

## 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

**December / February**—all Year 9 students will be seen by our careers adviser in small groups.

**January / February**—Subject talks by Curriculum Leaders and Subject Leaders

**January 31st**—Careers Fair with employers and education establishments attending.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March—Year 9 Careers and Progression Conference** – students will attend an afternoon of activities and workshops about possible career / education paths / how to make good choices.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**—Option booklets. You will receive a copy of the option booklet which includes information about each of the subjects on offer at Harlington.

**Thursday 9th March—Options Information Evening (6:30 – 8:30pm)**. You will have the opportunity to find out about what subjects students must choose and how to complete the option form, speak to Curriculum and Subject Leaders about each of the courses and collect option forms.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** Final deadline for option form to be submitted.

## Useful Contacts

### Assistant Headteacher – Curriculum

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### Career Adviser

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Direct Dial 0208 587 3563

### 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](http://icould.com)
- [www.plotr.com](http://www.plotr.com)
- [www.plotr.co.uk/game](http://www.plotr.co.uk/game)
- [nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk](http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)



# HARLINGTON SCHOOL

**Making Wise Decisions**

**Supporting you through  
choosing GCSE option  
subjects**



**Year 9**

**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			A*
8			A
7			A
6	<b>GOOD PASS (DfE)</b> 5 and above = top of C and above		B
5			B
4	<b>AWARDING</b> 4 and above = bottom of C and above		C
3			D
2			E
1			F
			G
U			U

## Core (Compulsory) Subjects

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

## 2 main pathways...

### EBacc

- English
- English Literature
- Maths
- Science
- Geography or History and Modern Foreign Language
- plus option subjects

### Non-EBacc

- English
- English Literature
- Maths
- Science
- Geography or History or Modern Foreign Language
- plus option subjects

## 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