

## How to fill out your Options Form

1. You **must** choose one option from each column, **and** make three reserve choices in order of preference.
2. You cannot choose the same subject in more than one column.
3. **All** students **must** choose one subject out of the EBacc subjects\* highlighted in grey: French, Spanish, German, geography, history or computing. You can choose more than one of these if you wish. If we feel it is not right for you, we will be in touch.
4. **Combinations which are NOT allowed:**
  - Computing and ICT BTEC
  - BTEC Sport and Physical Education
5. When choosing **BTECs** we recommend that, due to the high volume of coursework involved, a maximum of two subjects are chosen.

**If you make a choice that is not allowed, your form will be returned to you.**

**DEADLINE FOR FORMS IS 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

### What happens next?

1. We will process your form and liaise with middle schools to ensure your selections are the right courses for you. We aim to finish this and let students know of any issues with choice combinations between 11<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016
2. There may be subjects where too few students choose them so that the course is cancelled. We aim to let you know of this before 11<sup>th</sup> April.
3. We will aim to construct a timetable which will meet the demand in all subject areas. However, sometimes subjects are oversubscribed or staffing changes can affect our ability to run a class. We aim to let you know by 14<sup>th</sup> May if you are affected by this although we would not expect this to be an issue.
4. **In addition to the above we will issue notifications of final allocations to students via the middle schools by the end of June alongside details of the student induction event.**

### Flexible Skills Pathway

Within the Flexible Skills Pathway we offer an alternative subject that is suitable for students who would benefit from a more practical, skills-based curriculum.

- Grow it Cook it

This course is equivalent to ½ GCSE. Some students will be guided to select this subject if we feel it will offer the right balance between academic challenge and practical learning.

Alongside this there is the option of Literacy Support – please liaise with our SENCo if you think this is appropriate.

**Ask your tutor if you want to take this subject, but you must choose a second option in case it isn't the right course for you.**