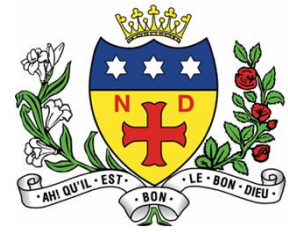


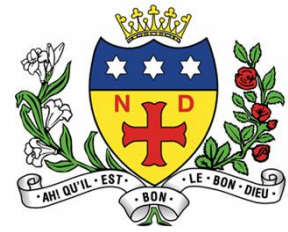
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Y8 OPTIONS
EVENING



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Assistant Headteacher

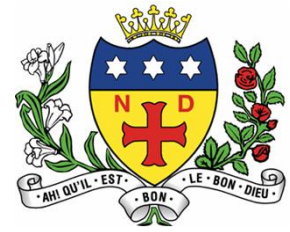


Aims for Tonight

To give you information about the option choices that your children will be able to make over the next few years.

To get across the big picture and to explain why we are doing things the way we are.

To give you points of contact for any queries.



Key Dates

Y8 Options Evening Thursday 21st Jan January

Options assembly Friday 22nd January

Assembly to introduce the options process to Y8 students

Parents Evenings Y8: Tues 2nd March

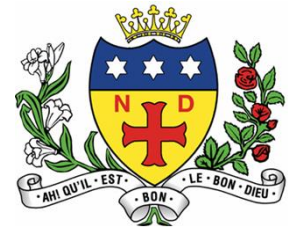
A chance to have a three way conversation between parents, pupils and teachers prior to making the final decision as to which subject(s) to choose.

Deadline for Option Forms to be returned Friday 12th March

A period of consultation and advice will follow where any issues with option choices are followed up.

Final Allocation of students to subjects Friday 28th May

Final allocation of students to subjects will be published during the week before Whit half term.



What is our Curriculum trying to Achieve?

- **to equip learners** with the skills they will need to succeed in **education, life and work**
- **to raise achievement in all subjects** – ‘Quality not quantity’
- **to motivate and engage learners**
- **to enable a smooth progression** from KS3 to GCSE, A-Level and beyond
- **to encourage** more students to go on to further and higher education
- **to provide a good breadth of subjects studied**

Give a broad and balanced education that prepares students for the world outside (in 3 ½ -10 years time!)

We should teach the children what they need for life’
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EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS.



Self-management



Teamwork



Positive attitude



Thinking skills



Communication



Willingness to learn



Resilience

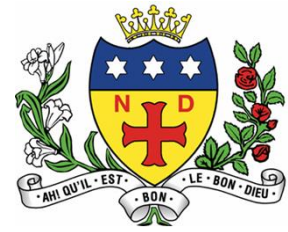
Careers information and guidance in school:

Year 7	Enrichment Day activities Form Time activities
Year 8	Subject organised trips and visits, e.g. BIG BANG, Science Week visitors, author visits.
Year 9	
Year 10	
Year 11	Enrichment Day activities Ambassadors coming into school
Year 12	Careers Advisor interviews A level introductory days
Year 13	UCAS Progress applications Work experience offer Post 16 newsletter

School Staff:
Mrs Caron Allison
Mrs Lesley Paine

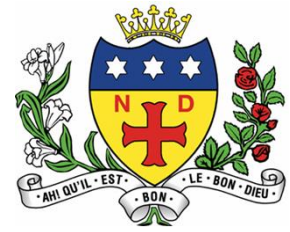
Careers Advisors:
Mrs Linda Munro-Proud(Sheffield Futures)

Mr Stephen Dransfield
(ND 6th Form)



GCSEs now

1. Grading scale of 9 to 1 used, with 9 being the top grade.
2. Assessment mainly by exam, with other types of assessment used only where they are needed to test essential skills.
3. More demanding content, which has been developed by government and the exam boards.



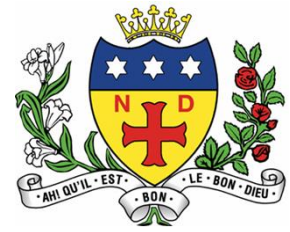
New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
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GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

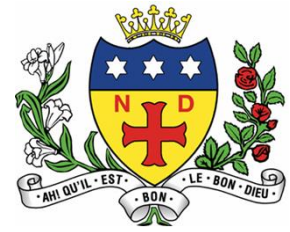
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Pass



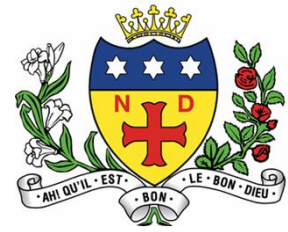
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Y11		Y10 Mid size block x3 lessons	Long Thin block x2 lessons
Y10	Y9 Mid size block x3 lessons		
Y9			



What does this offer students?

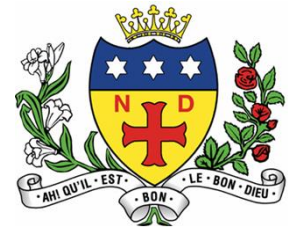
- More teaching/Learning time for option subjects
- No Exam in Y9
- Triple Science can be taken in equal chunks 2 hours a week.
- Tied into Triple Science from Y9
- **Less subjects with more time should mean better grades for students**



The Basic Structure

Timetable Model 2020-21

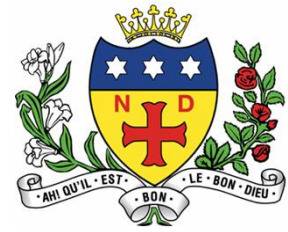
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Y8	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1			
Y7	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	0			
	Maths	English	Science	Technology	RE	PE	MFL	IT	Geography	History	Art	Music	Drama			



When Do You Take Exams?

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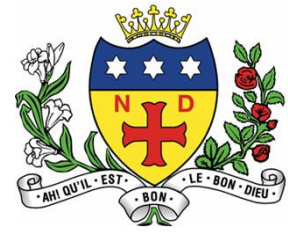
In these core subjects you will take the exams at the end of Y11.



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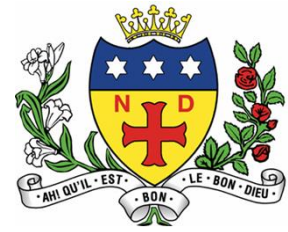
In the mid size subjects you would take an exam at the end of Y10 and Y11



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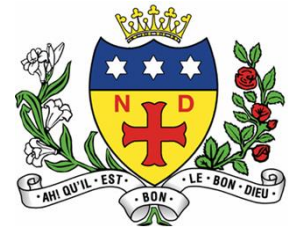
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Y7	3	3	3	2	2	2					
	Maths	English	Science	Technology	RE	PE					

In the long thin subjects you would take an exam at the end of Y11



What subjects are in the Option Blocks

Long thin	Y9 Mid size	Y10 Mid size
Art	Art	Business
Drama	Business	Child Development
DT-Product design	Geography	Computer Science
Food & Nutrition	Health & Social care	DT-Product Design
General Support	History	Food & Nutrition
Photography	Photography	Geography
Triple Science	Physical Education	History
	iMedia	Music
		Physical Education



Where can I get all this information?

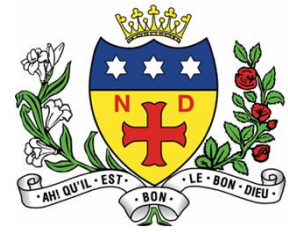
The options booklet on the website. www.notredame-high.co.uk

Pg 4 summarises the options:

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<http://www.notredame-high.co.uk/index.php/our-school/item/742-gcse-options>



GCSE Options

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Welcome to the GCSE options section of the website. We firmly believe in developing our curriculum to support student progress. The options pathways are fully explained in the first section of the options booklet, attached below; the presentation from the options evening is also available for you to download so that you can refer back to what was said.

We would like to wish all our students every success with their future studies.

ADMISSIONS

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PARENTS

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DEPARTMENTS

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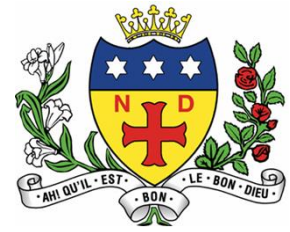
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Download attachments:

Y8 options booklet 2021-22 (0 Downloads)

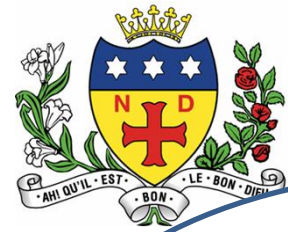
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What about languages?

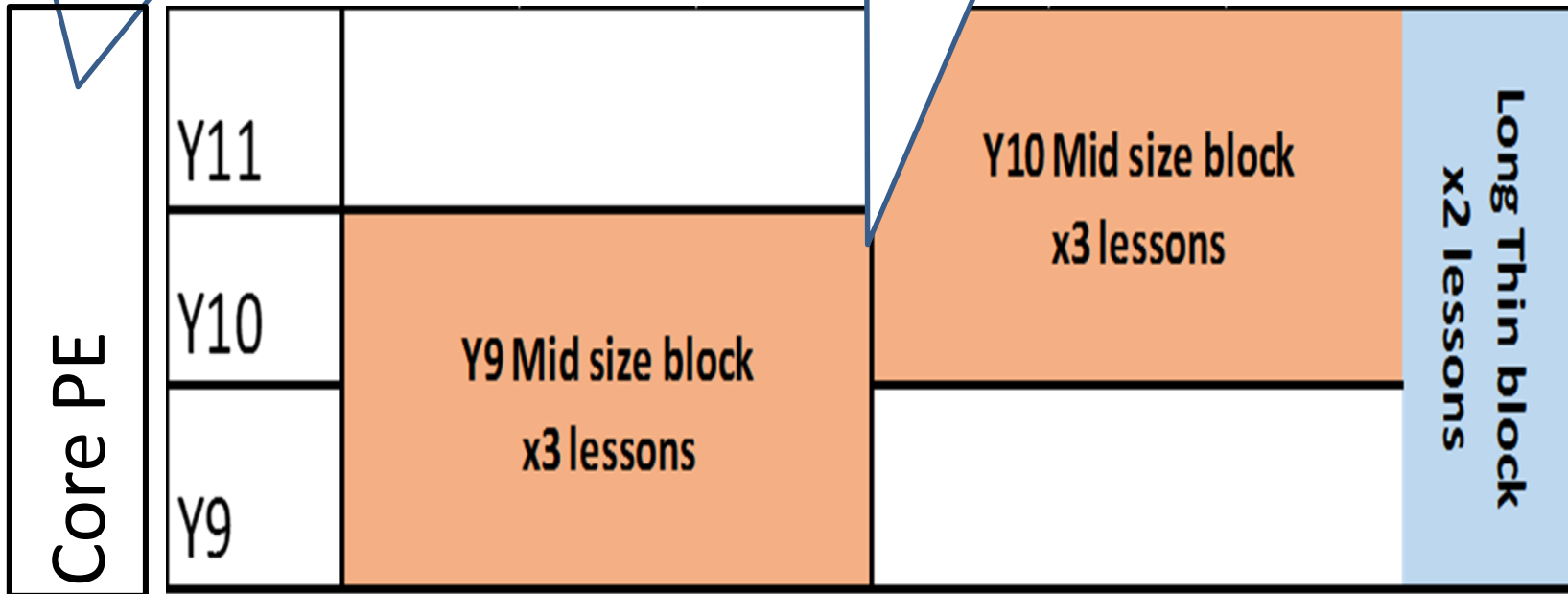
- Languages will be studied in core time. You will study a language from Y9-Y11, taking your exam in Y11. You will study the language you have done in Y7 & Y8

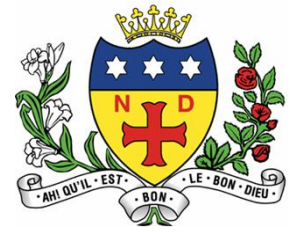


What about GCSE PE?

All students do 2 hours of Core PE throughout Y7-Y11. This is non-examined.

GCSE PE can be taken as a mid size course in either block

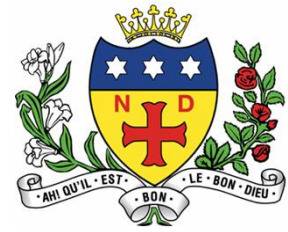




What if I feel I need support?

There is a support option offering additional support, rather than taking a GCSE option in longthin

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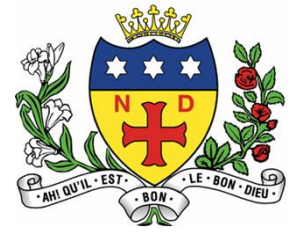


General Support option

General support is not a GCSE, but is the opportunity to have one less GCSE subject, thus giving the student more time to focus on their learning.

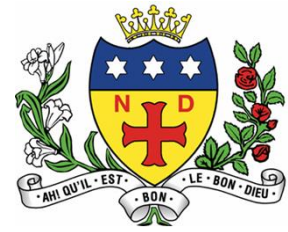
General support is reserved for students with additional needs and/or who will find GCSEs difficult and need additional time and support. The option will be available through invitation only.

In general support we implement our KS4 interventions. Therefore, if a student has an EHCP, we recommend this subject so that we can implement provisions within this subject.



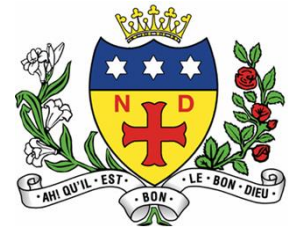
What will students be choosing?

- Students will be choosing their long thin and Two mid size option subjects



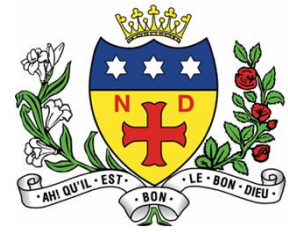
How to make a good decision

- What do you enjoy?
- What are you good at?
- What do you think you might want to do in the future?
- Read through the options booklet that will be on the website shortly.
- Zoom drop ins
- Talk to teachers, parents, brothers and sisters, friends of the family...
- Don't rush it.



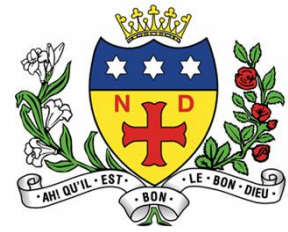
FAQs

- **Will I always get the subjects I ask for?**
- *In most cases yes! Currently around 92% of students get first choice combinations*
- *In some cases we might not be able to give you ALL of your first choice subjects and this is why we will ask for a reserve choice subject and also your lowest preference from your top 3 subjects*



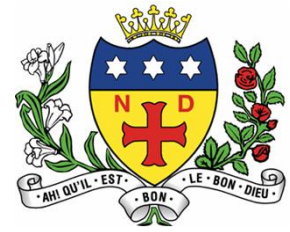
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- **What method will you use to collect option choices?**
- *After parents' evening I will email all students a link to the online options form for them to complete and submit.*



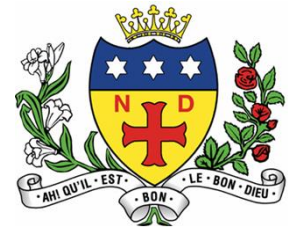
FAQs

- **Could you swap the order of my subjects?**
- *Where the subject choices could be taken in either Y9 or Y10 then we may swap the order if*
 - (i) it helps more people access their first choice subjects*
 - (ii) It helps make more sensible group sizes*



FAQs

- **Can I change my mind about any of my subjects?**
- *As you will be starting two subjects in Y9 the only subject choice that could be changed would be the **Y10 subject**. we will ask for any change requests and will make changes where group sizes permit.*



Who to contact...

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SEND Coordinator: Mr Owczarek

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We will now pause the slide show for a few minutes whilst we quickly look through the Q&A and will be back shortly to answer some of the questions you may have posted



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