



**Chapel-en-le-Frith**  
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# **Year 9 Options Evening**

# GCSE Options - Aim

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To offer a broad and balanced curriculum to all students to maximise their opportunities in the future.



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# GCSE grades

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Graded 9 to 1. “9” represents a higher standard than the previous A\*.

The grades are “norm referenced” and only the very top percentage of marks will be allocated a grade 9.

Experience of the new GCSEs is that they are far more challenging in terms of the amount of content to be covered and the level of difficulty.

**Don't think in terms of a “pass” grade, do the best you can.**



# Alternative accreditation

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## Cambridge Nationals

Well established courses and qualifications offered in Health and Social Care and ICT.

## Technical Awards

New qualifications, introducing *Materials Technology* and *Fashion and Textiles*.



# Core Curriculum

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- Maths
- English language
- English literature
- Science (combined or triple)
- Core PE
- Learning for Life curriculum



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# Philosophy and Ethics

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Experience of the new GCSE which was introduced September 2016:

- Content significantly expanded
- Just as demanding as all other new GCSEs
- Needs full equivalence in terms of time allowance
- Decision taken to now offer this as an option
- Very well regarded subject at GCSE and A level – very useful for anyone considering law, politics, social sciences at university



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# Science choice

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**Combined Science, double award:** Taught and examined as Biology, Physics and Chemistry but accredited as 2 GCSEs in Combined Science

Or

**Triple Science:** 3 separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. There is more content therefore more curriculum time is needed. Students opting for Triple Science will have 15 lessons of science out of a total of 50 lessons over the 2 week timetable. Any student who wishes to pursue science at A level **must** choose Triple Science.



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# Curriculum

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- Maths
- English language and English literature
- Science (2 GCSEs).
- Option
- Option
- Option
- Option

9 qualifications



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# Curriculum

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- Maths
- English language and English literature
- Triple Science (3 GCSEs).
- Option
- Option
- Option

9 qualifications



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# 1<sup>st</sup> option

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Your first option **must be** one of the following subjects:

- Triple Science
- Geography
- History
- French
- German



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# 3 further options

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Then select more 3 options from the full range in the booklet.

Individual arrangements are made for a very small number of students: extra English and maths, students who work in learning support.



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# The English Baccalaureate

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The “E. Bacc” and “facilitating subjects”:

Maths

English Language and Literature

Science (combined or triple)

History or Geography

French or German



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# Important

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- 2 Reserve choices
- List choices in priority order



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# Additional opportunities

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Speakers of other languages; we can and do enter for GCSEs-  
Spanish, Polish, Greek in recent years

Music qualifications are encouraged - offer Grade 5 music theory  
after school

Astronomy continues to run after school



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# Sources of advice

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- Information in your booklets
- Tricia Milner for independent careers advice
- Mrs Mangnall and Mrs Evans, our careers coordinators
- All subject leads are in the restaurant and dining social area- e-mails are in your booklet
- Any senior member of staff



# Deadlines

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- Draft page in the booklet
- Final form to be submitted by Wednesday 8 February at the latest to Pupil Reception and must be signed by a parent.

