

Options Evening

Principal's welcome:
Mr Spencer



Welcome – Class of 2026



#ProudofYear9

- Class of 2026!!!
- So much personality
- Hardworking
- Respectful, Resilient and Responsible
- Supportive learning manager - Mrs Simmons

Decisions

Curriculum and Facilities



Facilities – Art Barn, 8 computer suites, 2 DT workshops, 5 science labs, sports hall, gym, theatre, amphitheatre, 3g Astroturf, football pitches



Great Results

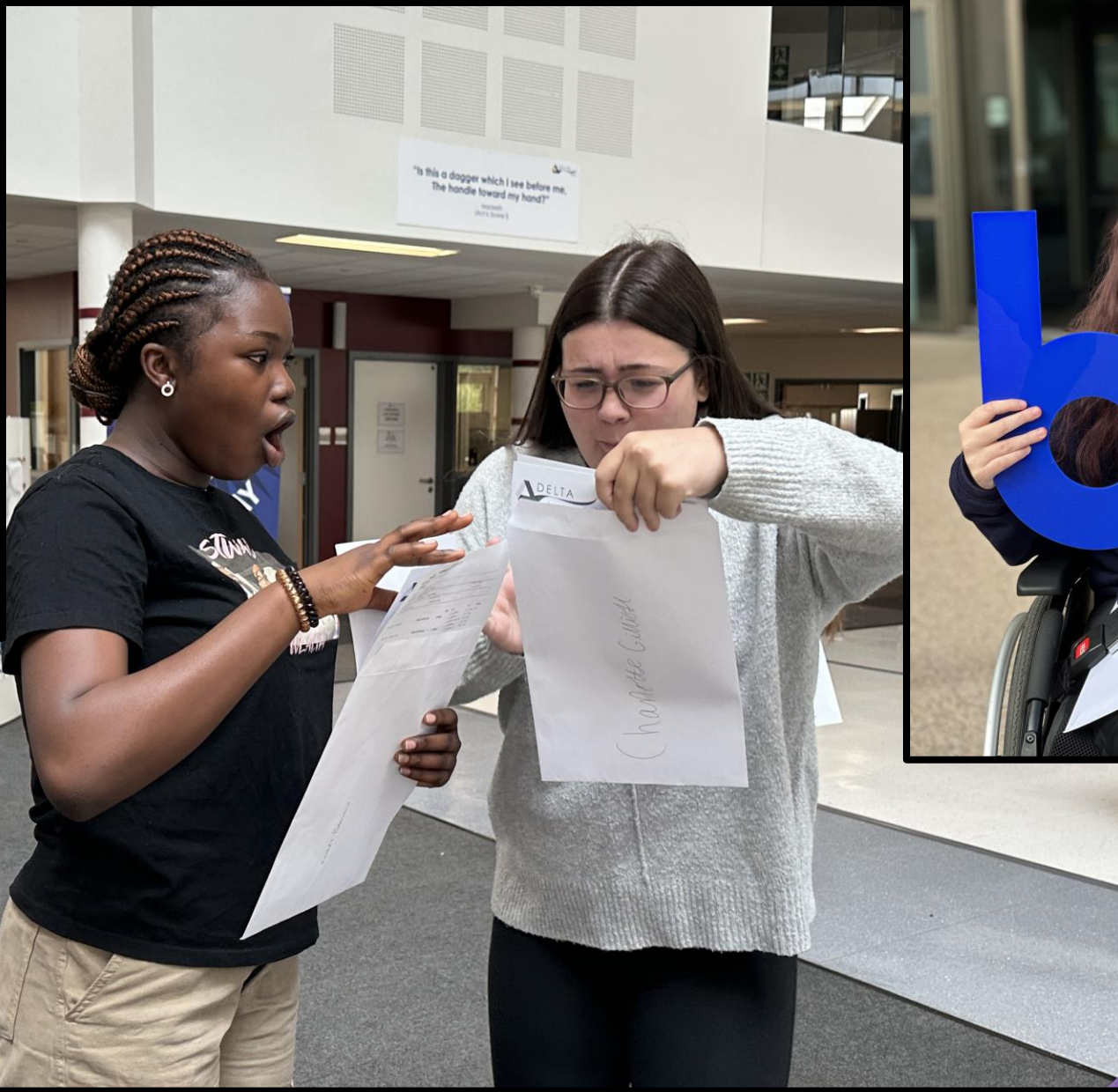
55% 5+ and 75% 4+
(Eng. and maths)

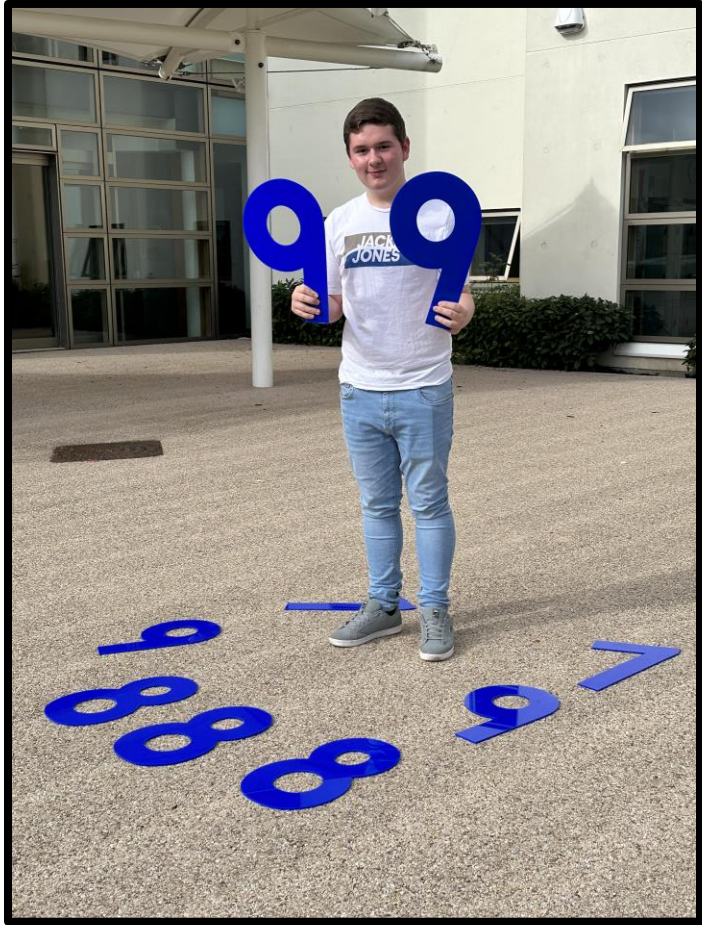
Progress 8 score of
+0.37



ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN (GCSE 9-1) 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 U	PHOTOGRAPHY (GCSE 9-1) 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 U	FOOD TECHNOLOGY (GCSE 9-1) 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 U	CONSTRUCTION (BTEC) D* D M P2 P1 U	RELIGIOUS STUDIES (GCSE 9-1) 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 U	DANCE (GCSE 9-1) 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 U
+1.29	+0.93	+0.39	+0.98	+0.23	+0.09

DRAMA (GCSE 9-1) 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 U	PERFORMING ARTS (BTEC) D2* D2 M2 P2 D1 M1 P1 U	SPORTS STUDIES (CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL) D2* D2 M2 P2 D1 M1 P1 U	CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION (CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL) D2* D2 M2 P2 D1 M1 P1 U	BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE (L1/2 TECH AWARD) D2* D2 M2 P2 D1* D1 M1 P1 U	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (BTEC) D2* D2 M2 P2 D1 M1 P1 U	TRAVEL AND TOURISM (BTEC) D* D M P2 P1 U
+0.42	+0.08	+0.74	+1.12	+0.36	+1.07	+1.27





My Advice

- Consider your interests, strengths and future goals
- Seek advice from your class teachers and subject leaders. Speak to Year 10 and Year 11 students too
- Research the qualifications – don't guess!
- Don't opt for a subject just because your friends are choosing it
- Don't choose/not choose a subject based on a particular teacher – staffing changes!

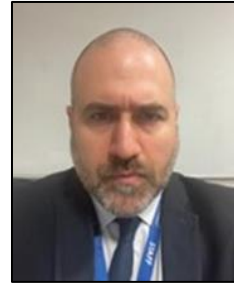
Tonight

- It's an informal evening
- Please ask questions
- We are here to help
- There are stalls with examples of work
- Subject leaders will try to 'sell' you their subject
- Mrs Gregory will explain the process

Darton Academy Senior Leadership Team



Mrs K Gibson
Vice Principal



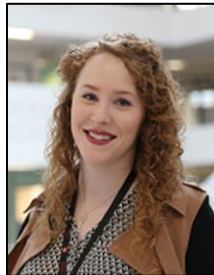
Mr J Spencer
Principal



Mr JP Craig
Vice Principal



Mrs L Kay
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs H Gregory
Assistant Principal



Mr D Kilner
Assistant Principal



Mr P Carmody
Assistant Principal



Mr L Mazacs
Assistant Principal



Mrs H Travis
SENCO

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Options Choices

Art	AQA Art & Design (Fine Art)
Art	AQA Art & Design (Photography)
DT	AQA Art & Design (3D Design)
DT	AQA Art & Design (Textiles)
DT	GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition Eduqas
Geography	GCSE Geography
H & S Care	Health and Social Care BTEC Level 2
History	Edexcel GCSE History
IT/	OCR Creative IMedia
IT/Business	NCFE Technical award in Business and Enterprise Level 1/2
IT	Computer Science

MFL	AQA GCSE French
MFL	AQA GCSE Spanish
PE	OCR Sports Studies
Performing Arts	AQA GCSE Dance
Performing Arts	AQA GCSE Drama
Performing Arts	Eduqas GCSE Music
RE	GCSE Religious Studies
Science	GCSE Triple Science AQA
T & T	BTEC Travel and Tourism

Guided Pathways

- Pathway 1 Triple Science and MFL- this pathway encourages students to follow a broadly academic route.
- Pathway 2 MFL pathway – this pathway encourages students to continue with French or Spanish as part of their options choices.
- Pathway 3 Open - this pathway gives a range of all options

The pathway that students access is a guide only.

The pathway is based upon attainment data, effort data and professional judgement of teachers.

Students are encouraged to pursue their suggested pathway if this aligns with their future goals.

Options Blocks

Option A	Option B
French	Business
History	Food Preparation and Nutrition
Geography	Geography
Spanish	Health and Social Care
	History
	Creative iMedia
	Sports Studies
	Travel and Tourism

Students will select 4 options choices and 4 reserve choices. Reserve choices will be used in the event of us not being able to offer first choices.

Option C	Option D
Art	Art
Computing	Business
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Dance
Health and Social Care	Food Preparation and Nutrition
Creative iMedia	Drama
Music	Photography
Photography	RE
Design and Technology – Textiles	Sports Studies
Design and Technology – 3D design	Triple Science
Triple Science	

GCSE and Vocational Qualifications

GCSE qualifications

- French
- Spanish
- Geography
- History
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- Art
- Photography
- 3d – Design
- Textiles
- Triple Science
- Dance
- RE
- Drama
- Music

Vocational Qualifications

- NCFE Business
- BTEC Travel and Tourism
- OCR Creative iMedia
- OCR Sports Studies

All qualifications are equivalent and enable progression to a range of courses, jobs and apprenticeships.

GCSE and Vocational Qualifications

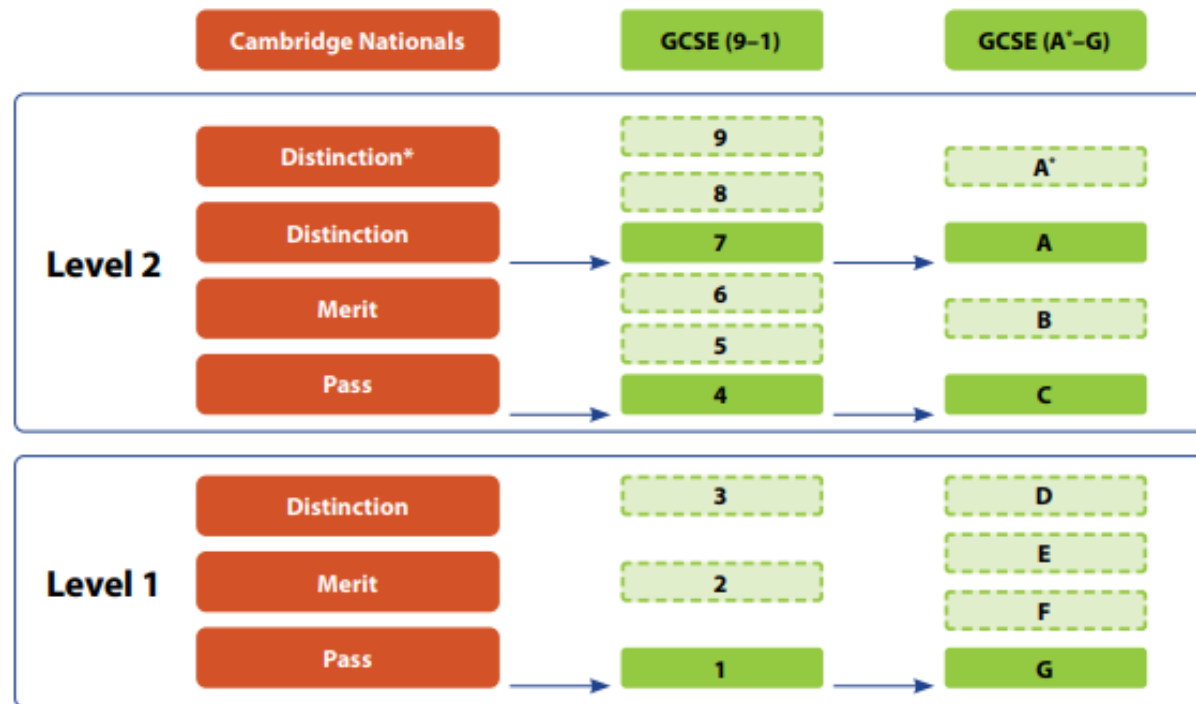
BTEC Health and Social Care/Travel and Tourism

- BTEC qualifications are written to a framework and assigned a level based on the relative difficulty of the course. The level of difficulty is equivalent to a GCSE.

BTEC grading	Equivalent GCSE grades	Old style grading
Distinction* (D*)	8 or 9	A*
Distinction (D)	7 or 8	A
Merit (M)	5 or 6	B
Pass (P)	4 or 5	C

GCSE and Vocational Qualifications

How do Cambridge Nationals grades compare to GCSE (9-1)?



Grades for Cambridge Nationals and for GCSEs align at key points.

Level 1 covers GCSE grades 3-1 (or D-G) and Level 2 GCSE grades 9-4 (or A*-C).

- The bottom of a Level 1 Pass is aligned to GCSE grade 1
- The bottom of a Level 2 Pass is aligned to GCSE grade 4
- The bottom of a Level 2 Distinction is aligned to grade 7

OCR Sports Studies

OCR Creative iMedia

GCSE and Vocational Qualifications

NCFE Business

Old GCSE grading structure	New GCSE grading structure	New V Cert grading structure (24/25 PT)	
A*	9	Level 2	D* 8.5
A	8		D 7
	7		
B	6	Level 1	M 5.5
C	5		P 4
	4		
D	3	U	D 3
E	2		M 2
F	1		P 1.25
G			
U	U		

Obtaining an NCFE level 2 qualification is considered to be at a similar level to having a GCSE at grade 4-9 (A*-C) .

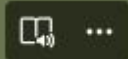
Students who achieve at level 2 could continue to pursue Business Studies A Level.

Students with additional needs

- All students access the same number of qualifications across our broad and balanced curriculum.
- Any support is coordinated by your child's SLT link and/or Mrs Travis, SENCO, where SEND is identified.
- Where a student has identified SEND, intervention will be implemented at all levels; this could be through JCQ compliant access arrangements or through quality first teaching.

Timeline

Thursday 7th March	Options Evening
Friday 8th March	Students will receive their options form via their academy email address. This should be submitted electronically.
Monday 18th March	Deadline for all options forms to be returned. Subjects are <u>not</u> assigned on first come first served basis.
Monday 18th March	Initial review of options choices begins, reviewed against staffing and timetabling.



Options Form 2024

Please choose one option from each block and a reserve choice. Your reserve choice should be different from your first choice.


You must choose Geography OR History.

If you want to opt for French or Spanish you should choose the language option in block A and History or Geography in block B.

You can only choose either Art, Photography, Textiles or 3D design and not a combination of these subjects.

Hi, Hannah. When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.

* Required

1. Option A - first choice * 

- French
- Spanish
- History
- Geography