

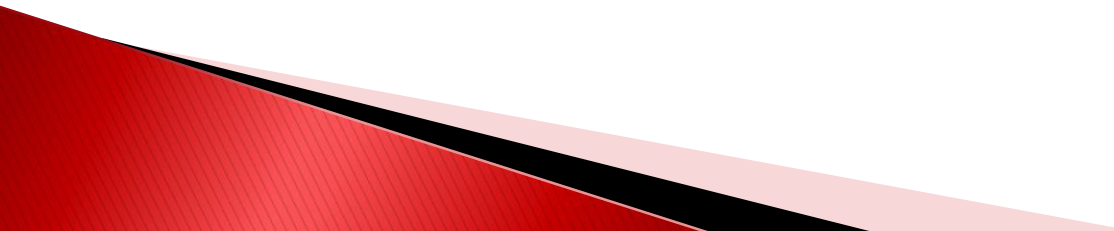
# Year 9 Option Choices

2020

# What's Happening?

- ▶ Students provisional choices have been posted to parents
- ▶ Make any amendments to choices and email [ashaw@netherstowe.com](mailto:ashaw@netherstowe.com) by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March

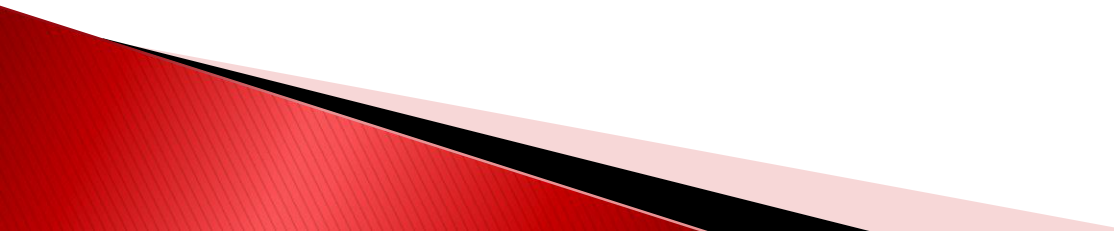
# What are you planning on doing when you are 18?

- ▶ Decisions you make over the next few weeks may affect your future career goals
  - ▶ Make sure you choose options that best suit you as an individual
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# Optional Subjects

Option A	Option B	Option C	
History	Geography	French	Geography
Triple Science (by Invitation only)	History	PE	History
BTEC Business	French	BTEC Sport	RE
BTEC Health & Social Care	Design Technology: Resistant Materials	BTEC Business	BTEC Art & Design
	Further Maths (by Invitation only)	BTEC Art & Design	BTEC Music
	BTEC Performing Arts/Drama		
IT	IT	IT	IT

# What Can I Choose?

- ▶ Unless you have been invited to study both Triple Science & Further Maths, you must select IT from one of the option blocks
  - ▶ You must study either Geography, History or French.
  - ▶ You can't choose more than 2 BTEC qualification
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# Course Type

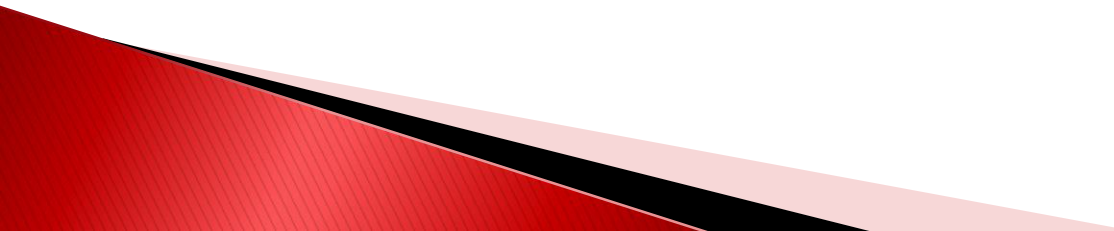
- ▶ **GCSE Subjects**

Subjects can be selected from, Design and Technology, Humanities and Modern Foreign Languages.

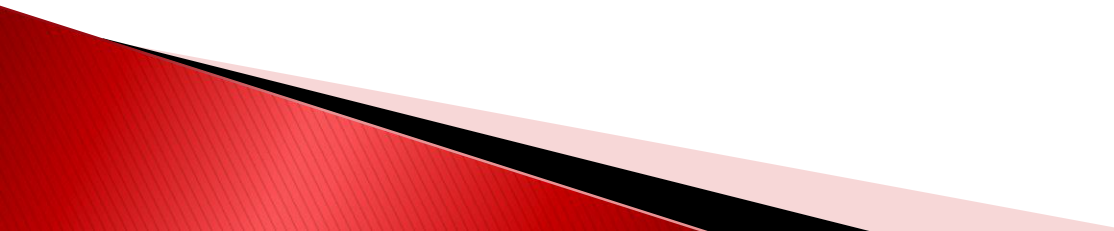
- ▶ **Level 2 Vocational Subjects,**

- ▶ These courses take up the same amount of time as a GCSE Course and will be worth the equivalent of a GCSE

# GCSEs..... Have Changed!

- ▶ Grades are being replaced with a numbered score of 1–9, 1 being the lowest, 9 being the highest
  - ▶ In most subjects Coursework/Controlled Assessments have gone
  - ▶ Much greater focus of exams at the end of year 11
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# KS4

- ▶ It is important that you recognise that these courses require you to work hard for 2 years
  - ▶ Most students end up achieving a grade at the end of the course, similar to the one they get on their first assessment
  - ▶ Expect lots of small tests as well as larger mock exams in year 10 and year 11
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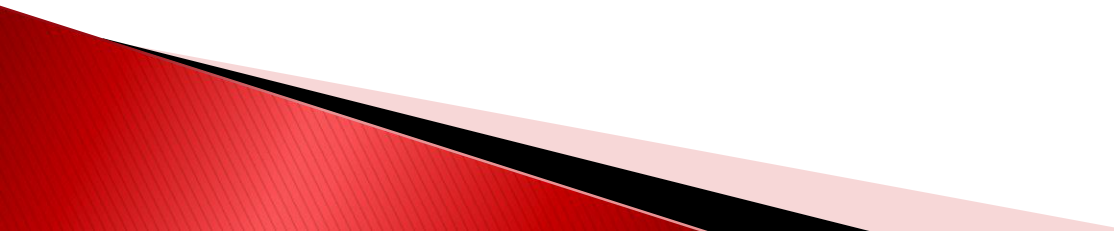


# Core Subjects

All students will study Core Subjects – these courses are not listed in the option blocks.

- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ English Literature
- ▶ English Language
- ▶ Core & Additional Science
- ▶ PE
- ▶ PSHE – [non GCSE] – Delivered through PSHE Days

# Application to Places

- ▶ To ensure the school provides good value for money we are unable to run courses with unviable numbers.
  - ▶ Where a course is over subscribed places will be granted to students based on their ATL score (provided forms are handed back on time)
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# What to do next?

- ▶ Look over the provisional choices your son/daughter has made
- ▶ Discuss with them their future ambitions:
  - After year 11; Sixth form, College,
  - What they would like to do as a career
- ▶ If you have questions about subjects, email the Head of Department
- ▶ Email [ashaw@netherstowe.com](mailto:ashaw@netherstowe.com) if you would like to make any changes by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March