

# KS4 Preferences in Year 9



**Healthy Curriculum**

***Most is chosen for you!***



**Balance**

1. Students can indicate a preference for 4 subjects
2. **Information, Advice & Guidance is very important**

# Preferences

- For Most - 4 preferences
- For a Few - an Alternative Pathway to support
- Most will complete 10-12 GCSEs
- Homework assignments. Controlled Assessment
- Focus is very much on written examinations
- Expectation to achieve highly in all subject areas  
**(Progress & Achievement 8 – average taken of 8 subjects - are new Government measures – employers may begin to use these)**

# Year 9

- Years 7 & 8 at Gosford are Key Stage 3
- In Year 9 you will commence Key Stage 4 courses.
- Most of these courses you will study for 3 years and will result in a qualification (GCSE or BTEC)
- Most students will be allowed to state a preference for 4 non-core subjects
- A few students will be offered an alternative pathway

Some subjects are essential-called **the core** and **all** students will study these

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Physical Education
- Religious and Personal Education (RPE)  
*(includes **P**ersonal, **S**ocial and **H**ealth **E**ducation and Citizenship)*

Other subjects are non-core and  
you will be asked to state a  
preference for 4 from 15  
*(you must study 1 EBacc subject)*

- Art
- Business Studies
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- ICT
- Computer Science\*
- Drama
- Health & Social Care
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- Music
- DT - Resistant Materials
- Sport Studies
- DT – Textiles Technology

*\*for students with high aptitude in science, maths and computing*

# What you need to do:

- Consider the subjects you are achieving well in (*feedback from your teachers at your Parents Consultation Evening on January 24<sup>th</sup> )*)
- Consider the subjects you enjoy
- Begin thinking about future career interests – sixth form courses (*3 'A' levels → University*)
- There will be 'taster' sessions in lessons in January and February to help you to indicate preferences
- Discuss with parents at home (*letter will be sent home shortly*)
- Find out more information and discuss with teachers at the KS4 Information Evening on **Wednesday 31 January 2018**