

## Passmores Academy Year 9 - Options Evening



### 20 March 2024



The average person changes jobs on average, 12 times during their career

What are your plans after Passmores?

Do you know?

Many jobs you may do in the future don't exist yet!













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#### Some advice about choices....

Give yourself the best chances for the future, pick a balance

Don't pick subjects because of a teacher

Don't pick subjects because your friends are doing them

Don't make all of your decisions tonight, you have time!

#### Pick subjects you **ENJOY**

#### Pick subjects you are GOOD at

#### Pick subjects which play to your **STRENGTHS**

#### Pick subjects which **DEVELOP** particular skills

# What does Year 10 and 11 ook like?

#### What types of courses could you choose?

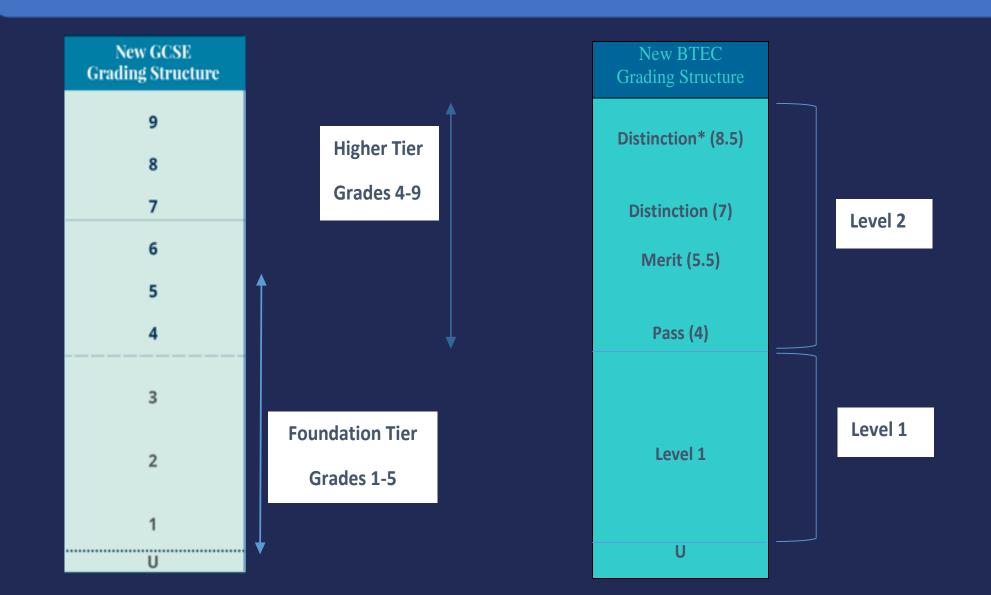
#### **GCSEs – Linear courses**

- Exams at the end of 2 years
- Knowledge and skills developed over the 2 years
- Memory and retention

#### **Vocational Courses**

- Coursework
- Exams vary depending on the course
- Ongoing assessment

#### **Grading system**



#### **Compulsory subjects with exams**

- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths
- Combined Science (2 GCSEs)

**Compulsory subjects with no exams** 

• **PE** 

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#### **Options subjects** – You MUST pick 1 from

- Computer Science
- Geography
- History
- French
- Spanish
- Triple Science

(Triple Science replaces combined science and counts as 3 GCSEs – Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

#### Then 3 more from...

- Art & Design Fine Art\*
- Art & Design Textiles\*
- Art & Design 3D Design (D&T)\*
- Art & Design Photography
- Citizenship
- Computer Science
- Drama
- French
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Psychology
- Spanish
- Triple Science (3 separate GCSEs Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

\*Only 1 from these 3 courses

#### **Or these Vocational courses..**

- Child Development
- Creative Media
- Creative & Technical Enterprise
- Hospitality & Catering
- Sport

#### Please also select a reserve choice – why?

- Low numbers
- Timetable clash

#### **The Ebacc – English Baccalaureate**

#### What are the Ebacc subjects?

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- A humanities subject (Geography or History)
- A language (French or Spanish)

#### What is the Ebacc?

- Not a qualification itself
- Valued by top universities
- Russell Group
- The Sutton Trust

#### Complete your choices via the SIMS app

#### **SIMS Student account**

- Students check your emails!
- "How to...." guide sent today
- Tutor time sessions after Easter
- Problems? Contact the DataTeam
   Other advice
- Monday's assembly
- Speak to your teachers
- Look at your data over Easter
- Mrs Moore (SENCO)
- Mrs Kay (Careers)

#### Next Steps and where to go.....

#### **Tonight - Carousel of sessions**

- Please stick to the allocated slots
- Listen to the presentations and speak to staff
- Speak to Passmores existing students
- Don't make decisions quickly

#### **Dates**

27th March – Spring Term reports sent home
17th April – Year 9 Parents/Carers Evening online
26th April – Options Deadline (Online form only)

#### Where to go....

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Starts 0... downstairs Starts 1... upstairs

\*7.30pm is the last talk for Psychology





Y101 Creative Media



#### **Downstairs Heartspace**

Y005 Goldfish Bowl Sport



D101 Photography

> D103 Textiles

D105 Hospitality & Catering

#### **Downstairs**

Dragon Corridor Art & Design (3D Design)



Upstairs

G101 Creative & Technical Enterprise

G102 Computer Science

G016 Child Development Upstairs L101 French L102 Spanish L104 Art L107 Drama

> L110 Music

#### Downstairs LOO5 Triple Science



#### **Downstairs**

U001 Citizenship

U002 Psychology

U005 Geography

> U007 History

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