

Options 2021



EBOR ACADEMY

Headteacher's Message

At our school we know that it is the people that matter the most. We believe passionately in our students and we know that with the right support here, and at home, they can achieve great things. They have to believe in themselves and strive for success. Our aim here is to provide all our learners with an exciting, coherent and inspirational curriculum taught by truly talented, professional and hardworking staff. We wish to create a culture that is inclusive, and where the individual and diverse talents of all our students are nurtured and celebrated.

Changes to GCSEs

In recent years, GCSE specifications have undergone a process of almost constant change. As a result, the changes in content to GCSE courses are significant. Therefore, I encourage you to read the subject outlines contained in this booklet carefully to help ensure you and your child make an informed choice.

Core Subjects

The core subjects that all students must study at Ebor Academy Filey include: English Language, English Literature, Maths, Science and core PE.

Course Types

Students at Ebor Academy Filey can choose to work towards two main types of qualification: GCSE and Vocational.

The General Certificate of Education is the most common academic qualification students study towards in the UK. Although some courses contain coursework and practical elements, most GCSEs are designed with no interim or modular assessment. Instead, students'

skills and knowledge in the subject are tested by examination at the end of a two-year course.

Vocational qualifications include technical awards and BTECs. Although there is usually an examined element, most of the qualification is based on coursework or practical work that is undertaken throughout the course.

How do I help my child choose?

Choosing KS4 subjects can be a daunting time for your child: students often realise that this is the beginning of their preparations for adult life. As such, it's really important to get involved with your child's decision making; general words of encouragement and support are invaluable and can help provide the reassurance your child may need.

It may also help to question your child's choices. Are they choosing a course that they enjoy and would be good at? Does the course open doors to work that they may want to do in the future?

Another exercise to help them organise their thinking is to help your child create a 'pros' and 'cons' list for each subject. This can be a great way to see clearly any barriers to decision making.

The English Baccalaureate

The EBacc is a set of subjects at GCSE that 'keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers.' In order to qualify for the EBacc measure, students need to obtain a grade 5 or above in English Language and Literature, Maths, two sciences, Geography or History and a language. At Ebor

Academy Filey we do not make study towards the EBacc compulsory. Instead, we offer a broad range of subject options for you to help your child choose a curriculum that is most suited to their individual aspirations, strengths and interests.

GCSE Art: Fine Art



“Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time.”

Thomas Merton

How might you use art in the future?

You can continue your Art and Design studies at AS/ A-level and Degree level. You'll also be able to choose areas of study to specialise in within a particular title. The transferable skills you gain will be valuable. Employers and universities regard problem solving, creative thinking, time management, investigation, research, communication, teamwork skills, and the ability to develop, refine and present ideas highly.



What will you study?

Alongside improving your practical expertise, you'll learn how to develop, refine and record your ideas within project based work. You will present a personal response that realises your intentions and will improve your creative skills through the effective use of media, materials, techniques, processes and technologies.

You will take a starting idea and develop this into a final piece of work; and will learn how to produce good quality art images suitable for different purposes and/or contexts, whilst responding to issues, themes, concepts or ideas).

Art opens doors to a number of careers such as: interior and spatial designer; illustrator or graphic designer.



Art: Textiles

What will I study?

Textile design is defined as the creation of designs and products for woven, knitted, stitched, printed or decorative textiles.

Component -Year 10/11

A portfolio that in total shows explicit coverage of the four assessment objectives. It must include a sustained project evidencing the journey from initial engagement to the realisation of intentions and a selection of further work undertaken during the student's course of study.

How it's assessed

No time limit

96 marks

60% of GCSE

Component 2-January Year 11

Students respond to their chosen starting point from an externally set assignment paper relating to their subject title, evidencing coverage of all four assessment objectives.

How it's assessed

Preparatory period followed by 10 hours of supervised time

96 marks

40% of GCSE

In Component 1 and Component 2 students are required to work in **one or more** area(s) of textile design, such as those listed below:

- * Art textiles
- * Fashion design and illustration
- * Costume design
- * Constructed textiles
- * Printed and dyed textiles
- * Surface pattern
- * Stitched and/or embellished textiles
- * Soft furnishings and/or textiles for interiors
- * Digital textiles
- * Installed textiles.



“Happiness is Homemade!”

What will I study?

In component 1, the teacher and student agree on a starting theme for the work and students then produce a sketchbook of evidence. The sketchbook will consist of work in inks, yarns, threads, fibres, fabrics, textile materials and digital imagery and could include textile samples of anything from weaving, felting, stitching, appliqué and construction methods to printing and anything else in-between!

Students will look at the work of various artists, designers and crafts people as inspiration for their own work. Student's will continue to experiment and develop their ideas, to the point of a final idea for a made outcome, which might have a functional or non-functional purpose, which they will then produce. The second component follows the same route, but students pick from a number of externally set briefs. The 'made' outcome for component 2, is completed during 10 hours of supervised time.

GCSE Design and Technology

What will you study?

Design and Technology is a subject area which requires the application of knowledge and understanding when developing ideas, planning, producing products and evaluating them. It also requires being creative and innovative when designing and selecting and using tools/equipment and processes to produce quality products.



“Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower”

Steve Jobs



The specification has been designed to encourage candidates to be able to design and make products with creativity and originality, using a range of materials and techniques.

It develops skills of creativity and critical analysis through making links between the principles of good design, existing solutions and technological knowledge.

How might you use it in the future?

Design and Technology encourages candidates to be inspired, moved and challenged by following a broad, coherent, satisfying and worthwhile course of study and gain an insight into related sectors, such as fashion, product design, architecture and engineering. It prepares candidates to make informed decisions about further learning opportunities and career choices.

The use of new technologies and CAD/CAM skills allows candidates to develop as effective and independent learners.

GCSE English

What will you study?

You will study both English Language and Literature, working towards two full GCSEs.

English Language will give the opportunity for you to study a range of Non Fiction and Literary Non-fiction texts and creative writing.

“A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men”

Roald Dahl



You will also complete a separate Speaking and Listening activity in a subject of your choosing. This will help to develop your wider communication skills.

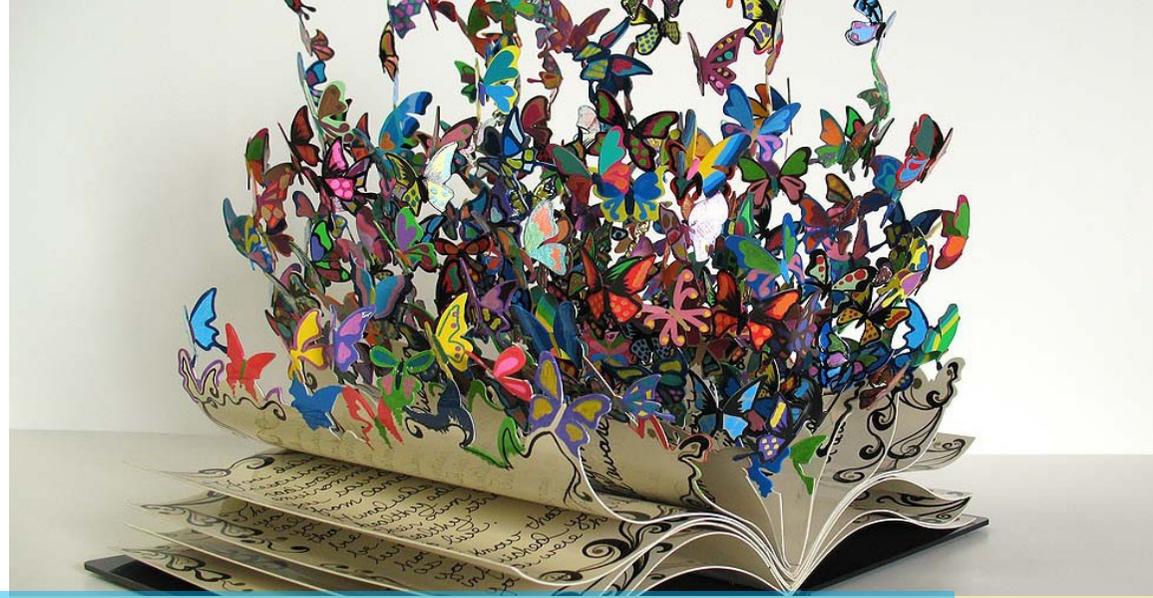
The **English Literature** core areas of study include a novel; a modern play; a selection of poetry and Shakespeare.

How might you use it in the future?

The English GCSEs are very important qualifications because they show your future employer that you have a range of communication skills that are essential for the world of work. GCSE English and Literature prove that you are able to communicate clearly and confidently, present a clear viewpoint and write with accuracy and clarity.

Analysis is a central element of both GCSE English courses. Most employers like their employees to have the ability to problem solve and think independently using developed skills of analysis.

Both GCSEs expose you to range of texts which means you will be able to interpret text types efficiently and understand how to create appropriate texts for a range of situations.



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Her own small bedroom now became her reading-room and there she would sit.

Food Preparation and Nutrition

What will I study?

Students will learn about various areas of the required theory knowledge and skills, through written and practical tasks. They will demonstrate their understanding of the working characteristics, functional and chemical properties of ingredients. In addition, students will apply all their skills and knowledge to plan, prepare, cook and present three dishes within a limited time period.



"A healthy outside starts from the inside"

Robert Urich

How might it be useful in the future?

A qualification in food preparation and nutrition can lead to a range of different careers, including: food technologist, dietician, sports nutrition, hospitality careers, retail and much, much more.

In addition, this course will enhance many transferable learning skills such as the ability to plan, apply theory in practice and work independently. These skills are sought after by many industries today.



GCSE French

Fact: In the business world you can earn up to £5,000 more a year if you speak another language.



How might it be useful in the future?

French is the international language of dance, architecture, the visual arts, theatre, fashion and *haute cuisine*.

French is spoken by 300 million people and is the fifth most spoken language in the world.

What will you study?

You will practise and enhance your language skills in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

You will deepen your understanding of grammar and how the French language is constructed.

There are three 'themes' of study: Identity & Culture, Local, National and International Areas of Interest and Current & Future Study & Employment. Within these themes, you will study topics which relate to you and your life such as teenage issues, social media, the environment and celebrations. You will also learn more about French-speaking countries around the world.

Avoir une autre langue,
c'est posséder une deuxième âme.



The ability to speak French and English is an advantage on the international job market. France is a key economic partner.

French is an official language of multiple institutions, from the United Nations to the European Union and the International Red Cross..



What will you

You will develop your language skills in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

You will learn how the Spanish language is constructed through the study of vocabulary and grammar.

There are three 'themes' of study: Identity and Culture, Local, National and International Areas of Interest

GCSE Spanish

and Current & Future Study and Employment. Within these themes, you will study topics which relate to you and your life such as teenage issues, social media, the environment and celebrations. You will also learn more about Spanish-speaking countries around the world.

How might it be useful in the future?

Fact: The total Spanish-speaking population is 452,480,979 in 22 countries. Spanish is the second most widely spoken language in the world. Did you know that even parts of the USA, including Miami, Florida, are Spanish speaking?

For working or holidaying in one of these countries, knowledge of Spanish would be a real asset.



Fact: Just 33% of British people speak another language – you could help increase that percentage!

GCSE Geography

What will you study?

You will study a wide range of topics that are relevant to the world around you today and in the future.

In Year 10 you will look at earthquakes and volcanoes, changing climate, flooding, drought and extreme environments. We go on a fieldwork trip to Pickering Beck in June of Year 10. In Year 11 you will investigate the future of the world's population, migration patterns, urban and rural living and the use and abuse of the world's resources, including the eco-footprints of cities like London and sustainable solutions

How might you use it in the future?

The wide range of skills you practise in Geography, like decision-making and problem solving, set you up well for the world of work and other courses you may go on to study in Sixth Form or at college.

You learn to plan your own investigations and you use GIS/ICT packages to help present and analyse patterns—these are very useful for any future career using ICT and for working with people.

People around the world are becoming more aware of the impacts of changes to the environment, our population and the resources that we use. There will be many jobs available in this sector in the future and taking Geography GCSE will mean that you can show a real understanding of these future issues.



Cambridge National Health and Social Care

What will you study?

Three units worth 25% which are assessed through coursework:

Unit RO22: Communicating and working with individuals in health, social care and early years settings

Unit RO25: Understanding life stages

Unit RO28: Understanding the development and protection of young children in an early years setting

The remaining 25% is achieved from an exam in Year 11.

Taught through a variety of ways and experiences, this course introduces students to the specialist knowledge and skills needed to work in various care settings.

Underpinning the qualification is

a focus on core values and communicating with

Individuals so as to maintain their dignity and sense of being valued. These are sought after qualities in any line of work making health and social care, an attractive qualification to have on your CV.



“The happiest people I know are those who lose themselves in the service of others.”
Gordon B. Hinckley



How might it be useful in the future?

In Health and Social Care you will learn about the care of people at all stages of life, from babies to later adulthood. This may be of benefit to you in the future as you become an adult and raise your own family.

An in depth study of Health and Social Care will also prepare you for any career or job where you will be working with children, adults, the elderly or people with a wide range of needs.

GCSE History

What will you study?

The topics that will be studied and tested in three exams:

- Paper 1: Crime and Punishment
- Paper 2: Life in England in the time of William the Conqueror and the American West.
- Paper 3: Adolf Hitler and Life in Nazi Germany



"We are not makers of history. We are made by History."

Martin Luther King



How might it be useful in the future?

- It will help you develop lots of skills that are really valued by employers and universities, like being able to form a logical argument and evaluate evidence.
- You will improve your writing skills, which are



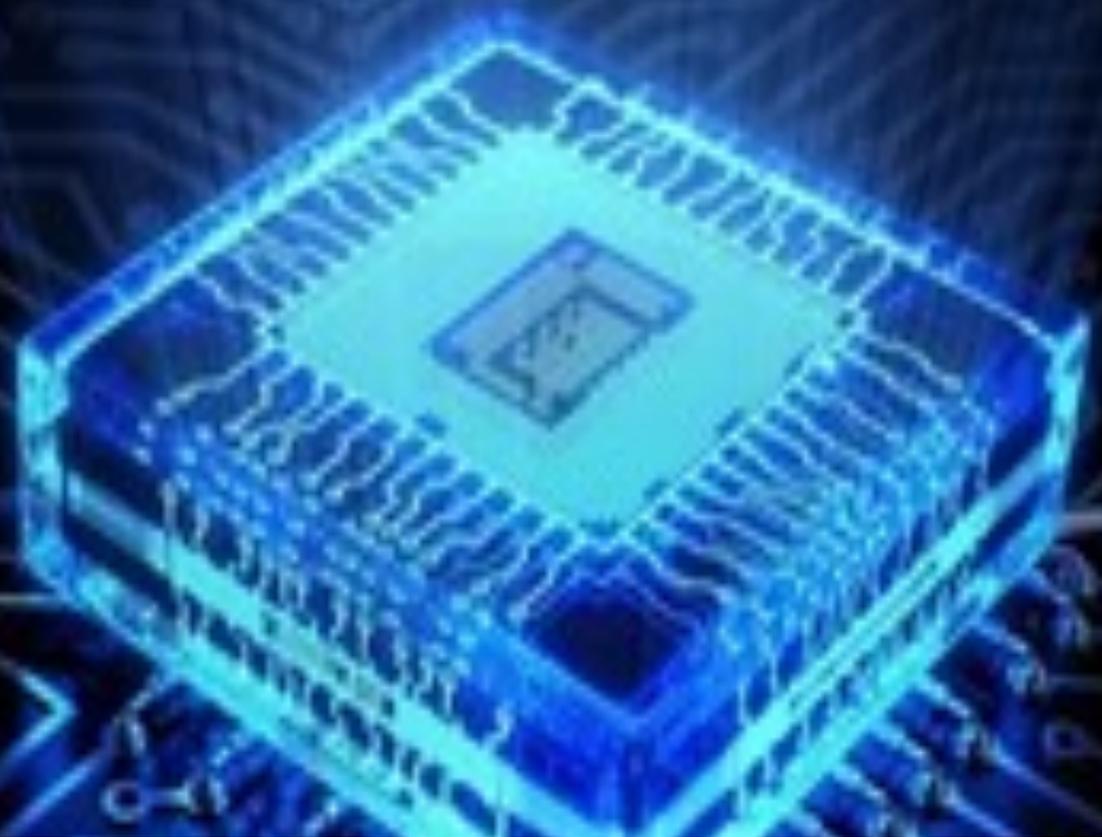
ICT

What will you study?

The course will allow you to develop an understanding of how ICT is applied in the real world. It gives you an understanding of issues that are current in ICT and allow you to work to brief in the same way you would in real life. The course incorporates a variety of software packages and allows you to further develop your skills in particular your web development and graphics design. You will learn how to use software tools at a much more innovative and advanced level.

How might it be useful in the future?

Not only will this course allow you to develop your skills in ICT, it will allow you to interact with the major issues in ICT today. The course incorporates the core ICT skills required by most businesses and further education courses. GCSE ICT is an outstanding foundation for developing an entry route for any ICT, Business and Computing courses or jobs.



“Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic”
Arthur C. Clarke



GCSE Maths

What will you study?

At GCSE you will do number, probability and statistics, algebra, shape and geometry. The course is split into 10 blocks, starting in Year 9 and there will be one final exam in June of Year 11.

You will learn how Mathematics can be used outside of the classroom and you will gain problem solving skills that can be used across school.

How might it be useful in the future?

The vast majority of careers and college courses will require a good grade in Mathematics in order to access them. Mathematics is used to some extent in everything we do and everything we use and students must be able to leave school with the knowledge needed to help them thrive in a changing mathematical world.



“Mathematics is the music of reason”

James Sylvester



GCSE Music

What will you study?

In class you will be:

- Composing using Cubase and Sibelius.
- Performing and working on performances with others
- Listening to music to develop the analytical skills acquired in years 7, 8 and 9.

How might it be useful in the future?

Music helps nurture the following skills that employers look for:

People who can work in a group; creative, spontaneous, imaginative thinkers; reflective and thoughtful workers; people who are not afraid of change or new challenges; confidence and a positive outlook; independence; self-awareness and the ability to self-assess; good self-managers; people with goals and tenacity who are not afraid of hard work; an appreciation and openness to the unfamiliar.

“Where words fail, music speaks.”

Hans Christian Anderson

Do you need to play an instrument to take GCSE Music?

You don't need to be of a certain standard to start the course, but you do need to be willing to work hard to develop your playing/ singing/ rapping/ beat-boxing skills.

It doesn't matter if you can't read music at the start of the course.

You do not need to have instrumental or vocal lessons but it does help.

GCSE Religious Studies

What will you study?

Study 1 – Christian beliefs

Study 2 – Islamic beliefs

Study 3 – Marriage and Family

Study 4 – Living the Muslim life

Study 5 - Crime and Punishment

Study 6 - Living the Christian life

Study 7 - Peace and Conflict

Study 8 - Matters of life and death

A balance of a study of both beliefs and ethics; GCSE

How might it be useful in the future?

Religious Studies is a subject which embraces the biggest questions in life such as “Why are we here?”; “Is it ever right to kill?” and “Is there life after death?”

People who study RS think deeply.

The topics we investigate will affect all of us on some level at some time in our lives, whether directly or indirectly. The course support the British Values and encourages students to engage in learning about a range of aspects of belief and ethics so that they can independently describe, explain and evaluate both religious and non-religious ideas and practises.



“If people cannot think well, others will do their thinking for them.” George Orwell



GCSE Science

Routes through Science:

In science, students gain 2 GCSEs in Trilogy, or 3 GCSEs in Triple Science. In all cases, **you** will study and sit exams for Biology, Chemistry and Physics with a different teacher for each discipline where possible.

What will you study?

In Biology you will discover how the human body works, how it is affected by disease and drugs and how other living things adapt to their environment. Chemistry explores the structure of the atom, the periodic table, chemical reactions and the use of different materials in different industries and how this affects the world around us. Physics examines how we produce and use energy, the principles of electricity and how forces affect the world.

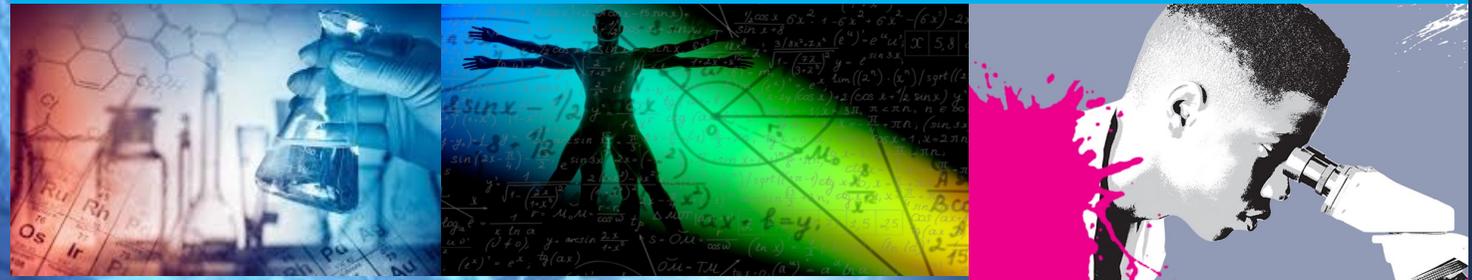
How might it be useful in the future?

Your Science GCSE grades show you can think critically, analyse data, apply your knowledge to new situations and use these skills to solve problems.

These skills are vital in almost every job, even those not directly linked to Science.

“The science of today is the technology of tomorrow”.

Edward Teller



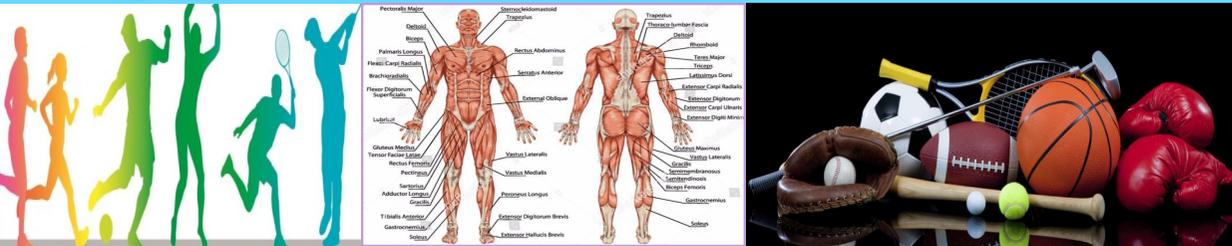
Lots of careers require science qualifications. For example careers in: veterinary science, medicine, midwifery, sports science, marine biology, forensic science and even law.

BTEC Sport



“Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.”

Aristotle



How might it be useful in the future?

This course will give you a grounding in the skills and understanding needed to go onto further sports studies e.g. A Level Physical Education. Alternatively you will have gained sports specific insight and experience that may lead you towards employment in the sports industry.

What will you study?

The Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Sport, Activity and Fitness, is for learners who want to acquire theoretical knowledge and technical skills through vocational contexts by exploring areas such as the body systems, psychology, nutrition, technology and leadership. The qualification recognises the value of developing skills, knowledge and vocational attributes to complement GCSEs. The qualification will broaden learners' experience and understanding of the varied progression options available to them. The qualification builds on and uses the knowledge and skills learned in GCSEs. It has a broad focus on building knowledge and skills, including exploring the impact of technology and psychology on sport and activity.

