

Thomas Telford School



**GCSE Options 2018-2022
Curriculum presentation**

**The general aim of
Thomas Telford School
is to maximise student
performance**

Rationale

- We want to provide what students are interested in studying
- Year 7, 8, 9 are recognised as the 'lost years'
- Year 10, 11 are too short to study GCSEs
- We have, for a long time, provided options to Year 9
- Students have advised that they would have preferred to start option in Year 8
- We started this last year and it has been successful
- Students will have 4 rather than 3 years to study courses
- There is still some flexibility to decide on the most appropriate course e.g. Science
- A special 'Finding Out' programme will be provided for subjects not studied before
- We are involving parents in all stages of the process

Information to Date

- **GCSE equivalent numbers (9-1) for all subjects**
- **Started to receive Module Reports**
- **All students have been tested for ability**

GCSEs

- **12 – 16**
- **GCSE**
- **BTEC**

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21+	Postgraduate study, professional qualifications and accreditations	Post Degree Programme	21+

How do Students Perform in GCSEs?

- 100% of Students entered for tests and examinations
- 40% of all grades A* or A (numbers 8 and 7)
- 96% 5+ A*-C including English and Maths
- One of the top performing comprehensive schools in England

How do Students Perform in GCSEs?

- Overall GCSE value added is significantly above national average
- Disadvantaged and SEN students perform significantly above the national average
- There is negligible difference between boys and girls both in progress and achievement
- Average GCSE grade is B
- 60% of students achieved the Ebacc compared to national figure of 24%

University Entrance and Employment

75 - 80% go to University

20 - 25% employment

**A success rate of 99% in student destinations for
over 10 years**

Attendance

- **97% over 20 years**
- **Punctuality - 99%+ over 20 years**
- **No holidays in term time please**

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Video –The Students’ Views

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Views](#)

Key Changes!

- English Baccalaureate
- Equivalence of BTEC Courses
- GCSEs will be linear with terminal assessment
- Leaving age will be 18 years
- Numbers not letters used for grades

What Does E.Bacc Mean?

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History or Geography
- Foreign Language



**The English
Baccalaureate**

How Will Assessment (Exams) Change?

- **Virtually all examinations will be in Year 11 – up to 25 exams for some students**
- **Only one attempt at an exam Pre 16**
- **Repeat examinations have to be taken in the Sixth Form**

How Will We Manage This?

- We have streamlined the option package to reduce the pressure on students following Government changes
- All students will study no more than 10 GCSEs
- We have slightly reduced the length of the school day for formal lessons
- We have increased Session 3 time for more personalised support
- Expansion of recreational, Sport and Performing Arts opportunities for Session 3

Session 3

Department	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	Booster sessions (drop in & compulsory) LB1 & LB2				
Technology				Technology Club - Tech 2 (JLT)	
Science		KS3 Robotics Club (Lab 9) (SBK)		Key Stage 3 & 4 drop in (Lab 4) Key Stage 3 & 4 'Day release students' compulsory session (Lab 6)	
Performing Arts		KS 3 Drama Club Choir/Concert band TH (GJH)	Junior Band/Theory club TH/MR (KSC)	School Production Rehearsals 3.30pm-6.00pm (GJH/CCC)	
Maths	UKMT invitation only (LB3) Day Release students (LB3)		Y7/8 Booster sessions (by arrangement & compulsory) (LB3)		
/Religious Studies	GCSE Drop in (St7) KYM				
PE	Swim Squad (SSP) Boys Football (DJH) Girls Basketball (ALP) Girls & Boys Hockey (SKS) Running Club (GEC/PJN) Goalkeeper Coaching (JJT) Fitness Centre - All Years (EAS)	Water Polo (SSP) Girls Football (DJH/ALP) Boys Cricket Nets (JJT/PDB) Fitness Centre - All Years (EAS)	Lane Swimming/ Fitness Swimming/ Water Confidence (SSP) Boys Open Team Football (PDB/DLL) Netball Squad Training (GEC) Girls Hockey (SKS) Badminton (JAA) Fitness Centre - All Years (EAS)	Learn to Swim (SSP) Boys Basketball (JJT) Netball (GEC) Fitness Centre - All Years (EAS)	Swim Squad 7.00am (SSP)
Computer Studies	Y8 by arrangement (BAB)				
Business Studies	Year 8 drop in				
Homework/Study	Library LC1	Library LC1	Library LC1	Library LC1	

What Will My Subjects Be?

Everyone will study:

- English
- Mathematics
- Sciences
- Physical Education or Dance
- Foreign Language
- Geography or History

Which Other Subjects?

Plus a combination of some of these GCSEs / BTECs:

- Art, Design Technology
- Food and Cookery
- Drama, Music
- Health and Social Care
- Religious Studies
- Computer Studies, ICT
- Business Studies

Extras

- **Duke of Edinburgh Award (Optional)**
- **National Citizen Service (Optional)**
- **Career's Guidance**
- **Religious Education & Citizenship**
- **Health and Sex Education (PSHE)**
- **Drugs Education**
- **Sport**
- **Drama**
- **Music School**

The Next Few Months

- **Booklets and preference forms issued** **13 March**
- **Preference forms returned** **19 March**
- **Issues resolved through Mr Nicholls** **4 May**
- **Contract issued** **21 May**
- **Final date for any alterations** **8 June**



Thank You