FALLIBROOME CHOICES 2022-2024



Our Principles

- To provide a broad and balanced curriculum that includes elements of choice
- High expectations and achievement for all
- To meet the learning needs of individuals.
- Students equipped to meet the future expectations of employers
- Clear communication with students and parents

Making Choices

Do……

- Talk to parents, teachers, Careers etc
- Choose subjects you enjoy and are good at
- Read the options booklet and do some research
- Maintain a balance
- Seek advice about future options/careers.

Making Choices

Don’t…..

- Do what your friends do.
- Take the easy option – push yourself
- Do subjects because you like the teacher
- Do what you think you need
- Ignore Advice

Questions you may or should be asking?

- What do I need for my career choice?
- Am I good at .....?
- What is in the GCSE ..... course?
- How much practical/coursework is there?
- What is a good balance?
- Am I closing too many doors?
- What am I aiming for at 16? 18?
- Am I willing to persevere?

The Core Curriculum (Compulsory)

- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Combined Science (2 GCSEs)
- GCSE Respect
- Core PE

This will total 30 lessons per fortnight

You now have 4 options to make

MOST PUPILS ARE ADVISED TO STUDY:

A Humanities Subject

History
Geography
Business Studies
Business Enterprise

A Modern Language

French
German
Spanish

A Creative/Practical Subject

Art
Music
Drama
Dance
PE Options
Photography
Child Development

A STEM Subject

Separate Sciences
Electronics
Computing
Food & Nutrition
IT
Product Design
Graphics
Engineering Manufacture

Each Option is 5 hours per fortnight

Choose 4 of the following options

Art - Fine Art
Photography
Business - Enterprise
Business - Studies
Child Development
Dance
Drama
Electronics
DT - Graphics
DT - Product Design
DT – Engineering Manufacture
Food and Nutrition
French
Geography
German
History
IT
Computing
Music
PE - GCSE
PE – Sports Studies
Separate Sciences (Bi,Ph,Ch)
Spanish

Remember - aim for balance and not closing doors

Separate Sciences

(Physics, Chemistry, Biology)

- Is beneficial for future Science study but not essential
- Combined Science still enables students to access A Levels in all 3 Sciences
- If you are enthusiastic about Science then Separate Sciences may be for you.

Example – Anthony Robinson

Option 1	**History**
Option 2	**German**
Option 3	**DT: Graphics**
Option 4	**Drama**

Example – Laura Davidson

Option 1	**Separate Sciences**
Option 2	**Geography**
Option 3	**Spanish**
Option 4	**Music**

Example – Henry Thomas

Option 1	**Computing**
Option 2	**French**
Option 3	**Art**
Option 4	**Dance**

New GCSE Grading

- Graded from 9 (high) – 1 (low)
- Grade 7 = old ‘A’ Grade
- Grade 4 = old ‘C’ Grade
- Grade 1 = old ‘F/G’ Grade

We have introduced Cambridge Nationals in some subjects, particularly where these subjects are no longer offered at GCSE

These retain a more practical approach, with less emphasis on the final exams.

They are equivalent to GCSE.

IT, Child Development, Business Enterprise, Sports Studies and Engineering Manufacture are being offered at Fallibroome.

Students can take a maximum of two Cambridge Nationals.

The English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

A student who gains at least a grade 4 in the following GCSE subjects will have achieved the EBACC.

- English GCSE
- Maths GCSE
- Two or more Sciences

  (Combined Science or Separate Sciences)
- History *or* Geography
- French *or* Spanish *or* German

Interpreting Fallibroome's Attainment grades.

Current Attainment

4 – on target for the highest GCSE grades (7-9)

3- on target for high GCSE grades

2- on target for mid-range grades

1 – on target for foundation GCSE grades

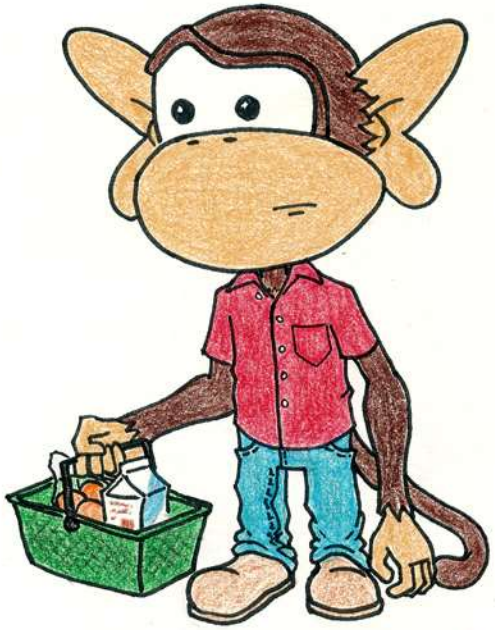
Subjects that can be taken at A Level without having done GCSE

Art and Design
Dance
History
Media Studies
Philosophy, Ethics, Religion
Sociology
Physical Education
Business Studies
Geography
Applied ICT
Music Technology
Psychology
Theatre Studies

Timeline 2022

25th Jan	- Introductory Assembly - Read options book - Seek advice and talk to people
7th Feb to 1st March	- All Yr9 pupils interviewed individually by Mr Kyd and Miss Storey.
2nd March	- PROS Parents Evening
8th March	- ICEF Parents Evening
11th March	- Deadline for Options Form (Google Form)

INEVITABLY, I END UP STANDING IN THE SLOWEST LINE...



...THIS MAKES ME WONDER ABOUT ALL THE OTHER CHOICES I'VE EVER MADE