



KS4 OPTIONS FAIR

PLANNING SHEET - Who do I need to see?

Subject	Question(s) to ask	Answer

General questions.



Frequently Asked Questions

Can I choose more than one of the Gold Standard EBacc option choices?

Yes. You can choose up to three of the Gold Standard English Baccalaureate (EBacc) option choices. In order to additionally access the English Baccalaureate pupils must choose French and either Geography or History from the Gold Standard EBacc option choices.

Is the EBacc for me?

In order to 'future proof' your qualifications The Snaith School is recommending that pupils consider choosing the EBacc suite of subjects. This will ensure that when they leave The Snaith School and enter either Further education, employment or training or enter Higher education at a later date, that their qualifications 'open the door' to a world of opportunities. However, we are continuing our open choice policy.

How do we decide who will be accepted onto a course if there are too many pupils?

Where there are too many pupils opting for a subject, all of them will be interviewed to establish why they want to study that subject and if an alternative would be just as good. In most cases, the problems are resolved this way. If there are still problems, selection criteria are developed based on levels of interest and aptitude. The aim is to be fair and equitable to all pupils. Parents are consulted and informed at various stages throughout this process.

Will all courses run that are offered?

There may be a situation where the take up of a particular subject is too small to make it viable, in which case it will not run. The maximum and minimum number of pupils does vary between subjects and so there is no single figure that can apply.

What are Level 1 and Level 2 courses?

All qualifications are approved and fit into the National Qualifications Framework. Each qualification is allocated a level.

- Level 1 courses - offer a qualification equivalent to GCSE grades 3 - 1 / D - G.
- Level 2 courses - offer a qualification equivalent to GCSE grades 9 - 4 / A* - C.

All GCSE courses therefore cover Levels 1 & Level 2. Some of the vocational courses are offered at either Level 1 or Level 2. In these cases, it is important to place pupils in the appropriate level to ensure they can cope with the course and are appropriately challenged.



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Option Choice Sheet (Example)



Option Choice Sheet

Pupil name _____ Tutor group _____

'Gold Standard' Facilitating Core Subjects	Core Subjects
<i>Everyone takes these subjects</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Mathematics Science (Biology, Chemistry & Physics) Religious Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSHCEE Physical Education

'Gold Standard' English Baccalaureate Option choices

- Computer Science
- French
- Geography
- History

'Gold Standard' High Value Option choices

- Art & Design¹
- Business Studies
- CiDA
- Drama
- Electronic Products
- Food & Catering (Tech Award)²
- Health & Social Care
- Music
- Photography¹
- Materials Technology (Tech Award)
- Fashion & Textiles (Tech Award)
- Physical Education³
- Food Preparation & Nutrition⁴
- BTEC Engineering (First Award)
- BTEC Sport (First Award)³
- WJEC Pathways Constructing the Built Environment (L1 /L2)

STEP 1 'Gold Standard' English Baccalaureate Option choices

Firstly choose at least one subject, in priority order, from Computer Science, French, Geography or History from the 'Gold Standard' English Baccalaureate Option choices.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Note
A. Pupils who wish to be eligible for the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) in addition to the 'Gold Standard' must choose French and at least one option choice from Geography or History



STEP 2 'Gold Standard' High Value Option choices

Now choose from the 'Gold Standard' High Value Option choices, in order of priority, to make your chosen options up to four in total.

Note
B. You can only choose a maximum of 2 BTEC / WJEC / Technical award option choices.
C. Option choices marked with a '1', '*' or '^' cannot be chosen in combination with other subjects marked with the same number.
D. If you wish to take triple Science you must include it as a choice here

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Pupil signature _____

Parent / Carer signature _____