

Year 9 Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 20th February 2024
Wednesday 21st February 2024

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Welcome

What subjects should I choose?



How do I make a decision?



What are my options?



Support that your child will receive during the options process:

- Support from the KS3 pastoral team
- Support from subject staff
- Support from senior staff
- Support from our careers team
- Support from SEND specialists
- Support from yourselves



Pastoral Support

- We are aware that these decisions are big ones in the lives of your children. We are inviting you in so that you are as involved in the process as you can possibly be.
- There are a team of staff in Key Stage 3 that are happy to support whenever we can throughout this process.



Pastoral Support

- Many of you will already have our details but feel free to get in touch if you need any support or guidance.
- Communication is key for us so please stay in contact. You can do this via phone, email or through Class Charts.
- teamks3@oatforge.co.uk



Compulsory subjects

Examined

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- Geography or History

Non-examined

- PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Economic Education)
- Physical education (practical)
- PRE (Philosophy, Religion and Ethics)



Optional subjects

- Students have an options sheet with a choice of additional subjects to study at Key Stage 4.
- Some subjects are those they study already, some are new subjects to them.
- Students will study **2 options subjects** - we ask them to choose 2 and a reserve choice.
- The final blockings of the options will be built around the choices of the majority of students.



EBacc

- The English Baccalaureate (EBacc) is recommended by the Department of Education.
- It is not a qualification in its own right – it is a combination of GCSE subjects, including a language, that offer an important range of knowledge and skills to young people.
- The subjects that make up the EBacc are: English language, English literature, Maths, Science (trilogy or triple), History or Geography and a language.
- The EBacc gives students access to a full range of options when they leave school and a broad knowledge that both higher education establishments and employers are looking for.



Lesson time in KS4

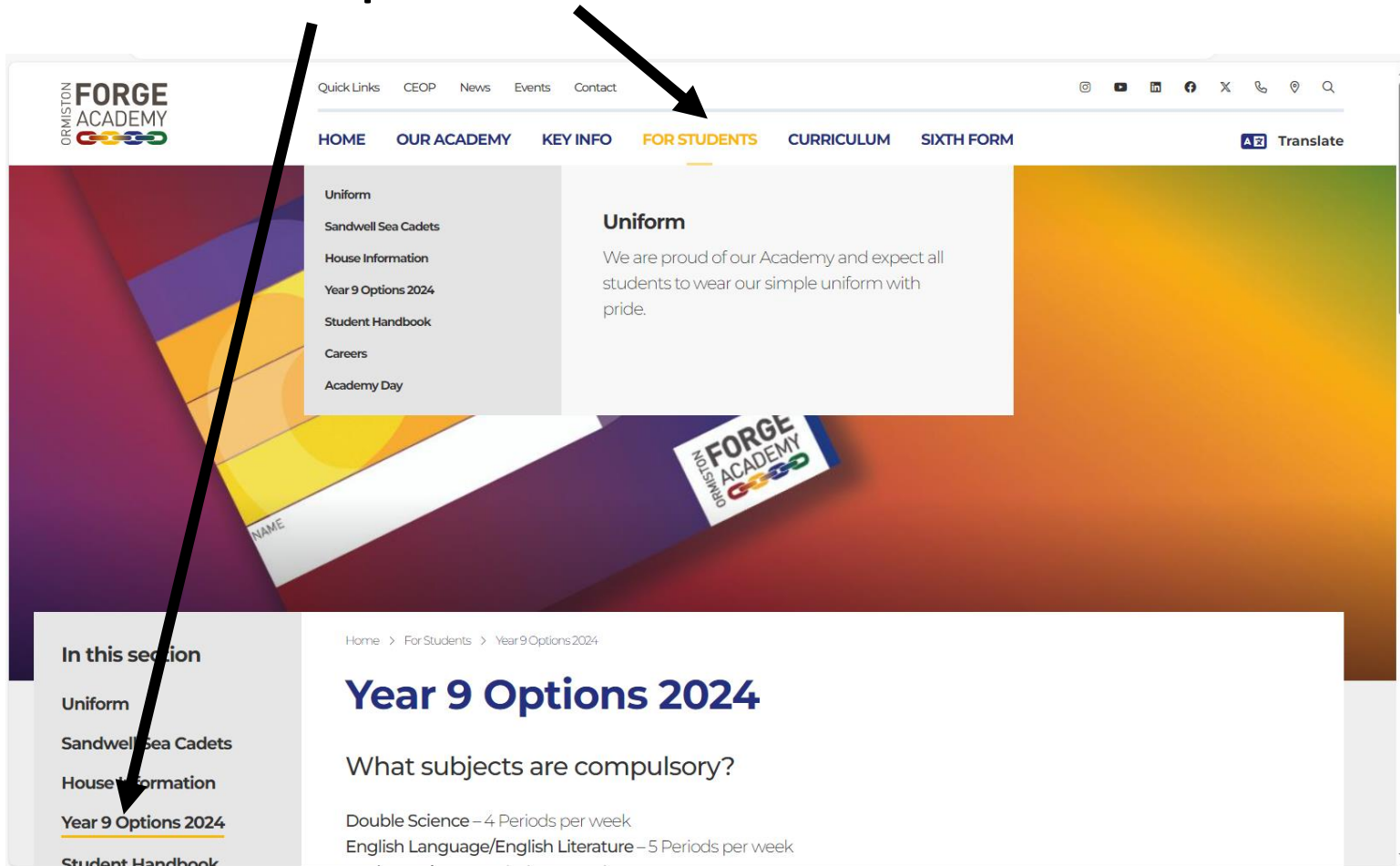


- English Language / Literature - 5 lessons
- Mathematics - 4 lessons
- Science - 4 lessons
- Geography or History - 3 lessons
- Option subjects - 3 lessons each
- PSHE - 1 lesson
- PRE - 1 lesson
- Physical education - 1 lesson



How to find out about subjects

- Read the options booklet.



The screenshot shows the Forge Academy website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Quick Links' (CEOP, News, Events, Contact) and social media icons. The main navigation menu includes 'HOME', 'OUR ACADEMY', 'KEY INFO', 'FOR STUDENTS' (highlighted), 'CURRICULUM', and 'SIXTH FORM'. A 'Translate' button is also present.

Under the 'FOR STUDENTS' menu, a dropdown list is visible with the following items: Uniform, Sandwell Sea Cadets, House Information, Year 9 Options 2024, Student Handbook, Careers, and Academy Day. The 'Uniform' item is currently selected, showing a page with the heading 'Uniform' and the text: 'We are proud of our Academy and expect all students to wear our simple uniform with pride.'

Below the main content area, there is a section titled 'In this section' with a list of links: Uniform, Sandwell Sea Cadets, House Information, Year 9 Options 2024, and Student Handbook. The 'Year 9 Options 2024' link is underlined and highlighted.

The 'Year 9 Options 2024' page is displayed, showing the breadcrumb 'Home > For Students > Year 9 Options 2024' and the heading 'Year 9 Options 2024'. The main heading on the page is 'What subjects are compulsory?'. Below this, the following subjects and periods are listed:

- Double Science – 4 Periods per week
- English Language/English Literature – 5 Periods per week



How to find out about subjects

GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

COURSE LEADER: Mrs N Pitts: nicola.pitts@atforge.co.uk

EXAM BOARD: AQA

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will analyse some of the most culturally relevant literary texts to see how writers, poets and playwrights communicate their views on society through their characters, plots and writing.

You will study Shakespeare (*Macbeth*), a nineteenth-century prose text, Priestley (*An Inspector Calls*) and fifteen poems from different eras and cultures.

All examinations are tier-less, meaning that there is no limit to the grade you can achieve!

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

This qualification will be assessed through two written examinations at the end of year 11, both of which are compulsory. All texts in this examination will have been previously studied in class however it is a closed book examination.

MODULE	ELEMENTS	ASSESSMENT	DATE	%
Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Section A, you will be asked to analyse how Shakespeare presents a particular aspect of 'Macbeth' in an extract from the play. You will then have to explain how Shakespeare presents this aspect in the whole play. In Section B, you will be asked to analyse how a writer of a nineteenth century prose text presents their ideas about characters or themes, with the use of a printed extract. You will then have to explore this across the rest of the novel. 	1 hour 45 minutes	June 2025	40%
Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Section A, you will be asked to explore how J.B. Priestley presents a specified idea or theme in his play 'An Inspector Calls' In Section B, you will be asked about a cluster of poetry you will have studied in class. You will be asked to compare a specified aspect of two of these poems, one of which will be named. In Section C, you will be asked two compulsory questions about two unseen poems, written in different eras. You will be asked to compare the unseen poems in the second question. 	2 hours 15 minutes	June 2025	60%

PROGRESSION PATHWAYS

- Entry onto an A level English course.
- You could use your knowledge and skills to enter the world of work.
- English skills open several doors in many areas. The communication skills you learn are required in any line of work you choose to take.

CAREERS

Sports Journalist, Lawyer, Film Director, Public Relations Executive, Fashion Journalist, Author, Newsreader, Politician, Actor, Architect, Creative Director, Scriptwriter, Teacher, Customer Service, Retail and many, many more!

Additional course details can be found at www.aqa.org.uk

How to find out about subjects

- Read the options booklet.
- Speak to staff who deliver the courses.
- Speak to older students who are on the courses.
- Careers Advice - Mrs Benson.
- Trial the subjects on the taster day.



Taster sessions

- Many subjects will be running taster sessions for all students in their normal lessons from Monday 4th to Thursday 7th March.
- Taster day - Friday 8th March 2024.
- Students have chosen 3 subjects that they wish to trial on the taster day.



Key dates

- Friday 8th March - Key Stage 4 taster day.
- Monday 11th March - Option sheets distributed to students.
- Monday 18th March 4.30pm-6.00pm – Options Consultation Afternoon.
- **Friday 22nd March** - Deadline for submitting final option choices.
- Friday 24th May – Letter sent home to parents confirming option choices.



**If you have any
immediate questions,
please come and speak to
us at the end ...**



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