

# Welcome to the Year 9 GCSE Options Evening.

## An introduction

Mr Bruten - Deputy Head - Curriculum

## **Compulsory Subjects**

All students study the following subjects to GCSE:

- Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- English Language and English Literature
- Mathematics

### Year 10 GCSE Options

In addition to the compulsory subjects, students at Camp Hill Boys have to study four other subjects, at least one of which must be a language, from:

- Art
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- French
- German
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Religious Studies

## Year 10 GCSE Options

- Your son should complete the options form
- This should be for all four option choices (including the language).
- You should also indicate a reserve subject

## Year 10 GCSE Options The Process:

- All the students' options are entered into a computer program.
- The groupings of subjects are chosen according to the least number of clashes (e.g. it may be that no students have opted to study Art and Music, so those subjects can be placed in the same block).
- Once the combinations have been analysed, the subjects are moved about and the program run to try to find the least number of clashes.

## Year 10 GCSE Options

- The school will attempt to accommodate all of your son's option choices
- While this cannot be guaranteed (that is why you are asked to nominate reserve subjects in order of priority), we do meet the vast majority of choices
- Some schools choose to pre-define possible combinations by asking students to choose one from each of three columns. This is NOT the system we use here
- At Camp Hill Boys it is theoretically possible to choose any grouping e.g. Art and Music, Geography and History, RS and German etc

### **Year 10 GCSE Options**

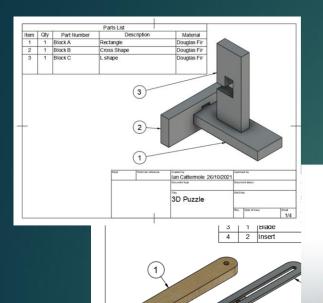
- Please read the literature and discuss the subjects carefully. It is very difficult to change options once the timetabling process has begun because teaching groups are often full and staffing has already been deployed.
- All choices need to be made by the 14<sup>th</sup> of March
- It is helpful if boys let us know their choices as soon as possible – please don't wait until the deadline.

### A reminder

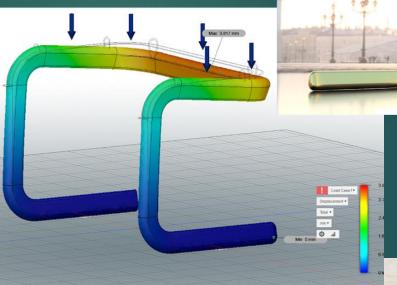
- All GCSEs are linear with assessment at the end of the two year course.
- Assessment is predominantly by exam only.
- Some tiering in Maths & Modern Foreign Languages.
- 1-9 Grading system ( 9 being the top grade)
- Course content is demanding & questions are more rigorous. Pupils will be expected to learn more.
- Greater emphasis on Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar.

## Careers

Dr White - Head of Careers



## Design









Number 1:
- 2 shelves and table top
-ability to rotate and have flat bac to fit perfectly against a wall



























Number 7: -Curved top end and bottom end. -2 Sets of storage (either drawrers or hollow spaces. -Leg space underneath.

## MUSIC



## ART





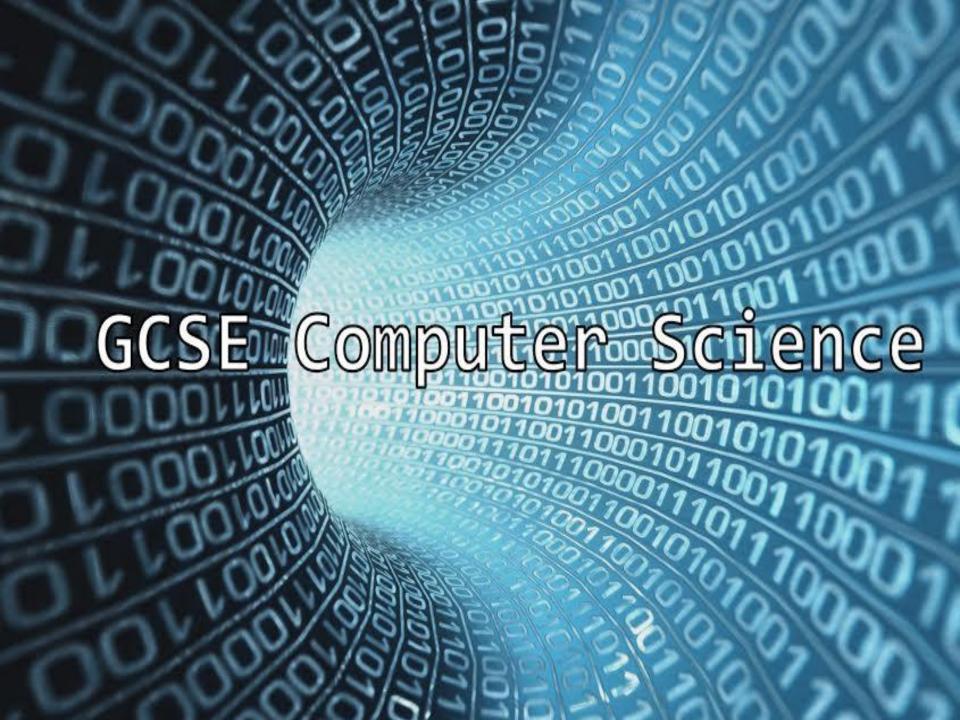












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#Python program to check if a number is prime
#if n%[2,n/2]!=0: prime
p=int(input("Enter a number to check if it is prime: "))
prime=0
for i in range(2,int(p/2+1)):
    if p%i==0:
        prime+=1
        break
    else:
        continue
if prime==1:
    print(p,"is not prime.")
else:
    print(p,"is prime.")
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## HISTORY









## GCSE Geography

#### GCSE Geography Course Overview

### Component 1: Global Geographical Issues

Topic 1:

**Hazardous Earth** 

Topic 2:

**Development Dynamics** 

Topic 3:

Challenges of an Urbanising World

Component 2: UK Geographical Issues

Topic 4:

The UK's Evolving Physical Landscape

Topic 5:

The UK's Evolving Human Landscape

Topic 6:

**Geographical Investigations** 

Component 3: Making Geographical Decisions

Topic 7:

People and the Biosphere

Topic 8:

**Forests Under Threat** 

Topic 9:

**Consuming Energy Resources** 

### Rivers Fieldwork - Carding Mill Valley





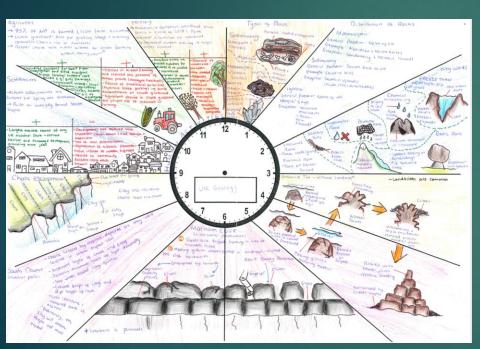
#### Urban Fieldwork - Stratford Road

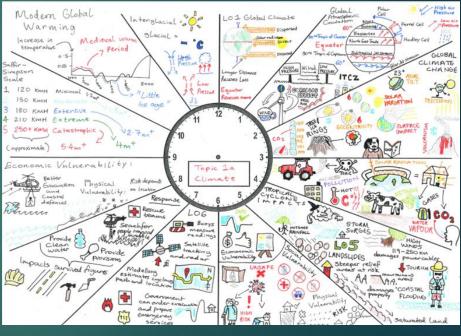




#### Revision Materials & Strategies







## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

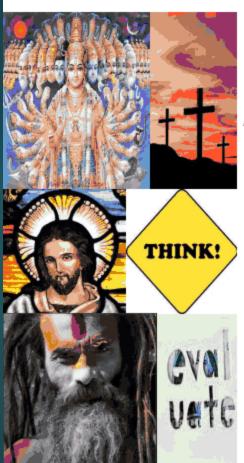








### **RS: Philosophy and Ethics**



What can we know for certain?

When is waging war justified?

Should the Earth's resources be shared more equally?

Why is there something, rather than nothing?

Are some cultures better than others?

What makes things beautiful?

#### Do I have a soul?

Which are the best scientific methods?

Do I control my own destiny?

Are there any universally true moral principles?

Does God exist?

Why do some people suffer? Are numbers just ideas?

How does gender affect us?

Can consciousness be explained scientifically?

How do words acquire meaning?

What should I do with my life?

What are the most basic constituents of reality?

Is it wrong to eat farm animals?















# Thank you for attending the Year 9 GCSE Options Evening.

Year 9 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March.