

We offer a wide range of qualifications:

	Business & Humanities	Creative & Performing Arts	English & Languages	Maths & Computing
GCSEs	Business <i>Classical Civilisation</i> Geography History Religious Studies	Art Design & Technology Drama Food & Nutrition Media Music PE Three-dimensional Design	French German Spanish	Computer Science
OCR Cambridge Nationals	Marketing & Enterprise	Sport Science		ICT
BTEC National		Creative Media		

Your Choices

	Subjects
Option 1	You must choose one subject from: Computer Science, French, Geography, German, History or Spanish
Option 2	Free choice
Option 3	Free choice
Option 4	Free choice
Reserve option	We will do our best to give all students your preference, however it may be that we have to offer you a reserve choice
After-school	Classical Civilisation

The English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

What is the EBacc?

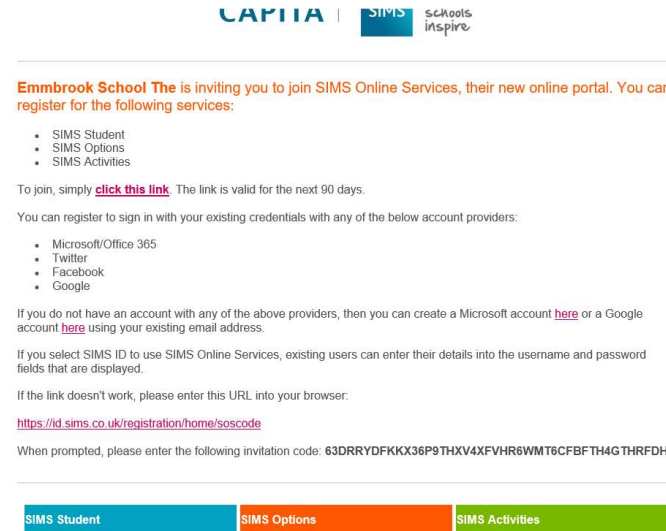
English Language and English Literature, Maths, the Sciences, History or Geography and a language.

What are the benefits of studying the EBacc subjects?

- Studying these subjects will keep more options open after Year 11.
- Studying the EBacc can improve performance in English and Maths (source: Sutton Trust).
- Russell Group universities value these subjects (for example, UCL require a modern foreign language for entry onto any of their courses).

How to Apply

Students will have an invite in their email (Office 365) which will look like this:



Students should click on the Sims Student link and then register using their school Office 365 account.

They will then go to Sims Options (the orange link) and will be directed to select their options.

They will be given a handout in form time tomorrow.

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Advice on Making the Right Choice

Do:

- Make informed choices.
- Pick subjects that interest you.
- Pick subjects you are good at.
- Choose a variety of courses.
- Challenge yourself.

Don't:

- Pick a subject because your friends are doing it.
- Pick a subject that you think will be easy.
- Pick a subject because you like a particular teacher.

Next Steps

Talk with Curriculum Leaders/teachers.

Look at the Options Pages on our website.

Talk with the Careers Advisor.

Research subjects, courses and careers.

Complete your option application using the Parent app.

Deadline for submitting choices: **Wednesday 3rd April**

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