



Options

2025

OPTIONS SELECTION PROCESS

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The Key Stage 4 Options at St Peter and St Paul Catholic Voluntary Academy are designed to provide students with a broad and balanced curriculum that best meets the individual needs and aspirations of all students.

We aim to provide our learners with the skills and qualifications to carry on to the next stage in their career, whether Sixth Form, college, apprenticeship or further training.

Three Key Pathways

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Academic

Students will take GCSEs and aim to achieve the English Baccalaureate (EBacc).

Academic Vocational

Students will opt for a range of GCSEs, BTEC or OCR vocational subjects.

Access

Students will be guided in their options which may include GCSE, Entry Level, Level 1 and 2 in vocational subjects along with skills for personal and working life.

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Students in current groups OAK, ASH and ELM plus other suitable candidates

will follow the Academic Pathway; selecting at least one humanity subject and one language.

Students in current groups YEW

may follow either the Academic or Academic Vocational Pathway but should consider taking either one humanity subject, one language or Computer Science as a minimum.

Option Blocks 2025-2026		
Option A	Option B	Option C
History	Geography	History
Spanish	French	Spanish
Business	Computing	Food Tech
Drama	Sport	Music
Geography	Art	H&Sc
Asdan	Hospitality	Creative Media

Good reasons for choosing an option:

- ⇒ You are good at the subject and it interests you
- ⇒ It fits your career ideas and plans
- ⇒ It goes well with your other choices
- ⇒ It helps to give you plenty of choice after Year 11
- ⇒ You think you might want to continue studying it after Year 11

Making the most of Options Evening

Suggested information to think about as you speak with teachers:

- What teaching materials will be used.
- How the course will be taught (i.e. will lesson content mostly be practical or theoretical?).
- How the course will be assessed and which exam board is used.
- How much independent study will be required.
- Types of careers each subject can lead to.

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Please click below to complete an Option Choices Form:

[**Option Choices Microsoft Form**](#)

To help consider your options after GCSE please visit our [**Sixth Form Pathways webpage.**](#)

Timeline

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Y9 Options discussions: During Personal Development lessons in Lent 1/2

Y9 Options Parents' Evening: February 26th

Y9 Subject Information: Available on SSPP website / via subject teachers

Y9 Options Evening: March 12th

Y9 Options form: Following Options Evening, a Microsoft form needs to be completed and returned by Friday 28th March

Y9 Options allocations: Confirmation letters issued in Pentecost 2