

Year 8 Choices 2024 Entry



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Year 8 Choices

- Kings' Core Values
- Kings' Pastoral System
- Ethos and Culture at Kings
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- Making The Right Choice
- Key Dates

BELIEVE AND SUCCEED



KINGS

CORE VALUES

AT KINGS WE VALUE



POSITIVITY



RESPECT



INTEGRITY



DEMOCRACY



EQUALITY

"Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe" John 20:29

The Kings' Pastoral System



Believe and Succeed
“Passionate about developing the whole learner”



Avalon

Mr R Coles

Mr C Sandifer

Camelot

Mr N Reynolds

Ms V Armitage

Lyonesse

Mr M Rigg

Mrs S Grant

Tintagel

Mrs J Darley

Mrs L Angus



- AT KINGS WE VALUE
- POSITIVITY
 - RESPECT
 - INTEGRITY
 - DEMOCRACY
 - EQUALITY
- "Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe" John 20:29

Ethos and Culture



Creating a school that has a vibrant and enthusiastic environment where students can develop:

High motivational drive

Enjoyment

Creativity

Energy

Kindness

Enthusiasm

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The Kings' Curriculum



2024-2027

YEAR 9

YEAR 10

YEAR 11

Core Subjects

English Language and Literature, Mathematics (Further Maths for some), Science (Combined or Triple), Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (RPE), Physical Education (PE), Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) Citizenship

Project Work

Additional time for options subjects

Options A*

Option Choice Box A– Students Study Two Courses

*GCSE :Computer Science, French, Geography, History
Support course :English and Mathematics Basics***

Options B

Option Choice Box B– Students Study Two Courses

GCSE: Art, Business Studies, Computer Science, Design and Technology, Drama, Food and Nutrition, French, Geography, History, Music, Physical Education, Textiles

Vocational: Business Studies (BTEC), Health and Social Care (BTEC), iMedia ICT (OCR Nationals), Music Technology (NCFE), Sports Science (OCR Nationals)

*Students choose 2 option A courses. To be eligible for the EBacc they must study a language and humanities course

**Guided choice

Core Subjects

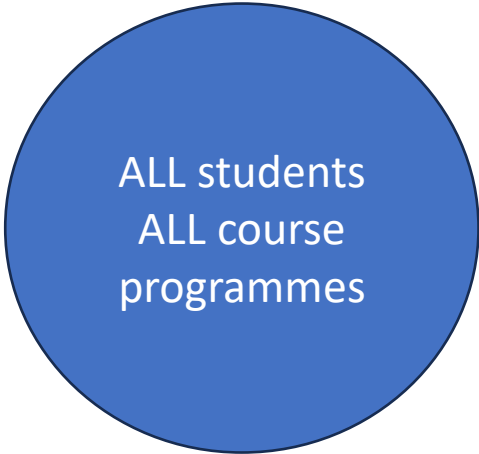


Examined Subjects

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Maths
- GCSE Science (Combined or Triple)
- GCSE Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

Non – examined Subjects

- Core Physical Education (PE)
- Citizenship
- PSHE
- Year 9 Project



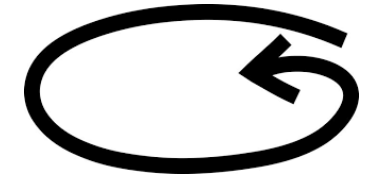
ALL students
ALL course
programmes

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The Extended Curriculum Project (ECP)

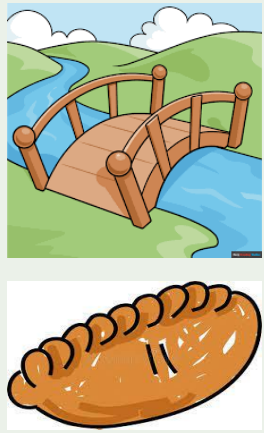





A broad, innovative, continuous and knowledge-rich curriculum that allows all students to fulfil their potential and to be well-equipped for the future.

Different groups will start in different places and carousel



- 2 hours every fortnight
- 6 projects
- 1 term each

Subject specialist teachers will deliver these lessons

Extending Horizons	Production	Beyond Reality	Let's Get Digital	Race Across Europe	People and Places
					

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Option Box A



GCSE qualifications

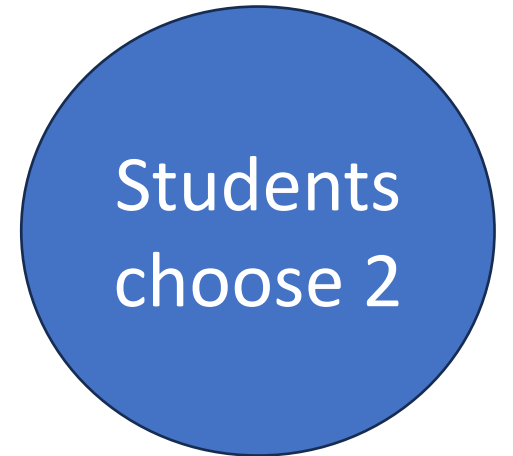
- Computer Science
- French
- Geography
- History

Learning Support Course

- English and Maths Basics **



** invite only



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The English Baccalaureate (EBacc)



Since 2011 students who achieve 9-5 in each of the following areas are recognised as having achieved the EBacc:

- GCSE Science – Combined Science or Triple/Computer Science **9-5**
- GCSE English Language / Literature **9-5**
- GCSE Maths **9-5**
- GCSE History or Geography **9-5**
- GCSE French **9-5**

Demonstrating skills
and versatility

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The English Baccalaureate (EBacc)



- At Kings students study English, Maths and Science.
- Students choose two further Option Box A courses.
- The EBacc *combination* is not compulsory.
- Students will need to choose a humanities and languages option if they wish to be eligible.

- GCSE History or Geography **9-5**
- GCSE French **9-5**

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Learning Support Course

English and Maths Basics

This option provides an excellent opportunity to develop basic English and maths skills to help access English and Maths GCSEs.

The course will not cover material needed for higher exam grades.

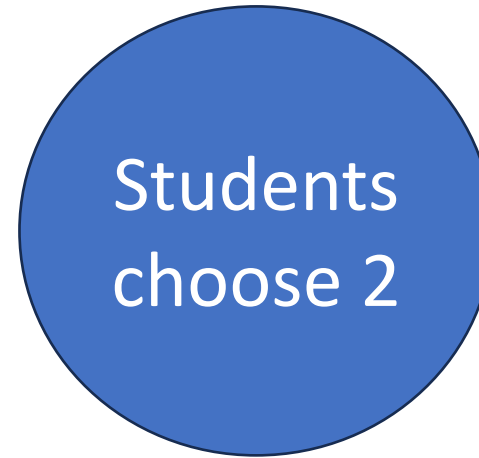
This option is a guided choice. Please discuss with Mr Parfitt (SENCo) to check suitability.

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Option Box B

GCSE qualifications

- Art
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Drama
- Food and Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Physical Education
- Textiles



Vocational qualifications

- Business Studies (BTEC)
- Health and Social Care (BTEC)
- iMedia ICT (OCR Nationals)
- Music Technology (NCFE)
- Sports Science (OCR Nationals)



Students will study two. Choose three
IN ORDER OF
PREFERENCE to
include a reserve.

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Making the Right Choice

Types of Course

- **GCSE** – Traditional academic focus. Most are assessed by exams only.
- **Vocational** - Work related focus. Continuous assessment throughout the course with some external assessment.
- **Learning Support** – Not necessarily leading to a qualification but providing extra time and support to help some students access the curriculum.

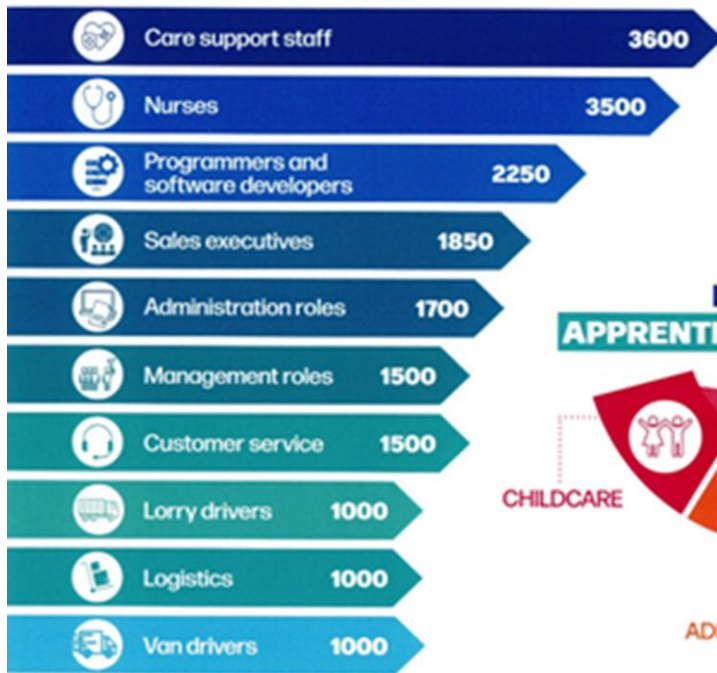
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Making the Right Choice

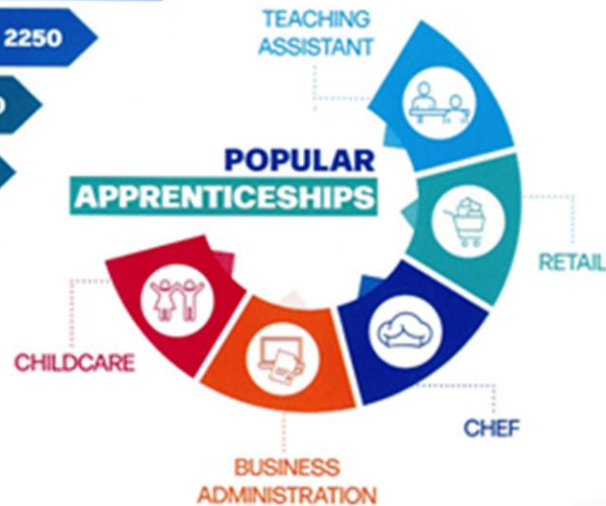


Sedgemoor Labour Market Information

TOP JOB LISTINGS IN THIS AREA



POPULAR APPRENTICESHIPS



TOP EMPLOYERS



Top employers in Sedgemoor include:

- DHL Supply Chain
- WM Morrison Supermarkets
- Avon and Somerset Police
- Refresco Beverages UK
- Bridgwater and Taunton College
- Müller UK & Ireland
- Somerset NHS Foundation Trust
- Bakkavor Foods
- Green Machine SW
- Toolstation

These employers contributed to over 6500 jobs in the area last year.



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Key Dates



- **Friday 12 January** - Year 8 assembly at Hugh Sexey Middle School
- **W/C 15 January** – Year 8 assembly at Fairlands Middle School
- **Tuesday 30 January**– Talks in the main Hall, Kings of Wessex Academy at 5.00pm and 6.00pm and the opportunity to visit every option subject.
- **Monday 19 February** – Deadline for options forms to be completed and returned to Kings (by post or email).

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Important Information



- Read the information booklet – Year 8 Choices
- Talk about your likes, skills and career aspirations
- Make a list of questions
- Attend the Year 8 Choices Evening on 30 January
- Students need to choose two options in box A and 2 options in box B (plus one reserve)
- Complete and return the form to Kings by 19 February 2024

Choose wisely. We cannot guarantee that students can change courses although we will try to accommodate swaps, where possible, until October half term.

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Questions?



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