



Millthorpe School

Specialist Language College



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EXCELLENCE AND DIVERSITY



Welcome to the Key Stage 4 Options Evening



Core Curriculum

- English Language and English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- ICT
- RE
- Physical Education (not GCSE)
- PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education)

The vast majority of students will study at least one language

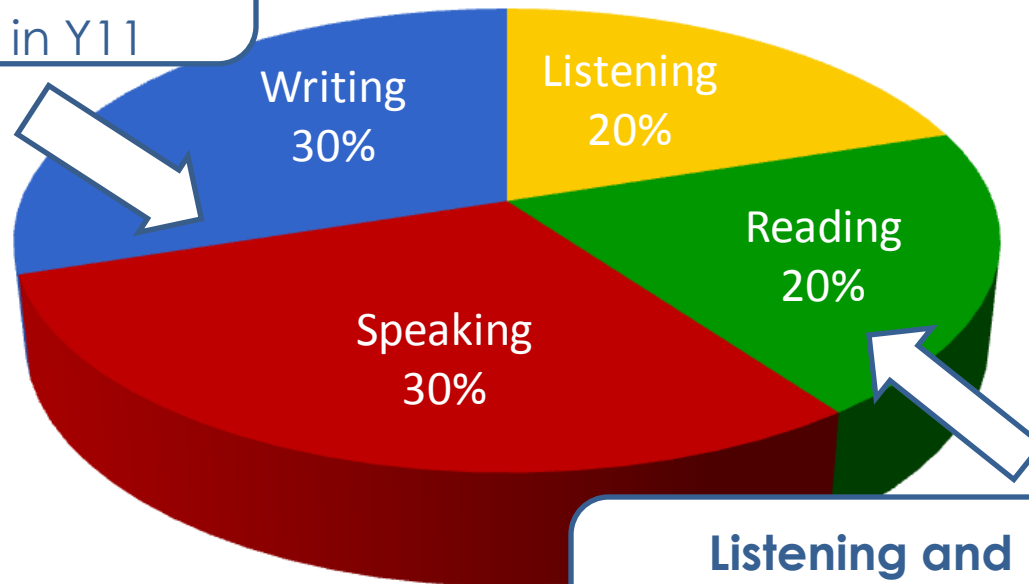
French or German



GCSE French, German and Spanish

Speaking and Writing (Un-tiered)

6 Controlled Assessments –
3 in Y10 and 3 in Y11



Listening and Reading
Foundation or Higher Tier exam
in May/June of Y11



Asset Languages

- Give you a nationally recognised certificate for a practical skill.
- Measure listening, speaking, reading and writing separately.
- Are assessed by short tests which can be taken at various points during the year.

Asset Languages Stages	General Qualifications
Advanced: Grades 10-12	AS / A Level
Intermediate: Grades 7-9	GCSE grades A* - C
Preliminary: Grades 4-6	GCSE grades D - G
Breakthrough: Grades 1-3	Entry level (Pre-GCSE)



Science

Triple Science

Separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Controlled ISA assessments (25%) in each subject.

Core Science (Yr10) + Additional Science (Yr11)

Separate modules in Biology, Chemistry and Physics
Two separate GCSEs awarded
Controlled ISA assessments (25%) in each course.

BTEC Extended Certificate Applied Sciences (Yr10+11)

2 GCSE equivalents

No exam but assignments throughout the course

All assignments must be awarded either a Pass, Merit or Distinction.



Foundation Learning

Core Curriculum

- Mathematics
- English
- Science
- PE
- ICT
- RE
- BTEC Workskills
- BTEC Sustainability

Options

- Entry Level or Level 1
- Flexible to allow progression to Level 2
- Vocational learning/Work experience
- Visits
- Portfolio based



Mathematics

Course start: January 2012
Final exam: November 2013

The current Year 9 will therefore receive their GCSE Maths grade in January of Year 11. This allows the possibility of a second sitting of the exam which may result in an improved grade. For those not needing a second sitting, further accredited courses of study will take place.

We are expecting that the modular course (3 units) will no longer be available for current Year 9.



English Baccalaureate

This is not a new qualification it is a performance measure and is likely to be recognised by a separate certificate.

It consists of 5 A* - C GCSE passes in:

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE Mathematics
- **Two** GCSE Sciences
- A language GCSE
- GCSE History **or** GCSE Geography



Options

First students will choose a language, French or German on timetable.

Students can also choose to study an extra language before, after school or on timetable.

A small number of students will not study a language and they will follow the Foundation Learning course.



Next students choose three of the following subjects:

Art	Food Technology	History
BTEC Sport	French or German	Music
GCSE Computing	Foundation Learning	Resistant Materials
Core & Additional Science	GCSE PE	Spanish
Creative iMedia	Geography	Textile Technology
Dance	Graphic Products	Triple Science
Drama	Health & Social Care	



What to do next?

Talk to the relevant Head of Department available tonight.

Talk to your child's teacher at:

**Year 9 Parents' Evening
on Tuesday 10th January 2012**



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The KS4 Options form will be issued to
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Monday 9th January 2012



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To be returned to form tutors by:

Monday 23rd January 2012



Every student will then be interviewed by a senior teacher regarding their choices.



B2	Technology – Food, Graphics, Textiles and Resistant Materials	Health and Social Care	Art
B3	Mathematics	English	
B4	History	Geography	
B5	Languages	Science	
B6	Computing, Creative iMedia	GCSE PE, BTEC Sport	
B7	Drama	Music	Dance
The Link (B8)	Foundation Learning		