

Subject Options 2023-25



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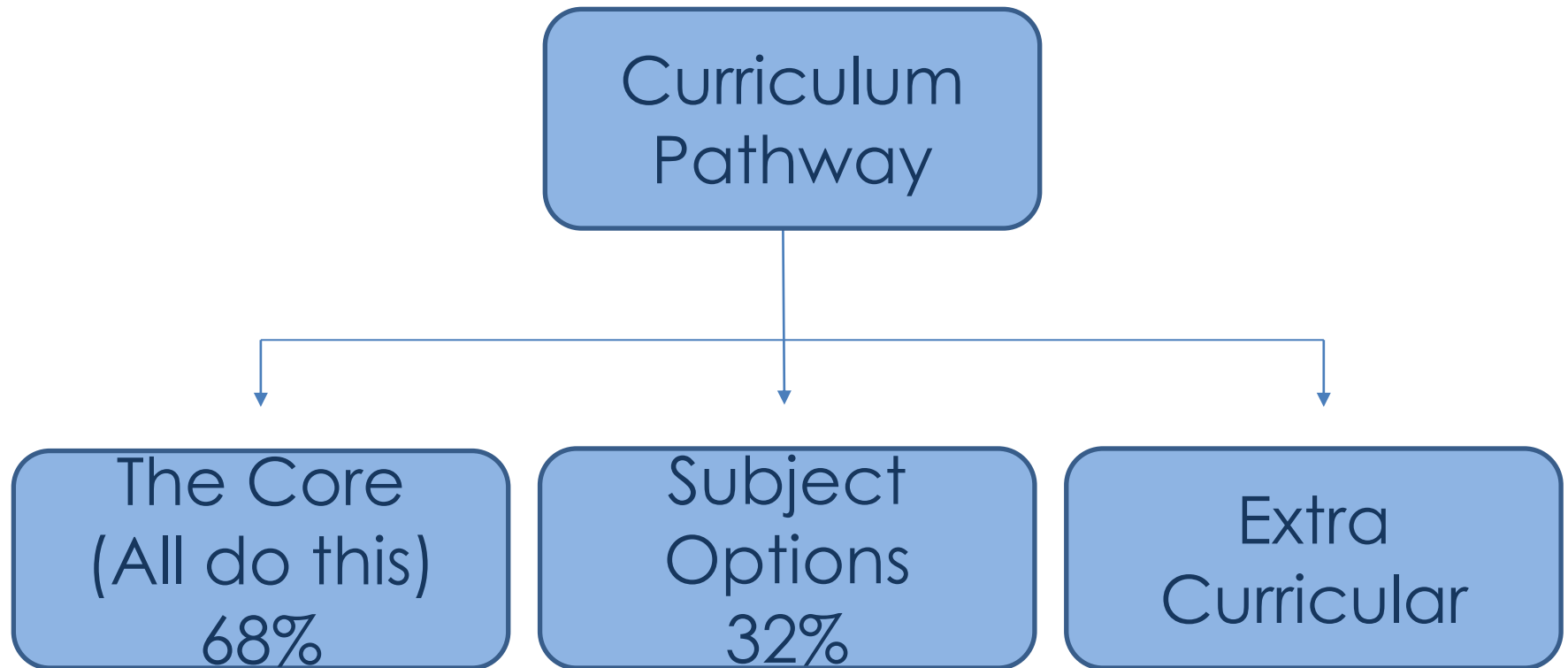
Introduction

- The importance of, and responsibility for, selecting your child's educational path & getting the right balance
- Changes from previous years
- Our desire to get it right – information and guidance (Parents seminar; report; PCE)
- A chance to ask some questions



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The full picture of the curriculum



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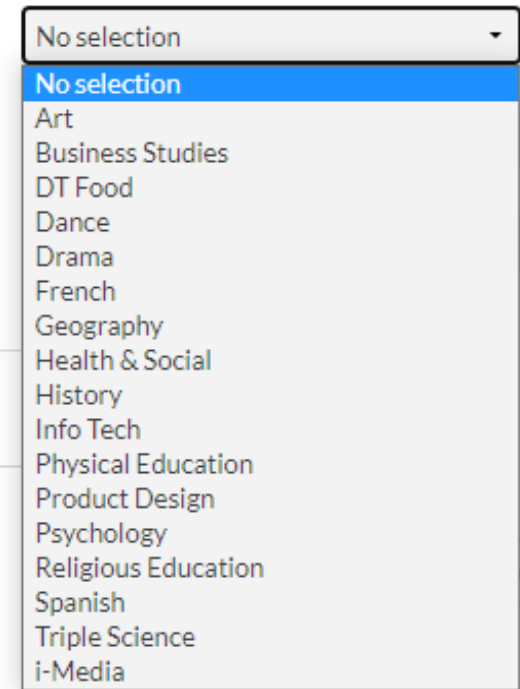
The Core Subjects

- **English** (5 hours per week)
= 2 GCSEs; Language and Literature
- **Maths** (4 hours per week) = 1 GCSE
- **Double Award Science** (5 hours per week) = 2GCSEs
- **PE** (2 hours per week)
- **PSHE** (1 hours per week)



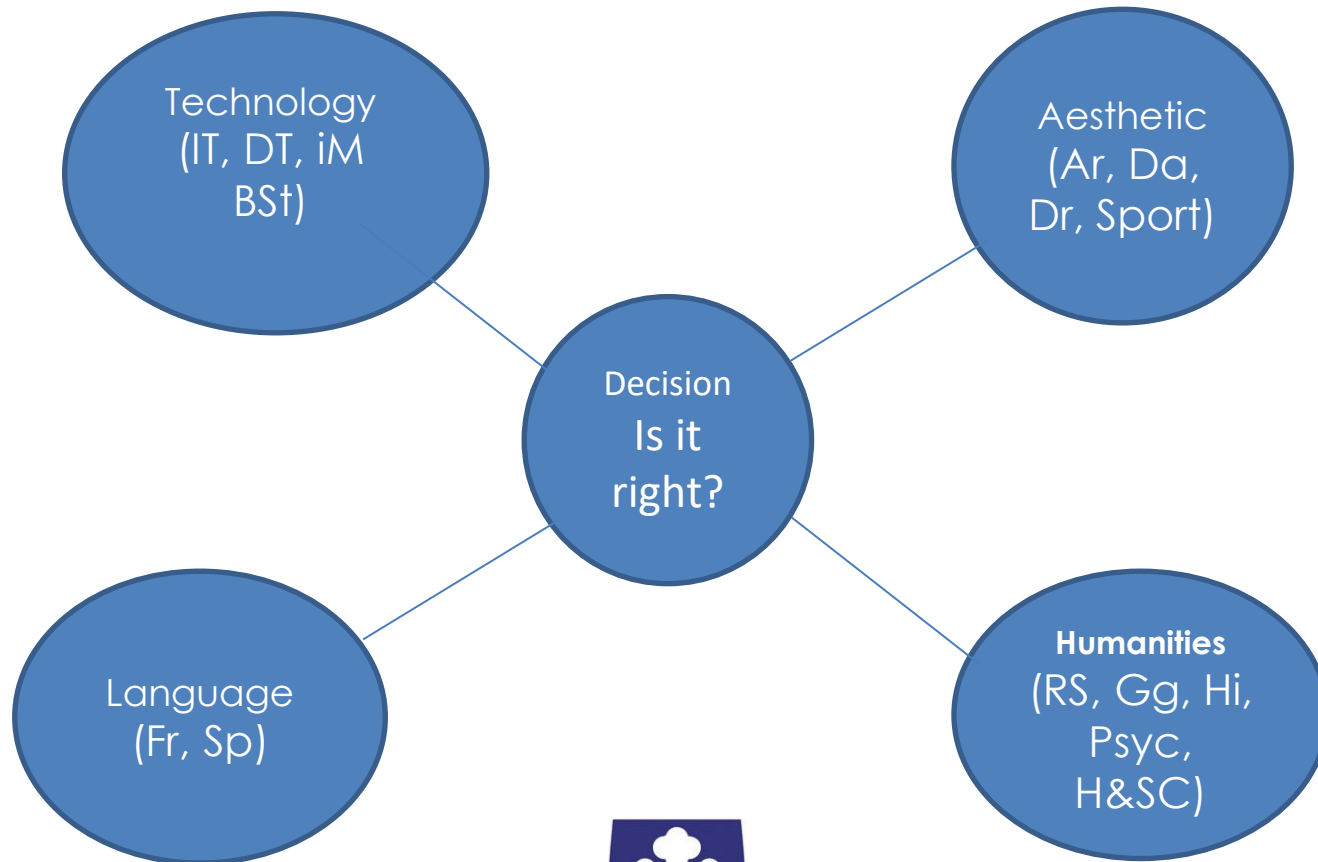
Your choices

You will get to choose 4 other subjects to study as well as the Core. These are your Options (or Preferences). From this list.



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Key Decisions: Is it balanced?



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Subject Choices (Preferences)

Although the process is generally a 'free choice' process with students choosing the subjects they wish to study there is one caveat

To meet the guidance from the Department for Education to ensure a 'broad and balanced' curriculum. students will need to choose at least one of the following subjects

French, Geography, History, Spanish or Triple Science



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Additional Limitations

The only other limits we place are linked to the facilities in school for specialist subjects.

It is not possible to choose both Drama and Dance, it is one or the other. This is due to the need to use the studio spaces for these subjects.

It is also not possible to choose both DT Food and Product Design, it is one or the other. This is due to these requiring specialist practical rooms.



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Science

5 hours per week covering the key science subjects of Biology , Chemistry and Physics. This is worth 2 GCSEs and is called Double Science (Trilogy Paper)

If your child wishes to study Science at University then they might use one of their options choices to follow **Triple Science**, which will give them an extra two hours per week and will result in them achieving a GCSE in each of the three science subject (3 GCSEs in total)



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Science

- Most students will study double science (Trilogy paper) which is worth 2 GCSEs. Issued as a double award e.g. 6-6
- Some students could take Triple Science (Single Science Paper) – worth 3 separate GCSEs
- 2 or 3 exam papers in each of the 3 separate subjects



Languages and reasons...

- We are 'Coubertin School' with the explicit aim of encouraging international cooperation
- Languages look great on a CV and can help get to a **top University**
- Languages can help make people more employable and open opportunities



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Languages and reasons...

Whilst studying a Modern Foreign Language is not compulsory for students, we still encourage students to opt for one of these subjects

Firstly, because any student wishing to go to university will need to follow a broad and balanced academic pathway, of which a language is an important part

Secondly, our languages department is brilliant!



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Modified Curriculum and Alternative Pathways

There is a pathway for some of our students who may need additional support to follow a modified curriculum by choosing fewer subjects and having extra support. These students will be guided by our SENDCO (Ms Bennett) and our Teaching Support Team.

At the moment we do not have an Alternative Program, such as Construction, as we have had in the past. We will consider such modifications or specific learning plans on an individual basis once year 10 has started. This is not an option at this moment.



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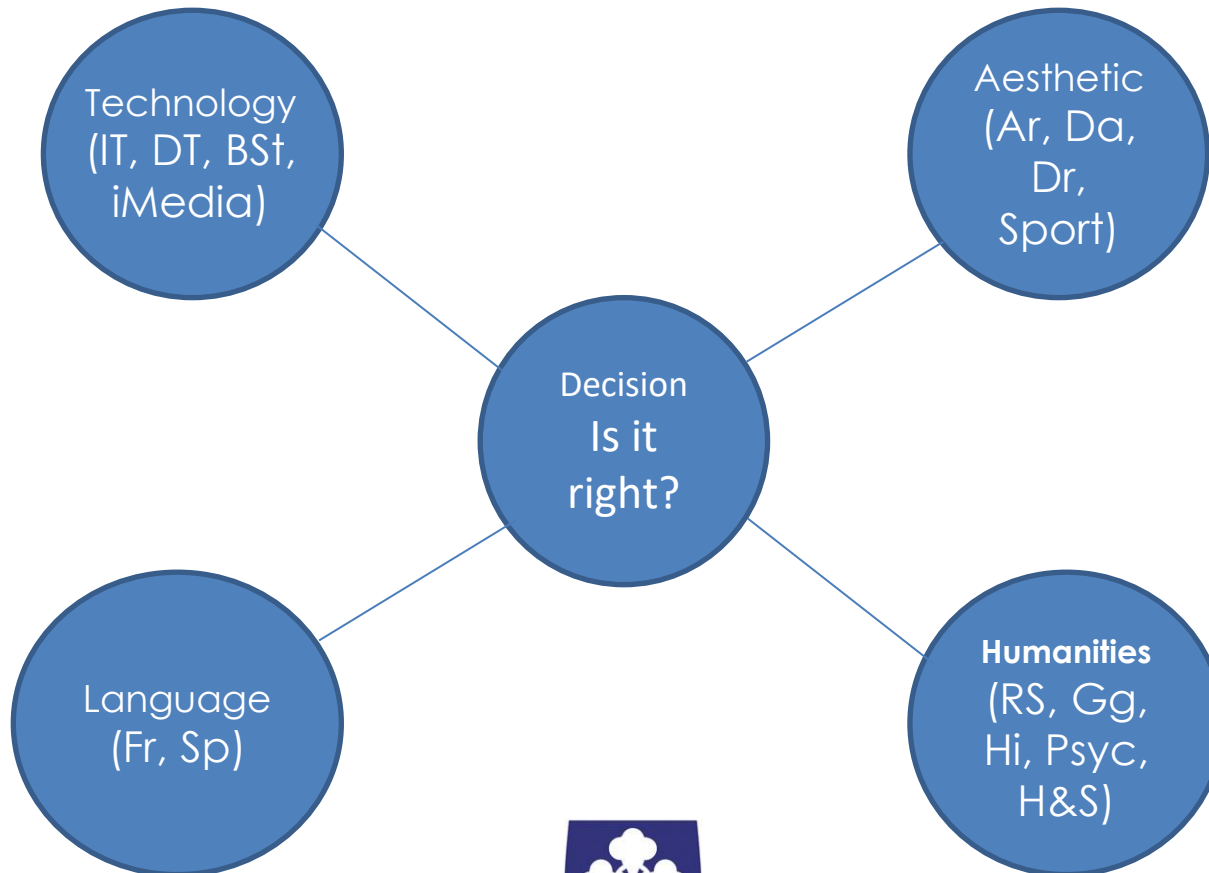
What is the role of the student?

- To take the process **seriously**
- To make good choices by **understanding** what decisions can be made
- To appreciate that some Options **may not be possible** due to ability, numbers, etc.
- To **use data** from Reports, Parents Evenings and own experience
- To make the best decisions and not just go along with friends

Things to consider

- The majority of exams will be terminal (at the end of 2 years of study)
- Only BTEC/CNAT subjects will use controlled assessments
- Ensure that you have a balanced approach to your options choices
- For those aspiring to university, seriously consider choosing a humanities and a language as part of your program

Key Decisions: Is it balanced?



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Timescales

Friday January 13th, 2023

Launch Assembly for Y9 students

Wednesday January 18th, 2023

Y9 Options Launch for parents and carers

Friday January 20th, 2023

Assembly for Y9 students

Tuesday January 24th, 2023

Online forms emailed out, key information on the website



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Timescales

Friday February 3rd 2022

Final DEADLINE for receipt of Options online form.

The only caveat to these dates is linked to potential ICT issues that may lead us to extending the deadlines.



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Next Steps

- You will be able to access information about the different courses on the school website
- You can start to look at these and discuss with your child what their initial thoughts are
- On Friday your child will have an assembly that fully explains the process
- You can then use the reports issued in early December to help your discussions and the information from the Parent Consultation Evening earlier this month



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How the process works

The next slides will go over how the process is organised and what you do next with the online form



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Edval Choice

We are using a new software program this year that will link to the new school system. It is called 'Edval Choice', and it will hopefully make things easier.



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How it works

Your child will receive an email, to their school email address, that will give them what is called a 'Webcode' and a link to an online form. They will click on the link and then enter the Webcode (works like a personal password). This will then bring them to the online form.



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The online form

Choice Peter Pan (Test student Yr10) ▾

Y10Options

Main Units	Subject	Units	Reserve Units	Subject	Units
Compulsory Priority	No selection ▾	0	Reserve 1	No selection ▾	0
Priority 2	No selection ▾	0	Reserve 2	No selection ▾	0
Priority 3	No selection ▾	0			
Priority 4	No selection ▾	0			
		Total			0

Cancel Print Submit

Notes

Dear student, please be aware that your Compulsory Priority is limited choice of subjects, of which you must choose 1. There are also some restrictions such as Drama and Dance cannot be done together and Food and Product Design cannot be done together.


Rules

If you have any issues please email Mr Connolly (jconnolly@williambrookes.com) or speak to your House Leader.



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Making choices

 Choice

Y10Options

Main Units	Subject	Units
Compulsory Priority	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0
Priority 2	<input type="text" value="No selection"/> French Geography History Spanish Triple Science	0
Priority 3	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0
Priority 4	<input type="text" value="No selection"/>	0

Reserve Uni

Reserve 1

Reserve 2

Each section has a drop-down menu.

You choose the subject you want from the list

The Compulsory Preference has a limited number of subjects



Rules

You can't have duplicate subjects.

Please select at least 1 units of the subjects: French, Geography, History, Spanish, Triple Science.

You can't have more than 1 units of the subjects: Dance, Drama.

You can't have more than 1 units of the subjects: DT Food, Product Design.


You need to request 4 main units.


You need to request at least 2 reserve units.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Y10Options" for subject selection. It features a table with columns for "Main Units", "Subject", and "Units". The "Main Units" section includes "Compulsory Priority", "Priority 2", "Priority 3", and "Priority 4", each with a "Subject" dropdown menu and a "Units" input field set to 0. A dropdown menu is open for "Priority 2", listing subjects: No selection, Art, Business Studies, DT Food, Dance, Drama, French, Geography, Health & Social, History, Info Tech, Physical Education, Product Design, Psychology, Religious Education, Spanish, Triple Science, and i-Media. To the right, a "Reserve Units" section has "Reserve 1" and "Reserve 2" rows, each with a "Subject" dropdown menu and a "Units" input field. At the bottom right, there are "Print" and "Submit" buttons.



If you break the rules, it will not submit!

 Choice

 Error: You have selected "Drama" more than once.
You are not allowed to have more than 1 units from the following subjects: Dance, Drama

Y10Options

Main Units	Subject	Units
Compulsory Priority	French	1
Priority 2	Drama	1
Priority 3	Drama	1
Priority 4	i-Media	1
Total		4

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
Reserve 1	DT Food	1
Reserve 2	Info Tech	1
Total		2



It tells you the rules on the form

Choice Peter Pan (Test student Yr10) ▾

Y10Options

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Compulsory Priority	French ▾	1
Priority 2	Spanish ▾	1
Priority 3	Drama ▾	1
Priority 4	i-Media ▾	1
		Total 4

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Reserve 2	Info Tech ▾	1
		Total 2

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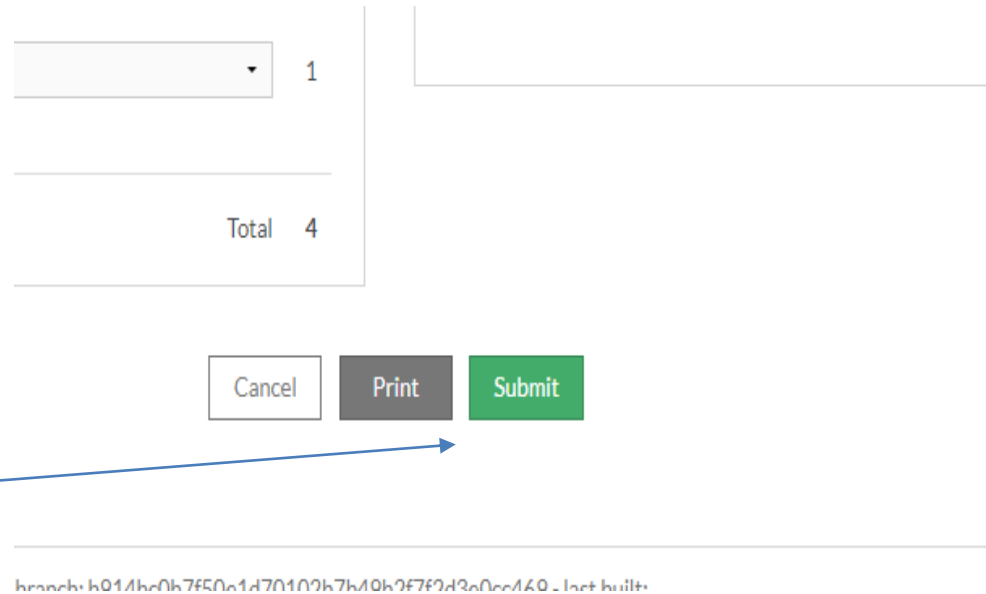
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Submitting the form

Once you are happy just click Submit and it will move the confirmation page



The screenshot shows a form with a dropdown menu set to '1' and a 'Total 4' label. Below the form are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Print', and 'Submit'. A blue arrow points from the text on the left to the 'Submit' button. At the bottom of the form, there is a small text string: `branch: h014bc0k7f50e1d70102h7k40k9f7f9d3e0cc460 - last built`.



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Submitting the form: Confirmation

Once submitted you will see this page. You can then print it and send yourself an email for your records

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Y10Options

Student name: Peter Pan (Test student Yr10) (DUMMY110)
Notes: Your choices are registered.
Submitted date: Sun 8 Jan 2023 14:34:34

Main units

Main Units	Subject	Units
Fr	French	1
Sp	Spanish	1
Dr	Drama	1
Im	i-Media	1

Total units: 4

Reserve units

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
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Exit Print Send email



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Submitting the form: Changes

Once you submit you can resubmit as many times as you want up to the deadline date. If you wish to change things.

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Any questions?

We will be posting a copy of this presentation on the website.

Your children will be receiving an assembly on Friday which goes over these details with them, so they should understand the process and will receive the link and webcode via their school email address next week.



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