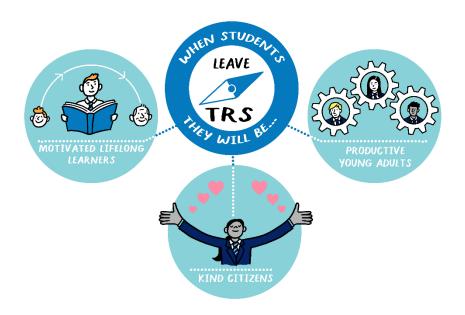


The Regis School KS4 Options Booklet 2025



Principal's Welcome



At The Regis School, we aim to provide an excellent education for all our students; an education which brings out the best in all of them and prepares them for success in life. Our aim is to nurture their academic and personal talents to enable them to acquire the powerful knowledge and skills that ensure they are ready for the next stage of their education or life. When they are ready to leave us, we want them to leave as productive young adults, ready to make a positive contribution to the world around them.

We believe that continuing to study an ambitious and balanced curriculum through Key Stage 3 and into Key Stage 4 provides the foundations of that future success. However, we also recognise that Key Stage 4 offers the opportunity for students to begin to make informed choices that shape their future pathways and allow them to pursue some of their interests and talents more deeply. Whilst their curriculum remains ambitious and balanced it also becomes bespoke, tailored to their choices, strengths, and future aspirations.

We know that our students can achieve great things in and beyond the classroom and that this success is, in part, based on making the right curriculum decisions as they move into Key Stage 4. Our aim is to do all we can to ensure students are able to make informed choices to secure a future pathway that is right for them. We recognise the critical role that parents and carers play in this transition and want to reassure you that we have incredibly knowledgeable and supportive pastoral and academic teams to guide you, and your child, through this process.

We look forward to working together in the best interests of the students and I hope that this booklet, along with the options evening, will provide you with the information you need, but please do not hesitate to get in contact using the key contacts page should you require further information or assistance.

Best wishes

Mrs Lewis Principal

The KS4 Options Process



Launch	Options Evening	Research
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March 3 rd	March 6 th	March 7 th to March 28 th
The options process is launched and introduced to students in an assembly with follow up activities in tutor time.	Year 9 options evening will take place on March 6 th between 17:00 and 18:45. This event is an opportunity for parents to attend a short presentation on the options process and meet with subject specialists and senior leaders to learn more about the courses on offer.	Following options evening, students and parents have a three- week window to complete further research, if necessary. Subjects may hold taster sessions during this time to support this stage of the process.
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March 28 th	From April 1 st	Summer Term
The options selection form will be distributed via email directly to parents on March 7 th , this form will need to be completed and submitted no later than 15:00 on March 28 th .	Each student's selection will be reviewed by the options team. Parents and students will be contacted if the selected options need to be discussed further.	We will write to parents and students to confirm their option choices in the summer term. At any point in the process, parents can contact the options team for support by emailing <u>options@theregisschool.co.uk.</u>



Pathways

At The Regis school, we want our students to be in the best possible position to prepare for their future. They may have a very clear idea of what they want that future to look like, but most students in Year 9 aren't completely sure what direction they want to take yet. This is usual at this stage, so it's important to keep their options open to give them the widest range of opportunities later. They will know which subjects they achieve well in, and those they enjoy. These will be significant factors when choosing their options.

The majority of students will follow one of two pathways that we believe give students the optimum level of guidance and choice when selecting their KS4 options. These are detailed below.

The Platinum pathway:

Students selected for this pathway will have the highest prior attainment and will be encouraged to follow what is referred to as The English Baccalaureate.

Students on this pathway will study the **core subjects alongside: Geography and/or History, French and/or Spanish plus two open choices.**

A study by the UCL Institute of Education showed that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education. To support the academic challenge of this pathway, students will also have the opportunity to study Triple Science and/or Further Mathematics.

The Gold pathway:

Most students will follow the gold pathway and will continue to study an ambitious, balanced, and bespoke curriculum. We encourage students to pursue the EBacc pathway but recognise that this is not always aligned with a student's attainment, interests, and future aspirations. If students on this pathway wish to study the full EBacc they may do so but will need to select a language as part of their option choices as well as History or Geography.

Students on the Gold pathway will study the **core subjects alongside one of: Geography, History, French, Spanish or Computer Science plus** <u>three</u> open choices.



CORE Subjects

GCSE English



Why should you study English?

Every day we use English to communicate. It is a vital part of our everyday lives and will often create the first impression a person makes on peers, potential employers and colleagues. English develops our skills in communicating ideas, opinions and in discerning what messages any text is conveying to us. Furthermore, English Literature is an important part of our heritage, and it is therefore essential that we study this and understand how our culture, society and language have developed across the centuries. Finally, colleges, universities and most employers expect applicants to have a grade 4 or 5 in English at GCSE level. Many of the skills taught in English will help you to be successful in other subjects too. Students will receive grades ranging from 9 - 1 with a grade 5 being equivalent to a high 'C' grade.

How will you be assessed?

We follow the AQA exam board. Both courses are assessed by exam only.

English Language is assessed as follows:

- Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing (1 hour and 45 minutes) 50% of the final GCSE mark
- Paper 2: Writer's viewpoints and Perspectives (1 hour and 45 minutes) 50% of the final GCSE mark.

English Literature is assessed as follows:

• Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century novel (1 hour and 45 minutes) 40% of the total GCSE mark

• Paper 2: Modern Texts and poetry (2 hours and 15 minutes) 60% of the total GCSE mark.

What will you learn throughout this course?

Most students will study for two GCSEs in their English lessons: English Language and English Literature. In studying the English Language course, students will draw upon a range of texts as reading stimulus and engage with creative writing as well as considering real and relevant contexts. Students will have opportunities to develop higher-order reading and critical thinking skills that encourage genuine enquiry into different topics and themes. Students will be able to demonstrate a confident control of Standard English and write grammatically correct sentences, deploying figurative language and writing for a specific audience and purpose. They will also learn to read and respond to a range of fiction and non-fiction texts from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. This specification will ensure that students can read fluently and write effectively.

In English Literature, students will study a range of set texts, including a Shakespeare play, a 19th Century novel, poetry, and modern prose and drama. As well as being able to write clearly and coherently, they will need to develop their critical reading and comprehension skills. They will need to be able to make inferences from a text, make comparisons between texts, and evaluate the use of vocabulary, grammatical and structural features by a writer.

What skills do you need to be successful?

Reading/literacy skills: You will need to read a variety of texts from different times in history and respond accordingly. Analysis skills: You will need to identify specific ways writers convey their ideas

Evaluative skills: You will need to judge how successfully writers have conveyed their message through the texts you will study.



English goes well with:

- Psychology
- History
- Sociology
- Religious Studies

What our students say:

Further study opportunities:

- English Literature
- Linguistics
- Creative Writing
- Psychology

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Future career opportunities:

- Lawyer
- Teacher
- Journalist
- Archivist



'English improves my reading skills which helps me in every subject I study. Without regularly practicing reading new texts, I wouldn't be as confident with crafting my own opinions about what I read in my daily life.'

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GCSE Maths

Why you study Maths?

Mathematics tackles the practicalities of everyday living – number, measure, data handling etc, but also enables us to spot patterns, make connections and develop our thinking. Ultimately, by studying mathematics we are able to solve all sorts of problems, both simple and complex.

How will you be assessed?

There is no coursework for GCSE mathematics. Assessment at present is solely through three external exam papers each worth 80 marks.

- Paper 1 (non-calculator)
- Paper 2 (calculator allowed)
- Paper 3 (calculator allowed)

Level of entry for the GCSE examinations will be based on students' performance in summative assessments, professional judgement and Mock GCSE exam results. There are two tiers of entry:

- Foundation Grades 5-1 are awarded
- Higher Grades 9-4 are awarded.

What will you learn throughout this course?

In Key Stage 3 we follow a programme which embeds and extends core mathematical skills: number, algebra, geometry, and statistics. Our aim is to ensure that our students are achieving skills which are at least age related by the end of Year 8.

Key Stage 4 builds on the skills embedded in Key Stage 3 and uses these as a foundation for GCSE topics. Students will be taught the full GCSE specification following the Edexcel scheme of work.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- Conscientious
- Logical
- Resilient
- Independent



Maths goes well with:

- Physics
- Business Studies
- Geography
- Product Design
- Engineering



Further study opportunities:

- Computer Science
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Psychology
- Engineering



Future career opportunities:

- Accountant
- Economist
- Software Engineer
- Market Researcher
- Financial Trader

What our students say:

"I enjoy my Maths lessons because my teacher gives me lots of support and using mini whiteboards lets me practice and not worry if I get stuck. It is interesting seeing the topics link together"



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GCSE Combined Science

Why should you study Combined Science?

This course is the standard offer for KS4 science at The Regis School. Most students will follow this path unless they opt to study the Triple Sciences. The combined science course provides an ambitious and balanced curriculum.

Achieving highly in GCSE Science is an excellent way to demonstrate a wide range of skills to support continuing your education post-16.

Combined Science offers you the chance to truly understand the world around you, including experimentation with energy and forces, chemical reactions, and the study of human anatomy & evolution.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Excellent communication

How will you be assessed?

At the end of Y11, students will sit six science papers. Two Biology, two Chemistry and two Physics. All papers are of equal weighting.

Each paper lasts 1 hour and 15 mins.

Students will receive two grades, which are calculated based on the combined score of all six papers taken.

What will you learn throughout this course?

Biology

Cellular Biology – Organisation – Infection & Response – Bioenergetics – Homeostasis – Inheritance, variation & evolution – Ecology

Chemistry

Atomic structure & periodic table – Bonding, structure, & the properties of matter – Quantitative chemistry – Chemical changes – Energy changes – Organic chemistry – Chemical analysis – Chemistry of the atmosphere

Physics

Forces – Energy – Waves – Electricity – Magnetism & electromagnetism – Particle model of matter – Atomic structure.



Combined Science goes well with:

- Geography
- Engineering
- Maths
- BTEC PE
- Psychology



Further study opportunities:

- Biomedical Science
- Chemical Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Forensic Science



Future career opportunities:

- Meteorologist
- Forensic Technician
- Laboratory Manager
- Cartographer



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What our students say:

"I love the variety of topics we do in science. There is always something new and interesting to learn"

"I really enjoy the practical skills we learn in science. They are skills that can help in lots of other subjects too"



Option Subjects



GCSE Art

Why should you choose Art?

Independence and creativity have been listed as the highest skill set that global markets have identified as needed from 2025. A GCSE in Art give you both. The creative industries are some of the biggest and fastest growing industries in this country, and there is a lot of money to be made in them!

Visual Arts gives you the opportunity to explore and express your own ideas, with support from the teacher to create individual more personal artworks in a variety of media.

How will you be assessed?

Portfolio (coursework) 60% Externally set task (exam project) 40% Within this, for both parts, you are assessed on 4 assessment objectives that cover the following:

- Recording ideas whether this be through photography, drawing or other media.
- Studying artists and using this to develop ideas of your own.
- Refining ideas by experimenting and trying them out in a controlled way
- Creating a final piece that is backed up by the above.

What will you learn throughout this course?

You will improve your practical skills in photography, drawing, painting, sculpture, and any other media you want to explore. You will learn how to work through a project, recording ideas and developing them through studying other artist, experimenting with different ideas and media then refining these ideas to a personal final response for each project, your final piece. You will learn how to explore your OWN ideas and be independent in this.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- Be brave & experimental
- Independent
- Creative
- Passion for the Arts



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Art goes well with:

- History
- Technologies
- Media Studies
- Modern Foreign Language



Further study opportunities:

- Fine Art
- Illustration
- History of Art
- Graphic Design



Future career opportunities:

- Architect
- Fashion Design
- Digital Content Creator
- Product Design

What our students say:

"Its great to be able to explore my own ideas and our teacher encourages us to do things that are brave and different. I like having the opportunity to express myself in different ways"

"I like doing something creative. It's nice to take a break from doing revision or reading, to do something more expressive and less repetitive"

GCSE Business Studies

Why should you choose Business Studies?

This is a qualification that is engaging and inspiring. It reflects the demands of a truly modern and evolving business environment which will enable you to develop as commercially and enterprising mind. It covers huge range of business topics from an exploration of how and why businesses start, moving through to the issues and decisions businesses make as they grow. It contains real life business examples so you can relate to it straight away.

The many transferable skills you'll develop are in high demand, such as communication, decision making, numeracy, presentation and generally understanding how an organisation operates. As a business graduate, you'll have a wide variety of career choices along with the aptitude required to work in any industry.

How will you be assessed?

There are two written exams in the Summer of Year 11, both 1 hour 45 minutes long, of equal weighting.



Business Studies goes well with:

- Geography
- Engineering
- Media Studies
- Product Design
- English

Further study opportunities:

- Management Studies
- Accounting
- Marketing
- Hospitality, Leisure & Tourism

What will you learn throughout this course?

Theme 1 concentrates on the key business concepts, issues and skills involved in starting and running a small business. It provides a framework for students to explore core concepts through the lens of an entrepreneur setting up a business.

Theme 2 examines how a business develops beyond the start-up phase. It focuses on the key business concepts, issues and decisions used to grow a business, with an emphasis on aspects of marketing, operations, finance and human resources. It also considers the impact of the wider world on the decisions a business makes as it grows.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- Research Skills
- Numeracy Skills
- Literacy Skills
- Communication Skills
- Creativity



Future career opportunities:

- Entrepreneurship
- Advertising Executive
- Business Continuity Planner
- Market Research Analyst
- Fundraiser



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What our students say:

"I like this subject because it relates to the real world. I can see that what I am learning will directly help me when I leave school."

"This subject has hugely helped me with my confidence. It makes me put myself out there, something I am not used to doing."



GCSE Computer Science

Why should you study Computer Science?

The qualification will build on the knowledge, understanding and skills established through the Computer Science elements of the Key Stage 3 programme of study. The content has been designed not only to allow for a solid basis of understanding but to engage learners and get them thinking about real world application.

OCR's GCSE (9–1) J277 specification in Computer Science encourages you to be inspired, and challenged through completing a coherent, satisfying and worthwhile course of study. The specification will help you to gain an insight into related sectors. It will prepare you to make informed decisions about further learning opportunities and career choices.

How will you be assessed?

Year 10

- A series of coding projects in Python allowing students to develop their skills to design, write, test & refine programs.
- Exam based questions covering the theory covered in class

Y11 GCSE

- There are 2 components all assessed in exams
- Computer Systems 1 hour 30 minute exam worth 50% of final mark
- Computational Thinking, algorithms and programming 1 hour 30 minute exam worth 50% of the final mark.

What will you learn throughout this course?

To understand and apply the fundamental principles and concepts of Computer Science, including problem solving, logic, algorithms, and programming.

Analyse problems in computational terms and have exposure to practical experience of writing computer programs in order to solve such problems.

To learn about, discuss and evaluate both new and unfamiliar technologies.

Become responsible, confident and creative users of Computer Science and related technologies.

Understand the components that make up digital systems, and how they communicate with one another and with other systems.

Understand the impacts of digital technology to the individual and wider society.

Practical programming in Python via small coding projects.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- Computer Literate
- Very good Mathematic skills
- An interest in coding
- An interest in the ever-changing world of computing & technology
- Attention to detail



Computer Science goes well with:

- Further Maths
- Business Studies
- Engineering
- Physics



Further study opportunities:

- Engineering
- Robotics
- Aerospace
- Software

What our students say:

"I really enjoy being able to find coding solutions to problems, it is something that has always interested me and its great that I can study this in school"

"I enjoy learning about how computers actually work and finding solutions to problems"



Future career opportunities:

- Web Developer
- Broadcast Engineer
- Cyber Security Analyst
- Games Designer



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GCSE Design Technology

Why should you study Design Technology?

Design Technology is the study of the material world around us. This course develops our students in becoming responsible designers and creative problem solvers. They can choose whether to work with textiles or resistant materials such as wood and plastic.

How will you be assessed?

50% Non-Examined Assessment This NEA requires students to produce a design folder and a final prototype of their design. They are assessed on their research, design, problem solving, making and evaluation skills.

50% Exam Subject content includes core DT theory as well as specialist plastics, timber, metals and textiles materials theory.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- A Problem Solver
- Creative & Experimental
- An interest in how things work
- Commitment to learning new skills & techniques
- Analytical
- Computer Literate



Design technology goes well with:

- Art
- Geography
- H&S Care
- Science
- Maths

Further study opportunities:

- Product Design
- Textiles
- Architecture
- Video Game Design
- Journalism

What our students say:

"I enjoy studying product design because it gives us the opportunity to be creative and solve real life problems. Also, I can make projects from different materials, using different machines and equipment which is valuable because I will be able to use the skills in future."

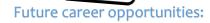
What will you learn throughout this course?

Year 10 DT students quickly develop professional practical skills by making a commercially viable product in their chosen materials area. A design and make task is launched later in the Autumn, where students have opportunity to choose an inspirational theme close to their own interests. They will then apply these in the design and manufacture of a product suitable for a client of their choice.

Theoretical content of this GCSE supports understanding of the design work by considering the design process in workshop and industrial scales. Students gain specialised knowledge of materials looking at where they come from and their environmental impact. Industrial practice in the modern World is covered, as well the history of design icons from the past.

The context for the Non-Examined Assessment will be set by AQA during the Summer of Year 10 and is completed in the spring of Year 11. Students are challenged to design and make a new product that will typically answer issues that are relevant to our modern world. They can guide their work to areas that interest them and could create products with far-reaching uses. This involves a mixture of teacher led activities and independent learning as students work towards making

a final piece.



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- Graphic Designer
- Architect
- Fashion designer
- CAD Technician
- Stylist



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GCSE Drama

Why should you choose Drama?

Drama is fun! But it is also a fantastic subject that will help you with real life skills. It develops communication, creativity, team working skills, public speaking and so much more. Drama prepares you for life! Though we do lots of performance, there are also opportunities to go down other routes. Maybe you're really interested in lighting, sound or costume.

In Drama, you work hard but it's great fun! Every lesson is active and exploratory. You get to create your own work as well as work on scripted pieces. We also have regular trips to the theatre and take part in workshops led by industry professionals.

If you liked Drama in Year 9, wait until you get to Year 10! It's the best!

What will you learn throughout this course?

You will explore different types of performance and techniques and learn how to create your own drama pieces. As well as this you will discover a range of new and exciting scripts that you will explore performing.

Drama students don't just learn about the skills of acting but they also get a taste for backstage, learning skills in lighting, sound, set and costume design. Some students will also explore directing.

This course is 40% practical and 60% written meaning there will also be written tasks you will need to complete. Some of this is in the form of coursework and some in the form of a written exam.



Drama goes well with:

- Media Studies
- English
- Textiles
- Music



Further study opportunities:

- A Level Drama
- Level 3 BTEC in Performing Arts
- Apprenticeships
- A Level Theatre Studies

What our students say:

'I love Drama. It's my favourite subject. It's so much fun! You get to do loads of different stuff and we've already been to the theatre. It's great. You should do it.'

How will you be assessed?

Component 1 - Devising (40%)

For this unit you explore three different types of drama and then create your own piece of drama that lasts approximately 10 minutes. With this unit you also complete a portfolio which discusses your rehearsal process and an evaluation at the end of the unit.

Component 2 - Scripted (20%)

For this unit there is no written work, you are required to learn a 10 minute script that you would perform in groups to an examiner.

Component 3 - Written Exam (40%)

This is a written exam where you are asked about a play called 'Find Me' by Olwen Wymark. Students explore this practically, thinking about how they would direct, act and design for the play. This exam also includes a section called 'Live theatre' where you are required to review a performance you have been to see.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- A passion for Drama
- Confidence in some area (performance or design)
- The ability to work in a group
- Creativity
- Resilience this is a hard course which requires a lot of time and effort.



Future career opportunities:

- Actor
- Broadcaster
- Film Producer
- Set Designer



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GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition

Why should you study Food P&N?

Food Preparation and Nutrition is suitable for any student who is passionate about food and who enjoys working with a range of ingredients to cook and create new recipes. Studying FP&N allows students to acquire the knowledge that will enable them to make informed decisions about food and nutrition in order to feed themselves and others affordably and nutritiously, now and later in life.

This course helps students develop their creativity. They often excel in food preparation, achieving high levels of practical skills and understanding of a range of techniques. Food provenance, the working characteristics of ingredients and their scientific properties are also important theoretical elements.

How will you be assessed?

Non-Examined Assessment - 50%

The context is provided by the examination board themes often include multicultural dishes, life stages and specific dietary needs.

Written Examination - 50%

What skills do you need to be successful?

- Organisation & Time Management
- Creative & Experimental
- A love of food and culture
- Commitment to learning new skills & techniques



Food P&N goes well with:

- Science
- Business Studies
- Geography
- Media Studies



Further study opportunities:

- Food Technology
- Food Nutrition
- Consumer Science
- Business Management

What will you learn throughout this course?
Food Preparation and Nutrition focuses on the importance

of nutrition, exploring the link between diet, well-being and health. Students will learn how to carry out nutritional profiling of the food they have made, allowing them to modify dishes to comply with current government health advice.

Students will learn how to plan, prepare, cook and present wide range of dishes to restaurant standard. They will become competent in a range of cooking techniques, for example; applying heat in different ways, making and shaping pastry, pasta and bread dough and setting proteins with heat through coagulation. They will develop awareness of taste, texture and smell to decide how to season dishes, combine ingredients and adapt recipes.

Students will study moral, ethical, social and sustainability issues involving the food industry as well as seasonality. They will learn about elements of the food industry, from sensory testing to health and hygiene.

Students are expected to be organised and **provide ingredients for regular practical lessons.** Demonstrating a range of high level food preparation skills is essential to successfully complete the NEA elements of the course. However, individual circumstances will be taken onto consideration and supported by the department.



Future career opportunities:

- Dietitian
- Product Researcher
- Food Marketing
- Culinary Management



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What our students say:

"I really enjoy Food Prep because I know I am learning really useful life skills. I am learning new cooking and presentation skills and the food science lessons help me understand how recipes work"

GCSE French



Why should you choose French?

A GCSE in a Modern Foreign Language will ensure that you leave school with a new skill for life alongside an understanding of the culture and history of Francophone countries. Studying a new language provides a deeper insight into your own language, boosting your literacy and comprehension skills, both of which will be essential when applying for further study, jobs or apprenticeships. With French being a native language to France, Belgium, Switzerland, Canada and the French Caribbean, as well as an official language across Africa and Asia, your GCSE could lead to international travel and will certainly strengthen your CV when applying for jobs that involve communicating with clients and companies internationally or working within the travel industry. You will have the opportunity to study aspects from a diverse range of subjects in French, from Sociology to History and Literature, with the freedom to choose the topic that you are most interested in when completing the Speaking assessment. Language learners are risk takers as there are many grammatical, pronunciation and cultural mistakes to be made along the way, however the result is a transferable communication skill for life and a cultural appreciation which helps us to better understand the global, multicultural world that we live in.

At The Regis School we strongly recommend and encourage students to study one modern foreign language. Students will only be able to opt for the language they have studied in Years 7, 8 and 9 to ensure that they have the necessary skills and vocabulary knowledge to complete the GCSE.



French goes well with:

- History
- Drama
- Sociology
- Psychology

What our students say:

Further study opportunities:

- Travel & Tourism
- Linguistics
- European Studies
- French Studies

"I really enjoy French. It's nice to study something that I can see myself using in the future."

"I enjoyed GCSE so much, I decided to take French further to A Level"

What will you learn throughout this course?

Whereas in Years 7, 8 and 9 pupils are introduced to the vocabulary and grammar basics needed to talk about a variety of GCSE topics, in Year 10 pupils are in a position to have more detailed and spontaneous discussions, showing an increased sophistication in their use of tenses, opinions and justifications. Pupils will explore questions ranging from "what do celebrations look like around the world" to more divisive debates such as "should Smartphones be banned at school, as they have been in France?" Opportunities are planned for pupils to practise the four skills of Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking alongside the taught content, grammar and translation.

How will you be assessed?

There are 2 possible tiers of entry:

Foundation (grades 1-5) and Higher (grades 4-9) Listening, speaking, reading and writing are assessed separately by external exams at the end of the course. Each skill is worth 25% of the final grade. The speaking exam will be set and marked by the exam board, but carried out by the class teacher.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- Curiosity for other cultures and ways of experiencing the world
- Problem Solving
- Resilience when faced with new challenges
- Organisation
- Ability to independently research



Future career opportunities:

- Translator/Interpreter
- Travel Industry
- Publisher
- Content Creator



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GCSE Geography

Why should you study Geography?

Geography is everywhere; it teaches you about people, places and the natural and built environment; it also considers the challenges that arise when the relationship between people and their environment is unsustainable. Geography is rich and unique in that you study both social science, such as population and development, but also allows you to delve into earth science through the study of the physical landscapes such as rivers, coasts and plate tectonics.

How has globalisation created a sense of a 'shrinking world'? How am I contributing to climate change through my everyday actions? How are we going to feed the world's rapidly expanding population? Why are some countries miles ahead in development, whilst others find themselves stuck? What are our industries doing to the environment and what is being done to protect it? What is happening to the overcrowded mega-cities of the world? What are we dumping in the world's oceans? How will we ensure enough clean water for our future? How can people respond to natural hazards such as flooding and hurricanes?

Geography creates global citizens, something that is essential to life in the 21st century. Global citizens are people who are able to think geographically, seeing how interlinked the world is, who are conscious of the consequences to the actions of continued human consumption, and know the steps needed to create a positive contribution to the world, both locally and globally.

What will you learn throughout this course?

You will study both the physical and human environment as well deepening your knowledge and understanding of the world around you by looking at current challenges such as migration and climate change.

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- Physical topics include tectonic and atmospheric hazards, the changing nature of the natural landscape, and the threats certain biomes face through natural and human processes.
- Human topics include the opportunities and challenges faced by an ever-growing, ever urbanising world, and the factors which encourage or hinder development on local and global scales.
- Fieldwork and Geographical Skills all students have to complete two days of fieldtrips and they will study a human and a physical environment. There is a small cost attached to this fieldwork, with the trips being a compulsory element of the course.

How will you be assessed?

Paper 1: Global Geographical Issues Paper 2: UK Geographical Issues Paper 3: People and Environment Issues- Making Geographical Decisions. Each paper is 1hr 30 minutes long.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- Critical Thinking & Decision Making
- An Inquisitive Mind, interest in current affairs
- Conscientious & self aware



Geography goes well with:

- Biology
- History
- Sociology
- Languages



Further study opportunities:

- Economics
- Agriculture
- Travel & Tourism
- Conservation

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Future career opportunities:

- Environmental Scientist
- Urban Planner
- Sustainability Consultant
- Market Researcher



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What our students say:

"Geography brings all elements of our world together, allowing us to look at what our future looks like and how we can impact it"



BTEC Health & Social Care

Why should you choose Health &

Social Care?

Health and Social Care (HSC) is a subject that opens up a plethora of career options and is a completely new subject that you will not have had the opportunity to study before!

If you're interested in going into a career in care, childcare, the emergency services, medical profession or are just generally interested in health, H&SC is the subject for you.

Students will also be able to complete 30% of their HSC qualification in year 10 as it is a BTEC subject which relieves some of the pressure in year 11.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- Good Writing Skills
- Problem Solving
- Inquisitive
- Resilient

How will you be assessed?

The HSC course is a BTEC qualification. Students will complete two PSAs (coursework) and one exam.

- Component one PSA conducted in timetabled lessons in year 10. (30%)
- Component two PSA conducted in timetabled lessons in year 11. (30%)
- Component three Final exam at the end of year 11. (40%)

What will you learn throughout this course?

Individuals who study HSC will learn about the growth and development stages individuals go through from birth until old age. They will also study the roles of different health and care professionals and how they can support individual who need medical or social care.



H&SC goes well with:

- English
- PE
- History
- Sociology
- Psychology



Further study opportunities:

- Midwifery
- Early Childhood Practice
- Health & Social Care
- Nursing
- Social Science



Future career opportunities:

- Social Worker
- Emergency Service
 Worker
- Nursery Worker
- Health Visitor



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What our students say:

"Health and Social Care is a great subject that has helped me to think about different career options I would like to pursue once I leave TRS. The lessons can be interactive and there are lots of opportunities to use the computers to research further into the subjects we are studying."



GCSE History

Why should you choose History?

The study of history helps us to make sense of our dynamic and interconnected world. Studying history helps students to understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time. History is a GCSE that is highly respected by both employers and colleges. The development of knowledge, analytical and literacy skills to present information can be applied to a wide variety of college courses and jobs.

What skills do you need to be successful?

Essay writing skills-to be able to write extended responses which use specific fact to show understanding of the past and make substantiated judgements.

Chronological thinking, which is the ability to understand, organize and write in detail about events in chronological order.

Historical comprehension, the ability to read, understand and write about a range of interpretations and primary sources.

Historical analysis and interpretation, which is the ability to evaluate, compare different interpretations about past and then write about the differences.

What will you learn throughout this course?

Year 10

The British Sector of the Western Front 1914-1918-the impact of war on medicine.

Medicine though time c1250-present day

Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-39. We will consider the impact of World War One on German society and government followed by the rise of the Nazi Party and consolidation of power.

Year 11

Superpower Relations and the Cold War 1941-1991. We will examine the causes of the development of tension between the USA and the USSR as well as the reasons for the end of the Cold War.

Early Elizabethan England 1558-88 with focus on the challenges that Elizabeth faced in her reign.

How will you be assessed?

100% Examination at the end of Year 11



History goes well with:

- English
- Drama
- Sociology
- Religious Studies



Further study opportunities:

- English Literature
- Economics
- Philosophy & Ethics
- Psychology



Future career opportunities:

- Lawer
- Teacher
- Journalist
- Archivist



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What our students say:

"I really enjoy studying history because the content is relevant to what is happening in the world today. The Cold War unit has been particularly interesting because it links to events in the Ukraine"

BTEC Media Studies

Why should you choose Media Studies?

In 'the online age' the media play a major role in our lives. They are the main providers of information and entertainment. The Media can shape what we know about the world and are often our main source of ideas and opinions, so it makes sense to investigate what they provide and why. By doing the course you will acquire high order media literacy skills that will enable you to access a broad range of social and cultural experiences and are transferable to a wide range of careers. You will have the opportunity to produce your own media texts using industry standard technology. The media industries in this country employ thousands of people directly and make the employment of thousands of others possible.

If you have a personal interest in any specific media form - music, film, television, magazines, the internet and you want to investigate these further then Media Studies is for you!

What will you learn throughout this course?

You will learn to be analytical of media texts as well as exploring how media products engage learners. You will also have the opportunity to develop your creative skills through photography and photoshop skills. You will also learn the importance of pre-production skills.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- Analytical & Creative
- Motivated & Organised
- Willingness to learn & explore new skills



Media Studies goes well with:

- Business Studies
- Music
- English
- Textiles

How will you be assessed?

Two internally assessed units and one external assessment. Component One: Exploring Media Products

You will develop your understanding of how media products are created for specific audiences and purposes in each of these sectors: audio/moving image, print and interactive media. You will explore the relationship between genre, narrative and representation in media products, and develop your understanding of how they are interpreted by audiences. You will learn how media production techniques are used to create different effects. **Component Two: Developing Digital Media Production**

skills

Working in the creative media industry involves the application of a wide range of practical processes, skills and techniques. The industry requires practitioners who can create products that are effective and well-matched to their audience and purpose. In this component, you will develop practical media production skills and techniques in the publishing sector.

Component Three: Create a Media Product in response to a brief

You will respond to a client brief and create a product in the publishing sector. You will interpret the client's needs and engage in the process of ideas generation, selecting and refining your ideas until you are satisfied that you have an idea that meets the requirements of the brief. You will undertake pre-production planning to demonstrate how your ideas will be implemented within a planned media product. Throughout the pre-production process, you will need to monitor and review the effectiveness of your planning and intended outcome to ensure that your planned media product is fit for audience and purpose.



Further study opportunities:

- Journalism
- Broadcasting
- Film Studies
- Sociology

Future career opportunities:

- Journalism
- Broadcasting
- Content Producer
- Editorial Assistant



Lead Teacher: Mrs Taylor Lisa.taylor@theregisschool.co.uk

What our students say:

"I love the creativity element of this course. There is more autonomy and freedom in this subject."

"This is a great choice for those who enjoy learning new skills and experimentation in PhotoShop."

GCSE Music



Why should you choose Music?

If you already play an instrument or sing, you can develop your skills whilst working towards a GCSE. If you already enjoy writing your own music or songs, you can use this ability and experience towards your GCSE.

If you are a creative person who wants to learn to make music this course will give you that chance. If you love listening to music, and can spot all the details, sing every riff and "air-drum" every beat you have already developed some of the abilities you need.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- The ability to play an instrument or sing to grade 3 standard.
- Imagination & Creativity
- Enjoy listening to different styles of music.
- Determination & Commitment

How will you be assessed?

Unit 1 Performing 35%

You will perform a minimum of two pieces, lasting a total of 4 minutes, recorded in the year of assessment (Usually Year 11.)

One piece must be an ensemble (group piece) lasting at least one minute. You can use any instrument or voice or choose a technology option.

Unit 2 Composing 35%

Two pieces:

One in response to a brief set by the exam board – there are 4 to choose from each year. You will also write an evaluation of this piece.

One free composition – ANY style you want to write in. **Unit 3 Appraising 30**%

Listening examination based on the following areas of study:

AoS 1 Musical Forms and Devices AoS 2 Music for Ensemble AoS 3 Film Music

What will you learn throughout this course?

You will develop valuable knowledge, practical skills and a wider understanding of the music performance and songwriting. The course will allow you to develop your skills through practical and creative application in a vocational context.



Music goes well with:

- Media Studies
- English
- Drama
- Psychology



Further study opportunities:

- Musical Theatre
- Music Business
- Songwriting
- Sound Engineering



Future career opportunities:

- Journalism
- Composer
- Music Therapist
- Theatre Director

What our students say:

"Music is so much fun! We get to learn how to create music using different software as well as performance opportunities"



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GCSE Psychology

Why should you choose Psychology?

Explore the world of Psychology and discover the intricacies of human behaviour, mental processes, and social interactions. GCSE Psychology provides a comprehensive introduction to this intriguing subject, equipping you with the knowledge and skills to understand the complex workings of the human mind.

Psychology is gaining widespread recognition as an essential subject, with its popularity evident in GCSE enrolments. In recent years, the number of students taking GCSE Psychology has surged by over 50%, demonstrating a growing interest in the field. Choosing GCSE Psychology opens doors to a multitude of university courses. This subject is highly regarded by Universities, due to it's reputation for critical thinking, analytical skills, and an interest in human behaviour.

Psychology is a stimulating and challenging subject that will stretch your intellectual abilities. Students will delve into scientific research, evaluate evidence, and form reasoned conclusions.

A GCSE in Psychology can pave the way for a diverse range of career paths. From counselling and therapy, to research and education, to data and analysis, this subject provides a solid foundation for various professional endeavours.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- A scientifically and mathematically minded, with an understanding of anatomy & human mind.
- Critical thinking and Analytical skills
- Resilience and Perseverance

What will you learn throughout this course?

• **Development:** Understand stages of human growth and factors that shape us.

• **Memory:** Learn processes of memory, from encoding and storage to retrieval and accuracy.

• **Psychological Problems:** Explore addiction and depression, understanding causes, symptoms, and treatments.

• Brain and Neuropsychology: Investigate the brain's structure and function, exploring the impact of neurological conditions.

• **Social Influence:** Discover how social context influences our thoughts, beliefs, and behaviours.

• **Criminal Psychology:** Examine the causes of crimes and rehabilitation methods.

• Sleep and Dreaming: Understand the significance of sleep and dreams, understanding their influence and influencing factors.

•**Research Methods:** Enhance critical thinking skills by learning how psychologists design, conduct, and interpret research.

How will you be assessed?

Paper 1 - 1 hour and 45 minutes - 55% of the qualification

The topics assessed in Paper 1 are: Development, Memory, Psychological Problems, Brain and Neuropsychology, and Social Influence

Paper 2 - 1 hour and 20 minutes - 45% of the qualification

The topics assessed in Paper 2 are: Criminal Psychology, Sleep and Dreaming, and Research Methods



Psychology goes well with:

- History
- English
- Biology
- Religious Studies

What our students say:

"The topics are engaging and relevant to me, making learning Psychology both enjoyable but informative. Whilst there is a lot of information, I really enjoy the level of challenge in this subject."



Further study opportunities:

- Psychology
- Law
- Anthropology
- Politics



Future career opportunities:

- Social Worker
- Psychiatrist
- Public Relations
- Human Resources

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GCSE Religious Studies

Why should you choose Religious Studies?

There are so many reasons to take Religious Studies! First, RS is enjoyable! We explore major ethical and philosophical questions like 'Is there a God?', 'Is the death penalty ever acceptable?', 'Is there life after death?', 'Why do we punish criminals?', 'How did the world originate?', 'Should religious believers help the poor?', and 'Is it right to experiment on animals?'

Also, Religious Studies is simple. In RS we only have five different types of questions: 1, 2, 4, 5 and 12 mark questions. RS students find the questions simple to learn how to answer and clearly understand what is expected of them in each question.

RS is challenging. RS makes us think more clearly, more deeply, and more critically about the world, ethics and the big questions of life.

Furthermore, RS is relevant. Without it, much of the world today won't make sense. But with RS you will gain a better understanding of English, Geography, History, Politics and Sociology, as well as a deeper appreciation of books, TV, films, music and contemporary culture.

Finally, RS benefits us as individuals. It makes us thoughtful, well-rounded and compassionate helping us consider the perspectives of others and try to see the world from the point of view of others.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- Organisation
- Curiosity, Open minded and non judgmental
- Engaged in the world around us and a willingness to learn



RS goes well with:

- History
- Geography
- Sociology
- Art

What our students say:

'I love taking GCSE RE – the topics are so interesting and I love getting to learn about so many different religions and big topics'



At the end of Year 11 we sit two papers: The Study of Religions (Paper 1) Thematic Studies (Paper 2). There are five question types whic

There are five question types which are repeated throughout each paper:

- a 1 mark multiple choice question,
- a 2 mark 'Give two...' question,
- a 4 and 5 mark question which ask you to 'Explain two...' religious beliefs,
- a 12 mark question. This 12 mark questions always involve a controversial statement (E.g. 'There is no God') which we evaluate.

What will you learn throughout this course?

Religious Studies GCSE is split into two sections.

The first is the study of religions. In this part of the course we study the religions of Islam and Christianity to a greater depth than in KS3. For each religion we examine their beliefs and practices.

The second section is thematic studies. In this part of the course we look at religious approaches to particular 'themes', including life and death, ethical issues such as abortion and euthanasia, the existence of God, crime and punishment, human rights and social justice.



Further study opportunities:

- Philosophy & Ethics
- Law
- Anthropology
- Politics



Future career opportunities:

- Journalist
- Human Resources
- Social Worker
- Aid Worker

Lead Teacher:

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GCSE Triple Science

Why should you study Triple Science?

Triple Science is a fantastic option for those students on the platinum pathway who have a passion and interest for Science. It will give you the opportunity to study specific areas of Science in more depth which is great preparation for those wanting to study the Sciences at A level and beyond.

What will you learn throughout this course?

You will learn all the same content as the Combined Science cohort in addition to the following: Biology:

- The brain and the eye
- Homeostasis in action (kidney)
- Theories of evolution (Lamarck vs Darwin)
- Food security

Chemistry:

- Organic reactions (alcohols, carboxylic acids, esters)
- Polymers
- Using our resources (allows, fertilisers)

Physics:

- Nuclear fission and nuclear fusion
- Force and pressure
- Ultrasound and seismic waves
- Light (reflection, refraction, lenses)
- Space



Triple Science goes well with:

- Further Maths
- Psychology
- BTEC PE
- Geography



Further study opportunities:

- Engineering
- Medicine
- Forensic Science
- Pharmacy
- Astrophysics

What our students say:

"I really enjoy studying human Biology in more detail and learning all about medical treatments such as dialysis"

"I love the variety of topics we do in science. There is always something new and interesting to learn"

How will you be assessed?

At the end of year 11, students will sit six science papers. Two Biology, two Chemistry and two Physics. All papers are of equal weighting.

Each paper lasts for 1 hour and 45 minutes and is out of 100 marks.

The first paper for each subject assesses knowledge taught in year 10. The second paper for each subject assesses knowledge taught in year 11.

Their final grade for each subject is the combined score for both papers.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Excellent communication



Future career opportunities:

- Doctor
- Astrophysicist
- Marine biologist



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GCSE Spanish



Why should you choose Spanish?

A GCSE in a Modern Foreign Language will ensure that you leave school with a new skill for life, alongside an understanding of the culture and history of Spanishspeaking countries. Studying a new language provides a deeper insight into your own language, boosting your literacy and comprehension skills, both of which are essential when applying for further study, jobs or apprenticeships. With Spanish being a native language in Spain and across Latin America, your GCSE could lead to international travel and employment opportunities within the travel industry and will certainly strengthen your CV when applying for jobs that involve communicating with international clients, companies, and organisations. You will have the opportunity to study aspects from a diverse range of subjects in Spanish, from Sociology to History and Literature, with the freedom to choose the topic that you are most interested in when completing the Speaking assessment. Language learners are risk takers as there are many grammatical, pronunciation and cultural mistakes to be made along the way, however the result is a transferable communication skill for life and a cultural appreciation which helps us to better understand the global, multicultural world that we live in.

At The Regis School we strongly recommend and encourage students to study one modern foreign language. Students will only be able to opt for the language they have studied in years 7, 8 and 9, to ensure that they have the necessary skills and vocabulary knowledge to complete the GCSE



Whereas in years 7, 8 and 9 students are introduced to the vocabulary and grammar basics needed to talk about a variety of GCSE topics, in year 10, students are in a position to have more detailed and spontaneous discussions, showing an increased sophistication in their use of tenses, opinions and justifications. Students will explore topics ranging from global issues such as 'climate change & the environment' to more divisive debates such as 'should bullfighting be viewed as an important cultural tradition, or animal cruelty.' Students practise the four skills of Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking, alongside the taught content, grammar and translation.

How will you be assessed?

There are 2 possible tiers of entry:

Foundation (grades 1-5) and Higher (grades 4-9) Listening, speaking, reading and writing are assessed separately by external exams at the end of the course. Each skill is worth 25% of the final grade. The speaking exam will be set and marked by the exam board, but carried out by the class teacher.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- Curiosity for other cultures and ways of experiencing the world
- Problem Solving
- Resilience when faced with new challenges
- Organisation
- Ability to independently research



Spanish goes well with:

- History
- Drama
- Sociology
- Psychology

Further study opportunities:

- Travel & Tourism
- Linguistics
- European Studies
- Spanish Studies
- What our students say:

"Spanish has really become my passion. The lessons are so fun - I learn helpful and useful phrases easily through group activities, vocab quizzes, and even learning songs!"

"I love that I am not only learning to speak Spanish, but I am learning about the culture too."



Future career opportunities:

- Translator/Interpreter
- Travel Industry
- Publisher
- Content Creator



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BTEC Sport

Why should you choose BTEC Sport?

You will explore three exciting units that allow participants to apply learnt knowledge and skills to a variety of relevant vocational contexts.

The first unit explores the different types of sport and physical activities, the barriers to participation in sport and ways to overcome these barriers. You will also research the equipment and technological advances in these chosen sports and investigate how this impacts participation in various sporting sectors.

In the second unit, you will investigate the components of fitness and their effect on sporting performance, take part in practical sport and analyse the roles and responsibilities of officials in sport. Throughout the unit, you will also develop your own sports leadership skills by planning, organising, and leading sporting drills and activities to improve other participants' sporting performance.

In the final unit, you will develop your knowledge of the positive effects of physical exercise on the human body along with the importance of regular fitness testing. You will also develop your knowledge of anatomy and physiology and the positive impact of sport and fitness on the human body.



Sport goes well with:

- Biology
- Psychology
- Business Studies
- English



Further study opportunities:

- Sports Performance
- Sports Education
- Sport & Exercise Science
- Sports Management



Future career opportunities:

- Sports Coaching
- Personal Trainer
- Physiotherapy
- Sports Journalism



Lead Teacher:

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What will you learn throughout this course?

Pupils will have the opportunity to develop applied knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- Investigating provisions for sport including equipment and facilities to enhance sport.
- Planning and delivery of sport drills and sessions and develop their own practical sporting performance.
- Fitness for sport including fitness testing and methodology.

How will you be assessed?

The BTEC Tech in Sport qualification is made up of three components. Components 1 and 2 are assessed through non-exam internal assessments. Component 3 is a 1hour 30min exam that is externally assessed and completed at the end of the qualification.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- Resilient
- Motivated
- Leadership
- Organised
- Passion for sport and physical health

What our students say:

"I like that BTEC sport deepens my understanding of the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle. I also like that it gives me a chance to develop my leadership skills."

GCSE PE

Why should you choose GCSE PE?

Studying GCSE Physical Education will open your eyes to the amazing world of sports performance. Not only will you have the chance to perform in three different sports through the non-exam practical performance assessment component, you will also develop wide ranging knowledge into the how and why of Physical activity and sport.

The combination of the physical performance and academic challenge provides an exciting opportunity for students. You can perform, and then through the academic study learn how to improve your performance though application of the theory.

Physical Education is learned about through a range of different contexts and the impact it has on both ours and other's everyday lives. You will learn the reasons why we do things, why some people out perform others, mentally and physically. You will also delve into the ethical considerations behind the use of drugs and also gain an understanding of the consequences of inactivity and poor diet.

What skills do you need to be successful?

- Resilient
- Motivated
- Organised
- Passion for sport and physical health



Sport goes well with:

- Biology
- Psychology
- Business Studies
- English



Further study opportunities:

- Sports Performance
- Sports Education
- Sport & Exercise Science
- Sports Management



Future career opportunities:

- Sports Coaching
- Personal Trainer
- Physiotherapy
- Sports Journalism



"I like that GCSE PE allows me to be practically assessed in sport. I really like that I have to develop both a team and an individual sport to ensure I get the very best outcome. I love that the theory is used and applied throughout the practical lessons to help me see and do it practically too!..."

What will you learn throughout this course?

Pupils will have the opportunity to develop applied knowledge and skills in the following areas for example:

- Anatomy and Physiology: Looking at aspects such as the bones, muscles, types of joints and movements and short and long-term effects of physical exercise.
- Injury and their prevention
- Drugs in Sport
- Sports Psychology
- Health, fitness and well being.

How will you be assessed?

- Non- Exam Assessment (NEA).
- Three practical performances
- NEA. One Performance Analysis task.
- A total of two hours assessment split over two examination papers (2x 1 hour) taken at the end of the two year course.
- A wide range of Question types including: multiple choice, single mark, short answer and extended response questions.



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Qualification Types: GCSE & BTEC

With a GCSE you gain a grade from 9 to 1 (with 9 being the highest grade). GCSE courses mostly consist of theory and content being taught across the two years of KS4 with examinations taken at the end of Year 1. There may be some elements of coursework or controlled assessment in some subjects. Equally, some GCSE courses can be very practical, such as GCSE Art or Drama

When studying for a BTEC you often learn about a subject in a more practical, work-related manner. Assessment is spread across Years 10 and 11. These courses are ideal for those who would like part of their curriculum to involve the opportunity to complete coursework, and who enjoy independent learning as well as practical activities. There may also be an examination that you must pass in order to pass the course. You can achieve a Pass, Merit or Distinction. These Level 2 courses are equivalent to one GCSE.

You can find out more about a particular course by reading the relevant page in this booklet or by speaking to the teacher leading the course.

GCSE	BTEC
The General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) is an academic qualification in a particular subject.	BTECs can be more practical, specialist courses that are focused on a specific industry or job area.
They focus on studying the theory of subjects with written and some practical work.	BTECs tend to involve coursework and are assessed via a mix of project-based assessments, as well as written tests, online
Studies for GCSE examinations usually take place over a period of two academic years	assessments, and exams.
starting in Year 10 for most students, with exams being sat at the end of Year 11.	There are assessment windows across the two academic years, rather than one final window.



Frequently asked questions:

Which subjects/courses are not optional?

All students in Key Stage 4 study a suite of core subjects:

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Science
- Core RE (not examined)
- Core PE (not examined)
- PSHCE (not examined)

What is the English Baccalaureate, or 'EBacc'?

Whilst not a qualification, the EBacc is a set of subjects which keep young people's options open for further study, future careers and allows students to select a breadth of qualifications appropriate for their stage in school.

The EBacc qualification consists of English Literature; English Language; mathematics; science; history or geography alongside French or Spanish.

We feel that if students *can* take the EBacc they should and therefore a number of students have been selected to follow the Platinum pathway as part of their options process. Students that have not been pre-selected for this pathway can still study the EBacc by simply selecting the appropriate combination on their options form. If a student has been pre-selected for the Platinum pathway and, with parents, wishes to discuss this pathway further, we are happy to facilitate this.

How do we submit option choices?

Parents will receive an email on **Friday 7th March 2025 by 3pm.** This email will contain information and guidance along with a link to an electronic form where students can submit their options choices. It is important that parents and students discuss this selection before submitting the form. It can be very difficult for us to facilitate changes at a later date, so please do not rush this process. There is no advantage to submitting the form earlier than others.

When do I have to submit my child's options choices by?

The electronic form will need to be completed by **3pm on Friday 28th March 2025.**

I have no access to emails/have not received an email with a link to the form. What do I do?

If for any reason you do not receive an email with a link to the options form, please contact the options team at <u>options@theregisschool.co.uk</u>. If you are unable to complete the form from home, you can:

- 1) Complete using the computers in the school Hub.
- 2) Call and speak to your child's Head of Year or Director of Year who can complete and submit for you.

What happens if we miss the deadline for submitting the options form?

If an options form is not submitted by the deadline, we will try to 'mop up' the missing forms. If this is not possible, we will select a student's options for them based on them maintaining an ambitious and balanced curriculum, their performance in subjects throughout KS3 and their attitude to learning grades. Please note there is no advantage to submitting a form early BUT late forms could result in a student not being able to study their preferred option choices.



Will my child get the subjects they have chosen?

It is important to note that whilst we will make every effort to give students their first-choice subjects, this may not always be possible due to class sizes and timetable constraints. If this should occur, students will automatically be placed in their reserve option. To support this process students will be asked to select one reserve subject.

Are there any subjects my child can't do?

All students have an entitlement to study any of the courses we have on offer. Where there are genuine concerns about a student's suitability for a particular course, we will have an open discussion with you about this to ensure all students are supported.

I feel unsure how to best guide my child through this important process, where can I get support?

We recognise that at this point your child may not be clear about their future career goals and aspirations and so our intention is to set students up with the best possible suite of qualifications which doesn't narrow their curriculum too early and limit choices as they reach the end of their GCSE studies.

Please seek out support during options evening or if you would like to discuss any aspect of the options process further, please contact us directly via <u>options@theregisschool.co.uk</u>, requesting support and someone will get in touch.



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Students who need **subject specific** support should email their **class teacher** in the first instance or the subject lead. Details of **subject leads** can be found on our website at: <u>www.theregisschool.co.uk/contact-us-directions/all-staff-contact</u>

If a student needs **general support**, they should contact their **tutor**, who will either support them directly or put them in contact with another member of staff.

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