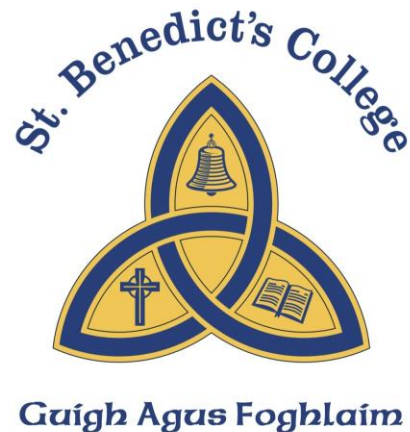




ST BENEDICT'S COLLEGE

GCSE Options Evening – Tuesday 28 March 2023



AIMS OF THIS PRESENTATION

To describe the Key Stage 4 Curriculum and the Options Process

Areas addressed:

- Introduce the KS4 Curriculum.
- Present the Options Process – timeline ahead and work done to date.
- Explain our Pathways at KS4.
- Provide information on vocational subjects.
- Provide advice on how to choose options.
- Highlight next steps.
- Signpost to support available.

OUR KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM



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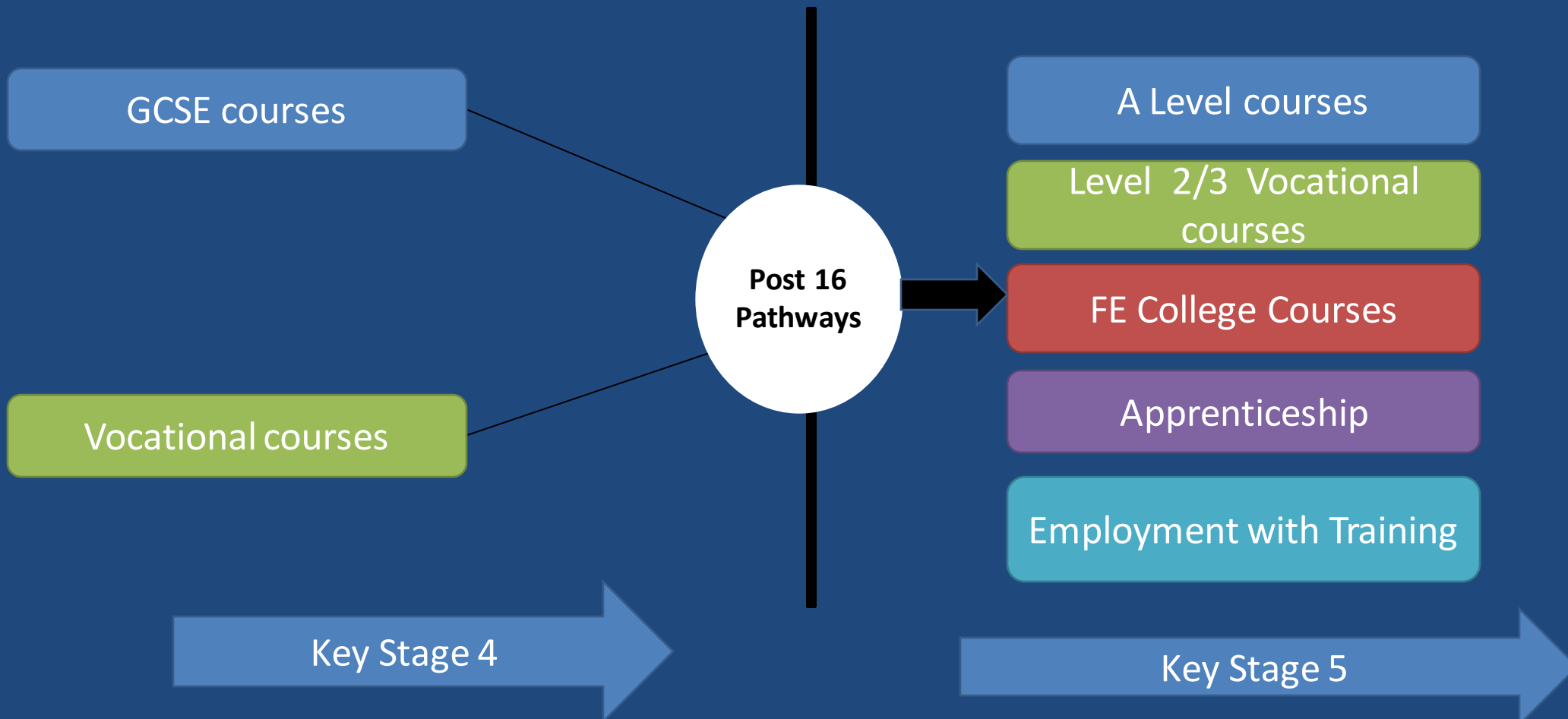
- To provide a broad, balanced, differentiated curriculum which meets the needs of all of our students.
- To ensure all of our students study a curriculum that allows for progression to appropriate post 16 pathways.

ETI Inspection Report

“At KS 4, the school has made good progress in recent years in reviewing the curriculum choice to include a range of courses to meet more appropriately the needs and abilities of individual pupils”.

(November 2018)

PROGRESSION ROUTES



KEY STAGE 4- WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

- Not all students will study the same thing.
- Students will study core subjects and choose other subjects that they want to study.
- Students study subjects in more depth.
- Students work towards gaining an accredited GCSE qualification.



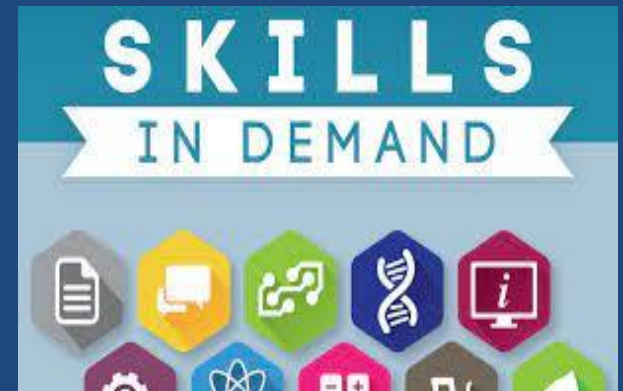
OPTIONS: TIMELINE OF EVENTS



	Action
28 March – 5 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Options booklets will be distributed to all Year 10 pupils and parents.• Year 10 parents will be invited to attend the Year 10 Options Evening.• Subject teachers will present information on KS4 options in their own subject to all Year 10 classes.• Senior staff will support pupils and parents as they complete and return their GCSE options to Form Teachers.
24 April - 28 April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 10 interviews on any reserved choices will take place to finalise GCSE options

PREPARATION FOR OPTIONS IN LLW CLASS

- Considering different qualification types and assessment models
- Discovering individual learning styles (VAK)
- Reflecting on what might influence our GCSE choices? (interests, aptitude, future career ideas)
- Exploring the Careers Service website and where careers advice can be accessed
- Reviewing Skills in Demand (LMI)
- Exploring Career Pathways – Post 16 and Leavers destinations
- Using Xello software.





Xello is an engaging online program that prepares students for post-16 success in academics, careers and life.

Each pupil has their own personal profile which includes online lessons as well as

- Matchmaker career quiz**
- Personality styles**
- Learning Styles**
- Skills lab**
- The software contains videos and information on pathways to each career, including Universities, colleges and apprenticeships.**

Individual pupil progress can be tracked by assigned teachers and accessed from home.



ADDITIONAL PREPARATION FOR OPTIONS

Visit from Liz Simpson CAFRE – Information regarding courses offered by CAFRE. Guidance on GCSE subject choices.



Young Enterprise workshops - 'Learn to Earn' and 'Digital Industry' masterclasses. Pupils considered future careers and earning potential in Digital Industries.



Sentinus - 'Experience of work' presentation offered pupils an insight into working life.



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The screenshot shows the nidirect website interface. At the top, there are logos for 'nidirect government services' and 'tédíreach seirbhísí rialtais'. A search bar is located on the right. Below the logos is a navigation menu with 'Home', 'News', 'Contacts', and 'Help'. Social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and RSS are also present. The main content area displays a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Education > 11-19: your learning and career options > School and other options'. The title of the page is 'Subject choices at Year 10'. The main text reads: 'The subjects you choose in Year 10 affect what you can do in the future. You should go for a good balance of subjects to keep your career options open. Choosing subjects that suit you and your abilities is very important.' Below this is a 'Contents' section with two items: '- Choosing subjects' and '- Consider what sort of person you are'. On the right side, there is a sidebar titled 'School and other options' with a list of links: '- Career A-Z list', '- Careers guidance application for Year 12 pupils', '- Education for 14 to 19 year olds', '- Exams, tests and the curriculum', and '- Options after Year 12'.

KS4 CURRICULUM

PATHWAY 1

Pathway 1 offers both GCSE and BTEC courses.

Pathways Direction 2022/23

Pathway 1 10F

This Pathway could lead students to:

- A Level study
- Post 16 study at a Regional College
- Apprenticeship
- Employment.



10F Options

Option A	Option B	Option C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Business Communications • PE (GCSE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction • History • Child Development • Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography • Science • Media • Food and Nutrition • Irish
Reserve	Reserve	Reserve
Subject Name	Subject Name	Subject Name

Points to note:

To pick PE the pupil must be involved with and remain in a sport for the duration of the GCSE.

Core Subjects

- English Language / English Literature
- Mathematics / Statistics
- Religious Education
- Single Award Science

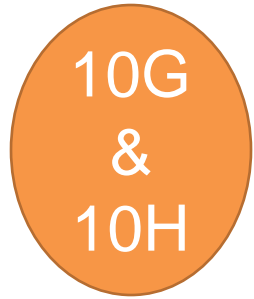
Optional Subjects

- Double Award Science
- Art & Design
- Construction
- Geography
- History
- Child Development
- Business Communication Systems
- Music
- Irish
- Media Studies
- Physical Education
- Food and Nutrition

Pupils must choose **3** subjects from this optional list.

KS4 CURRICULUM

PATHWAY 2 & 3



Pathway 2 and 3 offers a mixture of GCSE, OCN and Occupational Studies Level 2 courses.

(OS / OCN courses are vocational courses but have GCSE equivalency)

Pathways Direction 2022/23

Pathway 2 10G/H

This Pathway could lead students to:

- A Level study
- Post 16 study at a Regional College
- Apprenticeship
- Employment

Pathway 3 10I

This Pathway could lead students to:

- Post 16 study at a Regional College
- Apprenticeship
- Employment



10G/H Options

Option A	Option B	Option C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Business Communications • PE (GCSE) • OS Cookery • OCN Creative Arts and Digital Technologies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction • History* • Child Development • Music • OS Bench Joinery • OS Childcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography* • Science • Media • OCN ICT • Food and Nutrition • Irish*
Reserve	Reserve	Reserve
Subject Name	Subject Name	Subject Name

Points to note:

To pick PE the pupil must be involved with and remain in a sport for the duration of the GCSE.

Subjects with a * are 100% exam and highly challenging. Pupils should get advice from their teacher prior to picking this subject.

Double Award Science is highly challenging. Pupils should get advice from their teacher prior to picking this subject

Core Subjects

- English
- Mathematics
- OCN Level 2 Certificate in Religious Studies
- Single Award Science
- OCN Level 2 Certificate in Employability Skills OR Princes Trust

Optional Subjects

- Double Award Science
- Art & Design
- Business Communication Systems
- Construction
- Geography
- History
- Child Development
- Irish
- Media Studies
- Physical Education
- Music
- OCN Level 2 Certificate in Information Technology Applications
- OCN Level 2 Creative Arts and Digital Technologies
- Occupational Studies - Bench Joinery
- Childcare
- Contemporary Cuisine

Pupils must choose **3** subjects from this optional list.

10I Options

Option A	Option B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • PE (GCSE) • OS Cookery • OCN Creative Arts and Digital Technologies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OS Bench Joinery • OS Childcare
Reserve	Reserve
Subject Name	Subject Name

Points to note:

To pick PE the pupil must be involved with and remain in a sport for the duration of the GCSE.

Core Subjects

- GCSE English
- GCSE Mathematics
- OCN NI Level 2 Certificate in Religious Studies.
- OCN NI Level 2 in Certificate in Applied Science.
- OCN NI Level 2 Certificate in Information Technology Applications.
- Princes Trust - Level 2 Achieve Programme

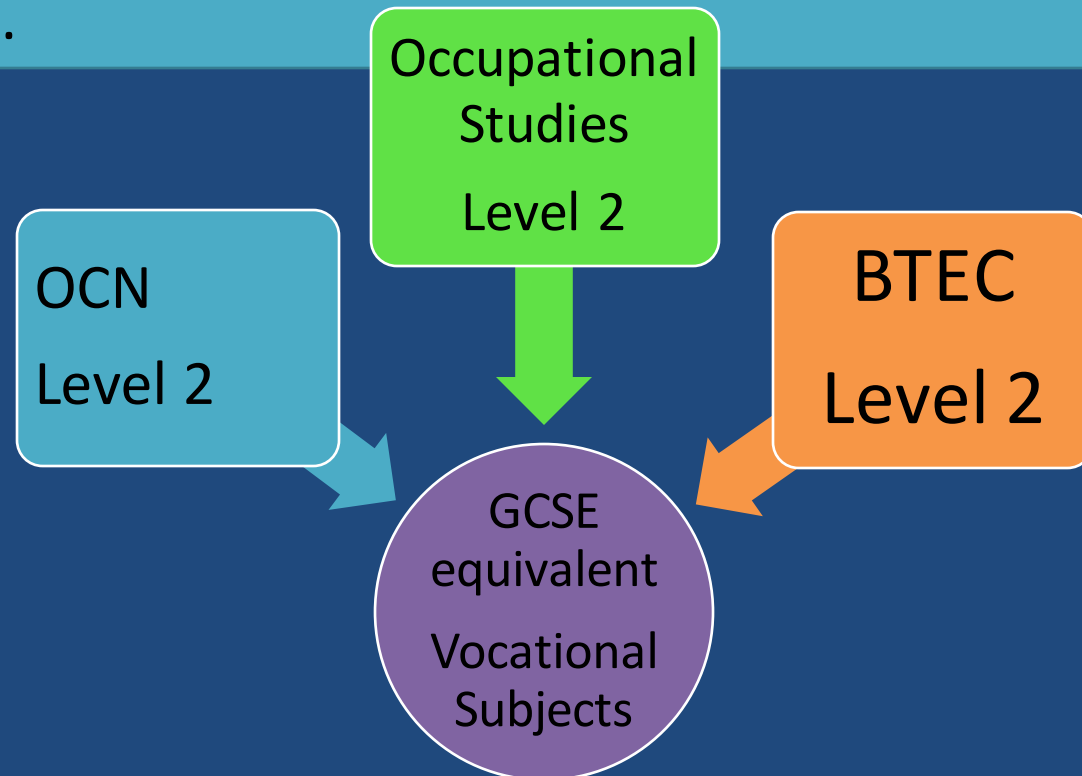
Optional Subjects

- Art & Design
- Physical Education
- OCN Level 2 Creative Arts and Digital Technologies
- Occupational Studies- Bench Joinery
- Childcare
- Contemporary Cuisine

Pupils must choose **2** subjects from this optional list.

VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS EXPLAINED

Vocational subjects are general qualifications that develop practical skills and knowledge related to a broad job area such as Business, Engineering, IT and Health and Social Care.



Level 2 Occupational Studies – Pathway to Regional Colleges & or Employment

At St Benedict's College we offer three pathways for Occupational Studies - Business and Services, Construction, Design and Creativity.

Learners must complete **two** units from the same occupational area to achieve a qualification.

Each unit is worth 50 percent of the overall qualification.

Learners can take more than one qualification in Occupational Studies.

Find more information here:

<https://ccea.org.uk/occupational-studies>

Business and Services 15 Units	Construction 8 Units	Design and Creativity 12 Units	Engineering and Engineering Services 11 Units	Environment and Society 9 Units	Technology and Innovation 9 Units
Childcare: the Play Environment	Bench Joinery	Contemporary Cuisine	Basic Fast-Fit Operations	Animal Care	Bench Joinery
Communication with in an Office or Business Environment	Brick/Block work	Creative Hairstyling on Long Hair*	Basic Vehicle Body Components and Fitting	Horticulture: Caring for Plants and Flowers	CAD (Computer Aided Design)
Contemporary Cuisine	Carpentry and Joinery	Creative Hair Styling Setting Techniques	CAD (Computer Aided Design)	Horticulture: Growing Plants in a Sustainable Way	Carpentry and Joinery
Creative Styling using Blow Drying Techniques	Hard Landscaping	Creative Styling using Blow Drying Techniques	Electrical Wiring Installation	Reminiscence with Individuals in a Care Environment	Digital Imaging
Customer Service	Painting and Decorating	Enterprise Crafts	Electronic Circuit Construction	Running a Leisure Event	Digital Music
Facial Skin Care	Plastering	Graphic Design	Maintenance of Land-based Machinery	Sports Leadership	Manufacturing Techniques - Hand fitting
Logistics and Transport	Plumbing	Interior Design	Manufacturing Techniques - Hand Fitting	Tour Guiding	Manufacturing Techniques - Sheet Metal
Manicure and Nail Art	Tiling	Patisserie and Baking	Manufacturing Techniques - Sheet Metal	Working in a Care Environment	Sound Production
Modern Office Procedures		Specialised Crafts	Plumbing	Working in Tourism	TV and Film Production
Modern Retailing		Textile and Fashion Design	Vehicle Servicing and Valeting Operations		
Patisserie and Baking		Total Beauty	Vehicle Technician Operations		
Shampooing and Conditioning Treatments		Website Development			
The Physical Care of Babies					
Using Office Technology					
Vehicle Servicing and Valeting Operations					

OCN Level 2 Certificates – Pathway to Regional Colleges & or Employment

St. Benedict's College are offering OCN NI Level 2 Certificates in Employability Skills, Applied Science, Religious Studies, Creative Arts and Digital Technology and Information Technology.

OCN is a qualification currently being delivered across Northern Ireland.

The Level 2 Certificates are **equivalent** to a Grade B at GCSE.

The advantages of studying through OCN are:

- No examinations
- Unit based portfolio work



HOW TO CHOOSE GCSE SUBJECTS, SOME ADVICE



1. **Don't allow your child to choose a subject because they like the teacher.** That teacher may well not be taking the group your child ends up in.
2. **Don't allow your child to choose a subject because their friend is doing it.** There is no guarantee they'll end up in the same class.
3. **Be realistic about your child's capabilities,** think about their strengths and weaknesses and accept teacher's advice about the type of courses that will suit them best.
4. **Do your research** by reading the Options Booklet thoroughly, familiarise yourself with the demands of the courses and ask questions of teachers should you need to.
5. **Encourage your child to choose the subjects you know he/she is likely to do best in.** Use feedback you have had from subject teachers to guide you.
6. **Above all allow your child to choose their options for themselves.** They have to commit to 2 years of study.

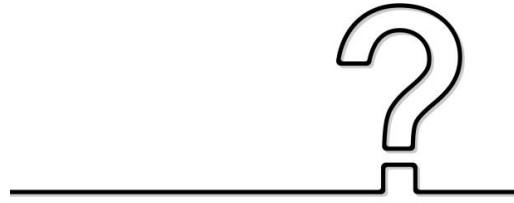
REMEMBER POST 16 OPTIONS

- 1. Bear in mind what your child is thinking of doing after Year 12.**
(A- levels, Level 2/3 courses, university requirements, regional college requirements, apprenticeships, employment).
- 2. Consider what subjects might relate to any career ideas your child may have.**
- 3. Don't panic,** if your child has no fixed plans. The majority of Year 10 students don't.

Target:

Happy, Safe and Successful Learners in KS4

WHAT'S NEXT



- You and your child need to make three option choices (10F, 10G and 10H) or two option choices (10I)
- Each pupil in Year 10 will be given an Option Sheet to complete and return.
- The deadline for return is Wednesday 5 April 2022.
- Option sheets should be returned to your child's Form Teacher during morning registration.

OPTION BLOCKS EXAMPLE

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SUPPORT AVAILABLE



Teacher input – students can talk to Form Tutors, Mrs Caples Key Stage 3 Manager, Mrs Armstrong, Learning Support Co-Ord, Mrs Devlin, Head of Careers or Mrs Coulter, Assistant Principal.

Options interviews – will take place with a senior member of staff post Easter regarding any reserve choices that need to be considered.

Information from subject specialists – subject teachers will deliver short talks to Year 10 classes about their subject areas and what their GCSE course entails.

Independent advice – careers information and links will be placed on the school website.

School Website - the following information will be available on the school website over the coming days: options booklets, options forms, useful links to careers websites and this presentation.

USEFUL EMAILS



Mrs Caples – Key Stage 3 Manager
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Mrs Devlin, Head of Careers & Learning for Life and Work
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Mrs Coulter, Assistant Principal
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