

Year 8

Options

Evening 2018

Mr Monk - Head of Year 8

Purpose of the evening

- Information relating to the curriculum and the optional subjects
- Opportunity to speak to teachers to gain detailed subject information
- Understanding of the process

Why choose now?

- 3 years for your GCSE's instead of 2 years
- Opportunity to study subjects in more depth
- Reduced time pressure
- Better GCSE results



Making the right choice



- ✓ Reflects your interest and personal qualities
- ✓ Enjoyment & balance
- ✓ Supports how you learn in the best way
- ✓ Achievement
- ✓ Future aspirations





Avoiding the wrong choices

- ✘ Choosing a subject to be with your friends
- ✘ Not researching the subject thoroughly
- ✘ Too much focus on a single career path
- ✘ Picking subjects to be with your favourite teacher

What do all students have to study in year 9?

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Physical Education (core)
- PSHE



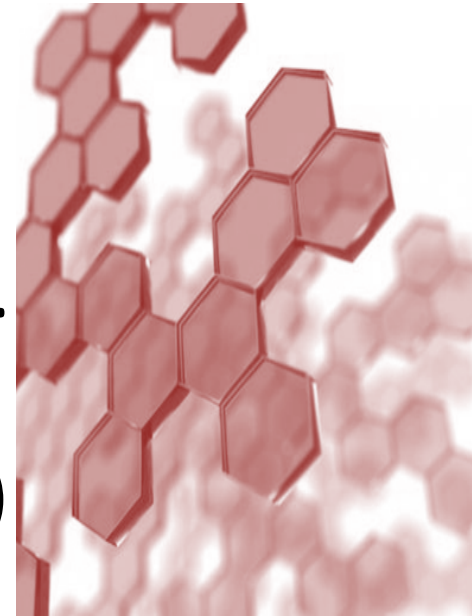
Science Courses

➤ **Double Science** (2 GCSEs)

In year 9, students can choose to do....

➤ **Triple Science** (3 GCSEs: Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

- Exam first to review student's suitability
- Students have to then opt in to triple science



Pathways

- Two Pathways have been created to support you for your remaining three years at PCS:

The pathways are:

- **Baccalaureate** – this is for students currently following the PCS Baccalaureate
- **Progress Pathway** – this is students that are not following the baccalaureate course

What would a year 9 student timetable look like?

PCS Bacc students:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Language
- Core PE
- PSHE



Progress Pathway students:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Finance
- Core PE
- PSHE

GCSE Grading Structure

NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE		CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9		A*
8		
7		A
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4		C
3		D
2		E
1		F
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New qualifications – VCerts or Technical Awards

- V Certs and Technical Awards are technical alternative qualifications to GCSEs at Key Stage 4
- They are viewed as equal to GCSE qualifications by the government, colleges and employers
- Many schools have moved to these qualifications in technical and practical subjects
- Suitability for our students
- Graded differently to GCSE, but have equivalence

Old GCSE Grading Structure	New GCSE Grading Structure	V Cert Grading Structure	
A*	9	Level 2	D* 8.5
A	8		D 7
	7		M 5.5
B	6		P 4
	5	Level 1	D* 3
C	4		D 2
D	3		M 1.5
E	2		P 1
	1		
F			
G			
U	U	NYA (not yet achieved)	

Support and Advice

- Options booklet
- Subject Presentations
- Parents Evening
- Individual Interviews
- Head of Year and Form Tutor
- Taster lessons
- Daniel Hawkins – Ambassador from Brighton University



Careers Advice



Contact:

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Key Dates

- Thursday 25th January – Parents Evening
- Friday 2nd February – Deadline for Forms

Thank you!