

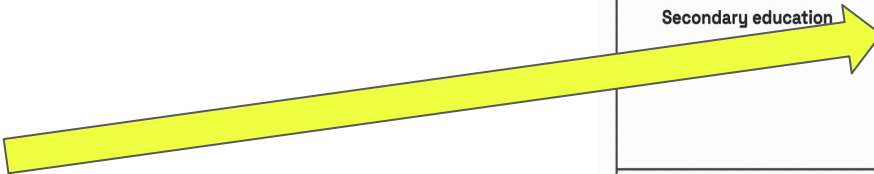
CARISBROOKE COLLEGE KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS EVENING 2025



Welcome & Introduction

- Tonight is all about your child making the most informed decision they can with help from their teachers and you as their parents/carers.
- Decisions are best when driven by future goals and aspirations.
- We are here

	Key Stage	School year	Child's age
Early years education		Pre-school	3-4
		Reception	4-5
Primary education	Key Stage 1	Year 1	5-6
		Year 2	6-7
	Key Stage 2	Year 3	7-8
		Year 4	8-9
		Year 5	9-10
		Year 6	10-11
Secondary education	Key Stage 3	Year 7	11-12
		Year 8	12-13
		Year 9	13-14
	Key Stage 4	Year 10	14-15
		Year 11	15-16
Post-16 education	Key Stage 5/ sixth form	Year 12	16-17
		Year 13	17-18



What is Key Stage 4

- A two-year period (Years 10 and 11) of secondary education.
- Students study their GCSEs or equivalent qualifications and will take their final exams in Summer 2027.
- Core Subjects to be studied include:
 - English Language
 - English Literature
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Physical Education
 - PSHE (part of our tutor programme)

- Students select four option subjects. Each subject will be taught over five periods per fortnight.

Types of Qualifications

- **GCSEs:** Mixture of coursework and exams, with the exam at the end of the course being worth a greater percentage of the final grade. Graded 1-9. Some subjects do not have coursework.
- **Vocational Qualifications:** Mixture of coursework and exams with the coursework worth a greater percentage of the final grade. Graded Pass L1, Merit L1, Distinction L1, Pass L2, Merit L2 and Distinction L2.
- **Progression and Post-16 Options:** Choices made in KS4 can affect options for further education, including A-levels, vocational qualifications, apprenticeships, and work-based learning.

How do I decide:

- Personal interest and passion
- Future career pathways
- University admission requirements
- Informed decision making
- Well rounded education
- Building a strong foundation for A-levels or vocational education
- Personal growth and confidence
- Flexibility and options for the future
- Well-being and workload balance
- In summary, selecting the right Key Stage 4 options allows students to align their studies with their interests, strengths, and future goals, ultimately setting the stage for their academic and career success.
- Not...friends or teachers

English Baccalaureate

Students taking this pathway will study

- English
- Maths
- Science
- A humanities subject (History or Geography)
- A foreign language (Mandarin or French)
- And two other subjects

This combination of subjects, if successful grades are achieved, ensures that no future pathway is closed to you.

Understanding Assessment to Help Support Decisions

KS3 TO KS4...changes in terminology

	KS2/ CAT data	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Vocational conversion
Mastery	.118 - .20 111-115 106-110	M	M	6/7/8	7/8/9	7/8/9	Distinction/ Distinction*
Secure	100 - 105 95 - 99	S	S	4/5	5/6	5/6	Pass/Merit
Developing	<95	D	D	3	3	3	Level 1 Distinction
Emerging	N 81 - 85	E	E	2	2	2	Level 1 Merit
				1	1	1	Level 1 Pass

KS3 ←

→ KS4

Guidance

Students have already had:

- Conversations with teachers and tutors
- Assemblies highlighting options available to gain more information about them led by subject specialists

Students now need to:

- Visit every area tonight
- Read the options booklet carefully
- Discuss with parents/carers
- Speak to your teachers
- Engage in careers related assemblies

Subject Viability

- We will make every effort to meet students first choices.
- On rare occasions, subjects do not recruit a viable group (number of students)
- Subjects such as Triple Science will only be accessible for those students who are appropriate, based on academic profile and engagement so far. If minimum of level 6 is not being achieved then this will prevent you from accessing the course.
- If a student is not suitable for an option, will be with honest:
 - Don't select Food Technology if you have not brought ingredients for the last three years.
 - Don't select PE if your kit has been in the back of the wardrobe for the last three years.
 - Don't select Triple Science if you don't like all disciplines (Physics, Biology and Chemistry).

Table of Options (four blocks)

Options Available	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
1	Art	Art	Drama	Design Tech
2	Food	Food	Design Tech	Drama
3	BTEC Sport	BTEC Travel and Tourism	BTEC Health and SC	BTEC Sport
4	History	History	Geography	Geography
5	Computer Science	Music	Mandarin	French
				Triple Science

Timeline

Friday, 14 March	Deadline for Options Form being returned
March/April	Discussions with students about their choices, if needed
End of June	Students informed of their final options subjects