

KS4 Options 2025



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Outline of the Options Evening



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This presentation:

- What's in the pack?
- MKA Core curriculum
- Guided Pathways
- Options form
- Finalising options

Parental Meetings with teachers

Options Stalls with subject specialists
and student ambassadors




What's in the pack?

To take home:

- Options Booklet
- Options Form
- Pathways Letter
- FAQ's
- DFE Ebacc Leaflet

The Department for Education recommends these core subjects, which make up the English Baccalaureate (EBacc), and help keep options for young people open:

- English language and English literature
- Maths
- Science
Combined science or 3 single sciences from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Computer science
- History or Geography
- A language
Ancient or modern

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Year 9 Options Form 2025

The deadline for Option Forms to be returned is Monday 17th March 2025

Student Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Please read the **options booklet** for more information about potential pathways, compulsory subjects and a detailed description of the GCSE and Vocational option subjects we offer at Key Stage 4.

For your first option, please pick a Humanities subject (*if you wish to do both Geography and History please tick one and select the other as an additional option subject*)

Humanities option	
Geography	History
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dear parent/carer,

KS4 Curriculum Pathways - Core Curriculum

Milton Keynes Academy Frequently Asked Questions - KS4 Options 2025

Which subjects are compulsory?



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Core Curriculum



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- All students at MKA follow our core curriculum comprises of:
 - English Language GCSE
 - English Literature GCSE
 - Mathematics GSCE
 - Combined Science (two GCSEs)
- And non-examined courses in:
 - Physical Education
 - PSHE
 - Religious Education



Guided Pathways

All students choose an additional **four options** and follow one of our three guided pathways; Red, Orange or Green.

RED Pathway

1x Humanities
1x Language
2x Option

ORANGE Pathway

1x Humanities
3x Options

GREEN Pathway

3x Options
1x Access Option

Guided Pathways

GREEN Pathway

3x Options

1x Access Option

- Students on the **Green Pathway** choose:
 - Access – ASDAN, Literacy and Numeracy
 - Students also choose **three** other subjects
 - Students can choose a humanities or language subject but this isn't advised

Guided Pathways

ORANGE Pathway

1x Humanities

3x Options

- Students on the **Orange Pathway** choose:
 - Humanities – choose History or Geography
 - Students also choose **three** other subjects
 - Students can choose a second humanities or language subject which is recommended

Guided Pathways



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- Students on the **Red Pathway** choose:

RED Pathway

1x Humanities

1x Language

2x Option

- Humanities – choose History or Geography
- Language – choose French or Spanish
- Students also choose **two** other options subjects
- Students can choose a second humanities or language subject

English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

RED Pathway

1x Humanities

1x Language

2x Option

- The Red (EBacc) Pathway is our most academic pathway
- The EBacc is a combination of subjects that offer an important range of knowledge and skills
- The EBacc is recommended by top universities
- Further information about EBacc can be found in your Options Pack

Options Subjects



<i>Humanities option</i>	
Geography	History
1	

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Preference</i>
Business	4
Computer Science	
Food & Nutrition	R2
French	
Geography	
Health & Social Care (Vocational)	
History	
Photography	
Religious Studies	3
Spanish	
Sport Science (Vocational)	
Triple Science	

<i>The Arts</i> (If choosing 'The Arts' you can only choose one subject form this list)	<i>Preference</i>
Fine Art	
Graphic Communication	2
Textile Design	
<i>Performing Arts</i> (If choosing 'Performing Arts' you can only choose one subject from this list)	<i>Preference</i>
Drama (Vocational)	R1
Music (Vocational)	

Exam Board Restrictions



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Please be aware you are only able to select one subject from the following groupings:

Group 1 is called 'The Arts' which consists of:

- Fine Art, Graphics & Textiles

Group 2 is called 'Performing Arts', which consists of:

- Drama, Music

The Arts (If choosing 'The Arts' you can only choose one subject form this list)	Preference
Fine Art	
Graphic Communication	
Textile Design	
Performing Arts (If choosing 'Performing Arts' you can only choose one subject from this list)	Preference
Drama (Vocational)	
Music (Vocational)	



Options Form

- Deadline is Monday 17th March
- Hand into Mr Newman or Mr Ball
- Priority to those that meet deadline
- Support available from the Senior Leadership Team, SENCO and EAL team via a drop in on Tuesday 4th March from 3.30 – 5pm. This is a voluntary drop in for those that need additional support with decision making.



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Please pick in order of preference **three** other options below.

We strongly advise students to consider a Modern Foreign Language. If your child is able to read, write and speak their home language, please indicate in the comments box below the language.

Any Questions?



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