



Year 9 into Year 10

KS4 Options Evening

Tuesday 8th April





# Capital School Curriculum 2025/26



# Improvements to the Curriculum for 2025/26

- Currently 8 x 45 mins (6 lesson transitions)
- New 6 x 60 mins (4 lesson transitions) - **more learning time**
- Two Week timetable – Week A&B – **more flexible curriculum for KS3**
- Less unstructured time where students complete independent work
- Introduction of more accessible but internationally recognised BTECs into both KS4 and KS5
- Expanding KeyStage 4 subject provision – BTECs (and iGCSEs)
- New KeyStage 5 subject provision – BTECs (and A-Levels)
  
- Reintroduction of 'Enrichment' into the curriculum... mandatory and optional sessions



# Enrichments

## **Compulsory Enrichment**

- Careers
- Life skills
- Revision skills
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- Work experience?!

## **Optional Enrichment**

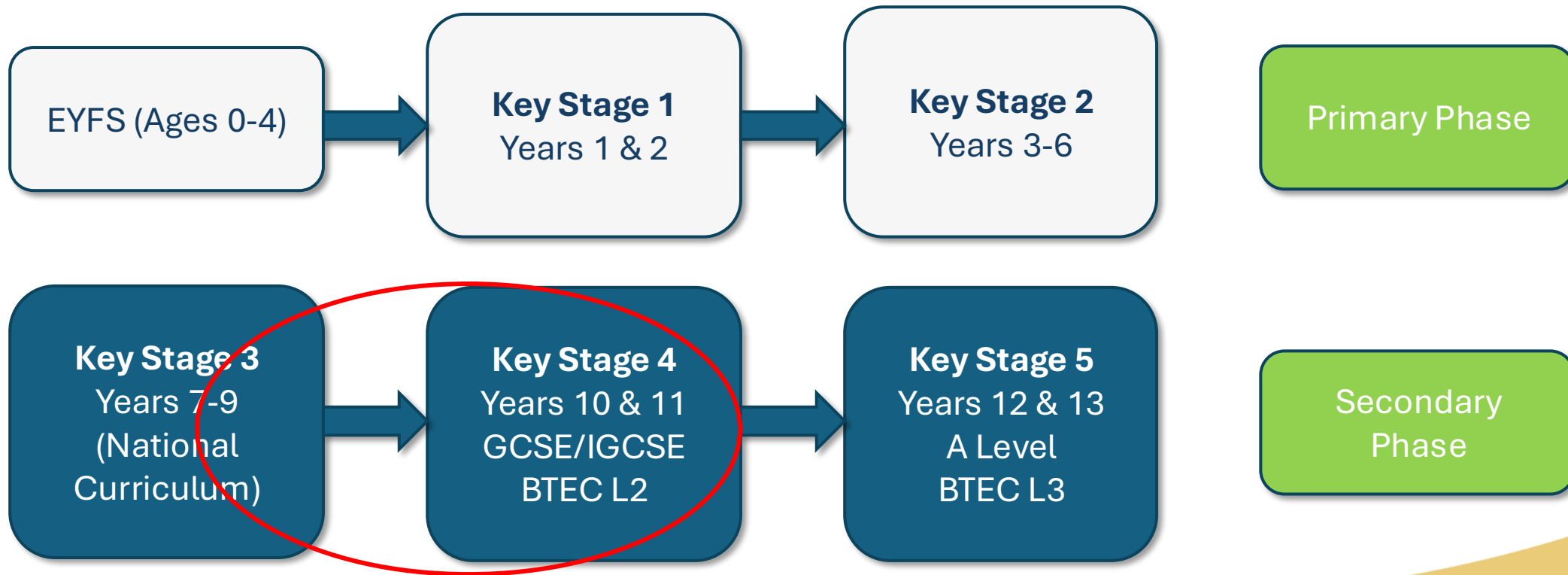
- 'fun' clubs that the student elect to take part in
- Vertical classes (Yr7-11 inclusive)
- Sport, coding, art, writing, problem solving...



# Year 9 Options

# The 'Structure' of British Education

In the British education system, a child's journey through school is broken into 6 different stages:





# The Current Curriculum Provision in Year 9

- English (Language and Literature)
- Maths
- Science
- Arabic A / Arabic B-French
- Social Studies
- Islamic A
- Spanish
- Art (new this year)
- Geography
- History
- PE
- ICT



# Typical KS4 Curriculum

Highlighted subjects are non examined.

- English Language
- English Literature
- Combined Science (B, C, P)
- Maths
- Islamic Studies
- Arabic A\* / **Ss** or **Arabic B** / Spanish\* / (support studies)
- **Pe – Games**
- Option A
- Option B
- Option C





# Key Stage 4 Options (Level 1&2 Courses)

These are the subjects you can choose from...

- IGCSE PE / BTEC Sport
- IGCSE Business Studies / BTEC Business Studies
- BTEC Art and Design
- IGCSE ICT
- BTEC Travel and Tourism
- IGCSE Computer Science
- IGCSE Geography
- IGCE History
- IGCSE Economics

You will need to choose 3 subject from the list



# BTECs and iGCSEs

- iGCSE – Terminal Exams at set points in Year 10 or Year 11
  - Linear – All iGCSE Exams are at the end of Year 11
  - Modular – Exam at the end of Year 10 and Year 11
- BTECs – A Portfolio of evidence collected over Year 10 and Year 11



# Are iGCSEs and BTECs Equivalent?

Yes!

Old Grading Structure	GCSE 9-1 Points		BTEC Tech Award		
	Grade & Points	Grade terms	Grade	Points	
A*	9		L2 D*	8.5	
	8				
	7				
A	6		L2 D	7	
	5		L2 M	5.5	
B	4		Strong Pass (DfE)	L2 P	4
	3	Standard Pass (DfE)	L1 D	3	
C	2		L1 M	2	
	1		L1 P	1.25	
	U		U	0	
D					
E					
F					
G					
U	U				

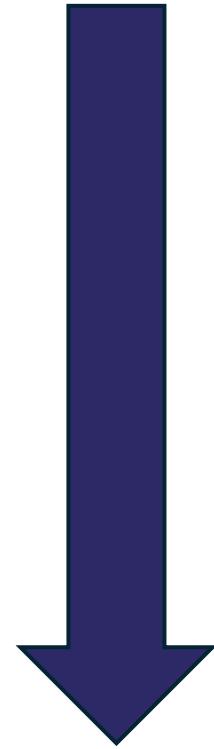


# What next after year 11? (Level 3 subjects)

- '6th form' - Year 12 & 13 at Capital School
- Continuation of BTECs – Level 3
- A-Levels

# Timeline

- Options Assembly – Monday 10th March
- Pre-Options Survey Completed – Monday 10th March
- Options Evening - 8<sup>th</sup> April (6pm – 7:30pm)
  - Options booklet received
- Options form collected – 24<sup>th</sup> April
- Options processed
- Pupil conversations
- Options confirmed – End of May





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**OPTIONS  
BOOKLET**

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The cover of the 'Options Booklet' features a blue background with a white circular cutout showing two students in school uniforms reading a book together. The Capital School logo is in the top right corner. The title 'OPTIONS BOOKLET' is prominently displayed in white text on a dark blue background. At the bottom, there are social media icons and contact information for Capital School Bahrain.

# Pre Options Survey



Compulsory **IGCSE Examinations** subjects (those you must do):  
**English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Combined Science.**

Compulsory Non-Examination Subjects

Arabic A\* / Ss or Arabic B / Spanish\* / (support studies), Pe – Games

Which subject would you like to study.

This is not your final decision.

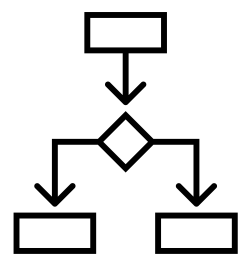
Complete the form and return to a member of staff before leaving the assembly

Subject	Choose 3 (Please tick)	
BTEC Travel and Tourism		
IGCSE Computer Science		
IGCSE Geography		
IGCSE History		
IGCSE Economics		
IGCSE PE*		
BTEC Sport		
IGCSE Business Studies		
IGCSE ICT*		
BTEC ICT		
IGCSE Art*		
BTEC Art and Design		

Completed by all year 9 pupils on Monday 10th March



**You have received the Options Choices Form**  
  
**Deadline 24th April**



**Year 9 into KS4 IGCSE Options choices**

Dear Year 9 Parents and Pupils,

Now that all pupils and parents have received the options information booklet and had the opportunity to speak to teachers regarding subject information and IGCSE/BTEC option, all pupils entering Year 10 now need to finalise the subject options that they wish to take as part of their Key Stage 4 programme, which they will study through both Years 10 and 11.

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**English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Combined Science.**

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 \*Students may choose to sit the IGCSE Exam in Arabic or Spanish, this will not count as one of your option choices.

You then need to select 3 subjects that you might like to study for your IGCSE qualification plus one reserve.

Subject	Choose 3 (Please tick)	
BTEC Travel and Tourism		
IGCSE Computer Science		
IGCSE Geography		
IGCSE History		
IGCSE Economics		
IGCSE ICT		
BTEC Art and Design		You cannot choose both IGCSE PE & BTEC Sport.
IGCSE PE or BTEC Sport*		
IGCSE or BTEC Business Studies*		The same with IGCSE & BTEC Business,

In addition to the 3 first-choice options please also nominate Two RESERVE choice by writing 'R1' and 'R2' in the column next to the subject you are nominating as a reserve.

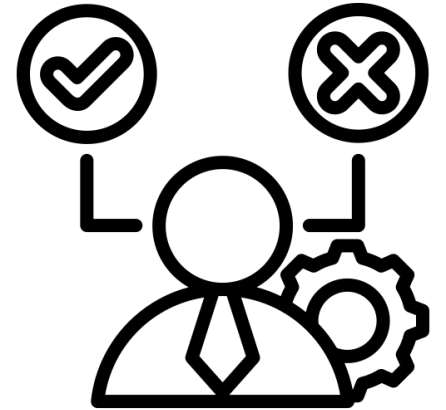
## Choosing the Right Subjects

1. What subjects do you like and why?
2. What subjects do you dislike and why?
3. What are you good at?
4. What have you been recommended to do by teachers?
5. What do you need? How far ahead have you looked? Is your choice flexible?

Why you should NOT choose a subject:

Student should not generally allow themselves to be influenced by:

1. Whether they like or dislike their current teacher in a particular subject
2. What their friends are choosing (since their interests and plans for the future may be quite different)



# What now?

## Subject Information

- Opportunity to speak to subject specialists in the 'market place'.
- Ask questions and gather information from teachers to guide you in the decision making process
- Complete and return the Options Choices form to form tutors
  - Select 3 subjects and 2 reserves
  - Deadline 24th April

