



Key Stage 4 Options 2025

Curriculum Information for Students and Parents

Tarporley High School & Sixth Form College

KS4 Options Process

An Overview of the Process

- Autumn/Spring term Careers Preparation
- w/c 13th Jan Subject information in lessons & Options Booklet sent home
- 15th January Options Assembly
- 23rd January Options Evening
- 27th February Parents Evening
- 10th March Options Deadline



GCSE Grading

The Big Picture

Features of GCSEs:

- A grading scale of 9 to 1 is used, with 9 being the top grade.
- Assessed mostly by exams.

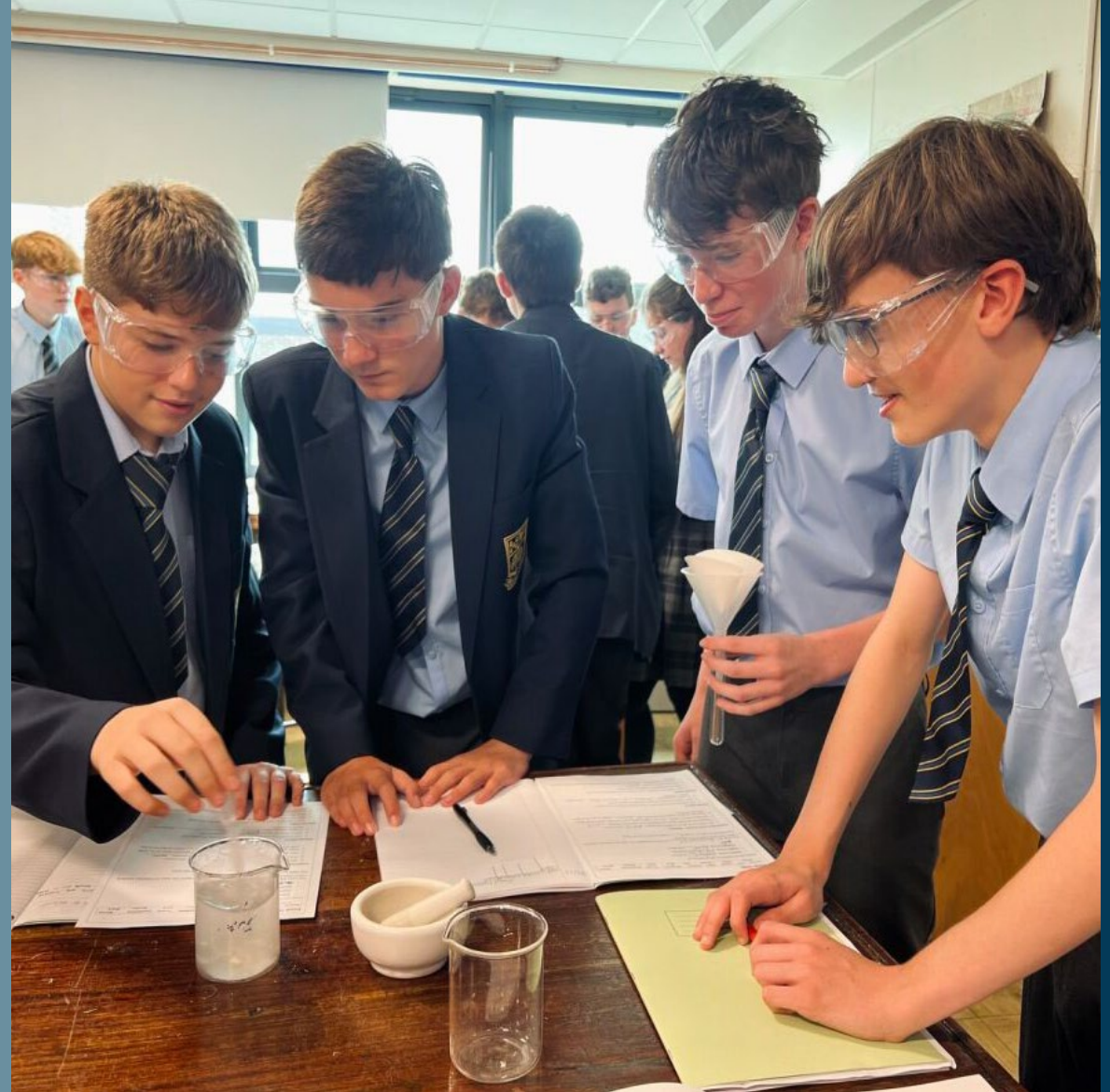


The KS4 Curriculum at Tarporley

This Presentation

The Key Points

- **Core Subjects**
- **GCSE Science Pathways**
- **3 Broad Routes with personalised Pathways**



The Core Subjects

- ✓ English Language
- ✓ English Literature
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Science (Combined or Separate)
- ✓ *(Physical Education)*
- ✓ *(Religious Education)*



Science Pathways

Separate Science (Core + I Option)

- 3 GCSEs
- 14 hours of curriculum time
- Higher Tier Only

Combined Science (Core)

- 2 GCSEs
- 9 hours of curriculum time
- Higher and Foundation Tiers



Which Science Pathway?

Combined Science (Core)

- **This is a course suitable for students of all abilities.**
- **Students can transition to A Level Science from Combined GCSE.**

Separate Science (Core + 1 Option)

- **Students in top set Science should consider this option.**
- **Students in other sets should consider this course if they are achieving well in Science.**



The 3 Broad Routes

Your Own Pathway

- The English Baccalaureate Route
- The Alternative Route
- The Foundation Learning Route



The English Baccalaureate (Q) Route

Maths

Science

English Language

English Literature

Option Choices

4 GCSEs including a Language and History or Geography

The Alternative Route

Maths

Science

English Language

English Literature

Option Choices

***4 GCSEs including one of Separate
Science, History, Geography, French or
Spanish***

The Foundation Learning Route

Maths

Science (Combined)

English Language

English Literature

COPE Qualification/Support

Option Choices

*Any 3 GCSEs including one of
History, Geography or a Language*

The Foundation Learning Route – Key Contacts



Mr Pringle



Mr Martin

Selecting Options

Design & Technology: Food Preparation & Nutrition**	Design & Technology: Construction**	Design & Technology: Textiles **	Separate Science	Business Studies***
Spanish	Creative iMedia (ICT) (GCSE Equivalent)	French	Geography	Enterprise*** (GCSE Equivalent)
Religious Studies	Physical Education	Art and Design	Music	History
Drama		Computing		Media Studies

Option Blocks

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The vast majority of option combinations will be accommodated, however:

- Subjects that recruit very small numbers, unfortunately will not run.
- A small number of combinations will not fit in the teaching blocks.

In these cases, we will use the reserve option, however all students and parents in this situation will be consulted.



Making Choices

What to Consider - Advice

- The subjects that interest you and that you are good at.
- The breadth of your education.
- How you will be assessed.



Key Staff



Mr Pringle – SENCO



Mr Morrison – Year Leader



Mr Martin – Options Process

Speak to Subject Leaders and your teachers – they will be more than happy to talk to you.

Options Process – Mr Martin