



Biddick
Academy

Year 9 Options 2024

January 2024

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The Biddick Way



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“To get on to some courses at College/Sixth Form and certain apprenticeships, I will need a specific qualification”



Myth-busting

"If you choose RE, all you'll be able to do is become a vicar"

"All you do in Art is draw and paint"

"We just play football in Sport"

MYTH

"All you need to know to do well in History is follow the recipe"

"Spanish is just about memorising some phrases and repeating them in the exam"

"Physics is definitely the easiest Science"

"I heard that everyone who takes Business gets a 9"

"Is my handwriting colouring in right?"



Questions you may have

- How is the Key Stage 4 Curriculum at Biddick Academy structured?
- What Options should I choose?
- What should I consider when I am choosing my Options?
- Why are my choices important?
- How will I be supported in making these important decisions?



Key Dates

Date	Activity
18 th January	Key Stage 4 Curriculum Information Booklets
18 th January	Options Evening – 4pm to 6pm
19 th January	Options Surgery – Lunchtime
22 nd to 26 th January	Provisional Options Form
12 th to 16 th February	Final Options Form
4 th to 22 nd March	Senior Leadership Team Parent/Carer Meetings



The Curriculum Model

SUBJECT	TEACHING PERIODS PER FORTNIGHT
English Language or Literature	8
Mathematics	8
Science	9
History or Geography	5
Option 1	5
Option 2	5
Option 3	5
Physical Education	3
Religious Education	1
Personal Development	1
TOTAL	50

The Curriculum Model is subject to continual review and may change accordingly.

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Provisional Curriculum Structure

Pathway	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History Geography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Spanish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triple Science Computer Science Fine Art Digital Art Art and Design Textiles Hospitality and Catering Creative iMedia Religious Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History/Geography French Spanish Digital Art Sport Business Studies Creative iMedia Dance Drama Music
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**Option Blocks and courses offered are all provisional and the structure is subject to change according to subject demand, teaching group sizes and staffing.*



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Choosing your Options

- What are my favourite subjects and why?
- Are there any subjects I would like to study in more detail?
- Do I enjoy classroom learning or practical hands-on activities?
- Do I prefer project-based coursework or theory?
- Which subjects would I like to study beyond Year 11?
- Will my chosen subjects allow me to fulfil my educational and career aspirations?



Important Points to Note

- You must opt for a language to achieve the English Baccalaureate (Ebacc).
- You can only choose History AND Geography, Triple Science or Computer Science if you are in Pathway A.
- You can only choose French or Spanish if you have a minimum of a Grade 5 target in GCSE English.
- You are only allowed to select ONE Art discipline – Art and Design, Digital Art, Fine Art or Textiles.
- Whilst every effort will be made to ensure that you receive your first-choice preferences where possible, it should be noted that this is not guaranteed and as such, you will select TWO 'Reserve' Options choices just in case – allocation onto all courses of study are subject to popularity, teaching group sizes, staffing and minimum entry requirements.



Next Steps

- Come along to the Year 9 Options Evening and Options Surgery
- Read through the Key Stage 4 Curriculum Information Booklet
- Make contact with your teachers
- Complete and submit the Provisional Options form on Microsoft Forms
- Key points of contact:
 - Mr J Knowles (Assistant Headteacher) knowles.j@biddickacademy.com
 - Mr G Wood (Head of Year 9) wood.g@biddickacademy.com
 - Mr C Brown (Assistant Headteacher – Careers Lead) brown.c@biddickacademy.com



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Thank you!



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