

Discussion points

What subjects are you good at? Talk through the data sheet with Autumn Grades and Effort Grades

Favourite subjects?

Particular career? Do they need to study particular subjects?

Try the Buzz Quiz on icould.com or play “The Game” on www.Plotr.com to look at career possibilities

Useful Dates

January & February

Students will have option talks on each of the subjects available during assemblies. They will have also had small group sessions with the Careers Advisor. Students will also have had a careers conference and attended the careers fair in school.

19th January Information Evening for parents

24th January Careers Conference and Option booklets received

27th January Students should have received an Options Booklet to bring home

2nd February Options Evening – 6.30 – 8.30pm;

6th – 24th February Option Preference Forms to be handed in and signed for, with Mrs Stephens or Mrs Channing in the data office at lunchtime (12.30– 12.55pm) daily.

24th February Final Deadline for Option Preference Forms. Option forms received after this date will be allocated after those that have been handed in on time. Please note there is no advantage to handing in the option form prior to the final deadline.

Useful Contacts

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Drop-in Sessions with Mrs Nizzar

Monday After School 2.40pm – 3.10pm;

Tuesday Lunch 12.00pm – 12.50pm

Appointments - Mrs Nizzar is available to see parents by arrangement outside of these times

Useful Websites

- icould.com
- www.plotr.com
- www.plotr.co.uk/game
- nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk



HARLINGTON SCHOOL

Making Wise Decisions

**Supporting you through
choosing GCSE option
subjects**



Year 8

Scholarship, Passion, Inspiration

How are GCSEs changing?

- Graded 9 – 1 (9 is the highest).
 - a Grade 5 is the equivalent to a Grade C.
 - Much more rigorous with an increased focus on Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
 - Most subjects will no longer have coursework
- All exams will be sat at the end of Year 11

New GCSE Grading Structure		Ofqual	
NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE		CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	
9			
8		A*	
7		A	
6	GOOD PASS (DfE) 5 and above = top of C and above	B	
5			
4	AWARDING 4 and above = bottom of C and above	C	
3		D	
2		E	
1		F	
U		G	
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Core (Compulsory) Subjects

- English
- English Literature
- Maths
- Science (Triple or Double)
- Core PE
- PSHCEE
- ICT CIDA or Computer Studies
- Philosophy & Ethics (RE)

2 main pathways...

EBacc

- English
- English Literature
- Maths
- Science
- Geography or History and Modern Foreign Language
- plus option subjects – including one creative subject

Non-EBacc

- English
- English Literature
- Maths
- Science
- Geography or History or Modern Foreign Language
- plus option subjects - including one creative subject

All students must have a minimum 3 of these subjects:

- Science (Double Science counts as 2)
- Geography
- History
- Language (French, German, Spanish)
- Computer Studies (**NOT ICT-CIDA**)

What else is there?

- Art & Design—Art
- Art & Design—Textiles
- Art & Design—Photography
- Business Studies
- Computer Studies
- Dance
- Design & Technology—Graphics Route
- Design & Technology—Timbers / Wood Route
- Design & Technology—Technical Award Materials Technology
- Drama
- Economics
- English as a Second Language
- Food & Cookery
- Geography
- History
- Languages (French, German, Spanish)
- Music
- PE GCSE
- Sport BTEC

Please note that whilst we try to accommodate student preferences, we cannot guarantee places in their first and second choice subjects. Subjects will run subject to viable numbers and staff availability.