

# ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

## Ref: Year 9 Options

As you will be aware from Mrs Hildrey's previous communication we are now planning on expanding further the accredited learning on offer to our Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 students.

When your child moves into Key Stage 4 in September 2022, they will continue to be assigned to one class. Their main class will not change and they will spend the majority of time in this class with familiar adults and familiar peers. In these classes, students will follow the below accreditation pathways:

- Functional Skills English (accredited)
- Functional Skills Maths (accredited)
- Functional Skills ICT (accredited)
- Science Open Awards (accredited)
- Life and Living skills OCR (accredited)
- Employability ASDAN (accredited)
- Core RE (non-accredited)
- Core PE (non-accredited)
- Core Food (non-accredited)
- RSE (non-accredited)

## Options

To supplement these core curriculum areas, we will offer students the opportunity to diversify their qualifications by studying a minimum of 2 additional subjects and a maximum of 3 additional subjects. These will be referred to as your child's "option choices."

As is the system in most schools, we cannot guarantee that your child will be able to study their favourite three subjects, as we need to ensure that the running of all additional courses is feasible. However, we aim to give students as many of their preferences as possible. In order to do this, this term we will be asking for Year 9 students to work with their teachers and support staff in school to complete the form which is copied at the end of this communication.

The additional optional learning pathways will be:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Board</b>	<b>Level</b>
<b>RE</b>	AQA	Entry Level Level 1,2 (for each unit passed)
<b>Food (Hospitality)</b>	Open Awards	Entry Level Level 1
<b>History</b>	AQA	Entry Level Level 1,2 (for each unit passed)
<b>Geography</b>	AQA	Entry Level Level 1,2 (for each unit passed)
<b>Art</b>	AQA	Entry Level Level 1,2 (for each unit passed)
<b>DT</b>	AQA	Entry Level Level 1,2 (for each unit passed)
<b>PE</b>	AQA	Entry Level Level 1,2 (for each unit passed)
<b>Languages</b>	AQA	Entry Level Level 1,2 (for each unit passed)
<b>Music</b>	AQA	Entry Level Level 1,2 (for each unit passed)

Once the students have all indicated their preferences, they will be grouped into “option classes” for three afternoons a week. These classes will be a mixture of Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 students, all of whom have the same desire to pursue that particular subject.

There are some students who might not yet be ready to pursue additional options via the pathways above and they will be able to continue to learn in their usual classes for the entirety of the week.

We ask that, if you are able, you discuss this with your child at home ahead of them completing the form in school. If you would like to discuss the options further, please do not hesitate to contact your class team who will be able to signpost you to the best person to answer your query.

Yours sincerely



Mrs E Tobin  
Deputy Headteacher

## Abbot's Lea School Accredited Learning Options

### All students will:

Follow Functional skills courses in:

- English
- Mathematics
- ICT

Follow courses in:

- Science
- Employability
- Living and Life skills

In addition, all student will study Core RE, PE, Food and RSE (Relationships, Health and Sex Education).

### Options:

Students will select **three** options, one from option block A, one from option block B and one from option Block C. The options must be different subjects in each block.

In option block A place a **1** for your first choice and an **R** for your reserve choice.

In option block B place a **1** for your first choice and an **R** for your reserve choice.

In option block C place a 1 for your first choice and an **R** for your reserve choice.

### Option Block A

Art	
PE	
Food Technology	
History	
Design Technology	
PE	
Geography	

### Option Block B

Art	
PE	
Food Technology	
History	
Design Technology	
PE	
Geography	

### Option Block C

Art	
PE	
Food Technology	
Design Technology	
RE	
French	
Music	

**Please complete the above form as directed and return to your Key Stage Leader:**

<b>NAME:</b>		<b>CLASS:</b>	
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