

Albright Options



Welcome to the options process for Year 9 pupils, parents and carers. Choosing your options for GCSE is an important stage in your education and at Albright we give you the opportunity to choose the pathway from a small selection of subjects. This is the process that allows you to think about your future goals and supports you to choose the most appropriate subjects for you to continue to study. We understand that it can be a difficult time and can cause anxiety and there maybe a lot of questions that you might have.

This booklet is designed to give you more information about the process and how it affects your future decisions. You will also explore some career choices through form time activities and Information and Guidance sessions with our Careers Advisor – Pauline Jackson.

At Albright we believe that all pupils should study a wide ranging curriculum embedding both academic skills and knowledge along with building progress in Social Emotional skills to equip them in the future.

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

- GCSE Maths / Entry Level Maths
- GCSE English Language / STEP UP to English
- GCSE Combined Science / BTEC Level 1 Applied Science
- 2 GCSE / 2 BTEC First Award Option Subjects
- BTEC Level 1 / 2 Home Cooking Skills / BTEC Level 1 / 2 IT Users / Work Skills

BTEC First qualifications were originally designed for use in colleges, schools and the workplace as an introductory level 2 course for learners wanting to study in the context of a vocational sector. The skills learnt in studying a BTEC First will aid progression to further study and prepare learners to enter the workplace in due course.

You child choices:

	Tick one box in each choice	
Choice 1	OCR GCSE Art and Design	
	OCR History	
	BTEC First Award Level 2 Health and Social Care	
	BTEC First Award Level 2 Hospitality	
Choice 2	AQA GCSE English Literature	
	Edexcel GCSE Geography	
	BTEC First Award Level 2 Health and Social Care	
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Option 1

OCR GCSE Art and Design - 2 components

Component (01) – Portfolio – 60% of final grade.
Begins in Summer 2 of Year 10 and completed by end of Autumn 2.

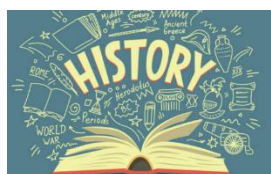


Component (02) – Externally Set Task – 40% of final grade.
Themes set by exam board (OCR) in January of Year 11 and runs up until final exam in Spring 2.

All you need to succeed:

- Willingness to work hard.
- Enthusiasm towards trying new things.
- Imagination and ideas.

OCR History – content



Crime and Punishment / The Elizabethans
Iron Age Hillforts Castle Ring / The making of America
Living Under Nazi Rule

Why choose History?

- Interested in the past and how this affects the present and future

BTEC First Level 2 Award Health and Social Care – content

Human Life Span Development (External)
Health and Social Care Values (Internal)
Effective Communication in Health and Social Care
Promoting Health and Wellbeing



Why choose Health and Social Care?

- $\frac{3}{4}$ of the course is portfolio work
- Improvement in employability skills – communication, meeting deadlines
- Interested in a career in Health and Social Care

BTEC First Level 2 Award Hospitality – content



Introducing the Hospitality Industry (External)
Working in the Hospitality Industry (Internal)
Food Safety and Health and Safety in Hospitality (Internal)
Planning, Preparing, Cooking and Finishing Food (Internal)

Why choose Hospitality?

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Option 2

AQA GCSE English Literature - content

A Shakespeare play: Macbeth

A Modern Play Text: An Inspector Calls or DNA.

A 19th Century Text: A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

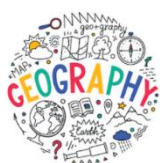
A selection of poetry: Power and Conflict Genre and Unseen poetry



Why choose Literature?

- Enjoy reading a range of exciting and interesting texts.
- Love exploring 'big ideas' and forming and sharing your opinion with others.
- Meet some of the most famous characters in literature.

Edexcel GCSE Geography – content



Section 1

A) Hazardous Earth / B) Development Dynamics /C) Challenges of an Urbanising world

Section 2

A) UK's evolving *physical* landscape / B) UK's evolving *human* landscape / C) Fieldwork x2 Human/Physical

Section 3

A) People and the Biosphere /B) Forests Under Threat / C) Consuming Energy Sources

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Level Courses Explained

Level 1 Course – equivalent to a GCSE grade 1- 3

Level 2 Courses – equivalent to a GCSE 4 – 9

Level 3 Courses – equivalent to A Levels

Progression to College / Post 16

Level 1 - This is a good place to start if you are new to a subject and would like to improve your basic knowledge.

What do you need?

GCSE grades 1/E to 3/D and a willingness to learn.

What courses can you do?

Diploma Level 1 / NVQ Level 1 / Foundation Diploma / Traineeship.

Level 2 - Improving your subject knowledge.

What do you need?

As well as knowledge or experience of your subject, you'll also need four GCSEs at grades 1/E to 4/C or a Level 1 course. Some apprenticeships could have different entry criteria, and some Level 2 courses might require you to have an English and Maths GCSE at grade 4/C and higher.

What courses can you do?

GCSEs / Apprenticeship / BTEC Diploma Level 2 / NVQ Level

Level 3 - With this level of qualification you can then go onto university/degree-level qualifications or a job with more detailed study.

What do you need?

A minimum of five GCSE grades 4/C and above or a Level 2 qualification, but some A Levels require more.

What course can you do?

Advanced Apprenticeship / BTEC Diploma / NVQ Level 3. / A Levels

What will you get?

You'll finish your course with good problem solving skills, being able to learn and adapt independently, and you'll be able to manage work relationships and business knowledge. Most universities ask for this Level of qualification, and employers tend to look for applicants who are qualified to this level.

