

# The Cherwell School

Opportunity, Responsibility,  
Excellence

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## Important Dates 2018

<b>Monday 15th January onwards</b>	Focus in tutorial time and assemblies – <b><i>Choosing options</i></b>
<b>Wednesday 31st January</b>	Year 9 Options Evening on the North Site Courses for Years 10 & 11 options booklet given to parents
<b>Thursday 1st March</b>	Parents' Consultation Evening on the South Site
<b>Friday 9th March</b>	Last date for Option Forms to be returned to Form Tutors
<b>May and June</b>	The school advice team (see 'people to ask' above) review student choices. Further meetings with individual students, parents and carers at this stage if required
<b>June</b>	Options confirmed to students and parents. Opportunity for follow up consultations with students and parents and carers if concerns remain

# Advice and Guidance for students

- Assemblies
- Taster Sessions
- 1:1 meetings with tutors / other staff
- Discussion with parents / carers
- Student Carousel
- Parents Evening – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

# Y9 Tutors – Options Taster Session calendar

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Thur 1<sup>st</sup> March – 4-8pm South site- YR 9 PCE</b>  <b>Eri 9<sup>th</sup> March – Deadline for options form</b></p>				1	2	3
				ASSEMBLY - CH – Business/ Astronomy	ASSEMBLY - LD – Ecology/ Health and Social Care	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		TASTER SESSION – Religion Philosophy and Ethics 3.05-3.50pm Room 19&20 (North)		TASTER SESSION – Ecology/Health and Social Care 3.05-3.50pm Room 19&20 (North)	ASSEMBLY - ML – Art/DT	Half Term
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Half Term				ASSEMBLY - CH – Perf Arts	ASSEMBLY - FS – MPL	
	TASTER SESSION – Textiles 3.05-3.50pm Room 22 (South)		TASTER SESSION – Food 3.05-3.50pm Room T2 (North)	TASTER SESSION – Business Studies 3.05-3.50pm Room 1 (North)	TASTER SESSION – Sports Science and Health and Fitness 3.05-3.50pm Room M2 (North)	
25	26	27	28	<p><b>Jason Davis – Career advisor email address:</b>   <b><a href="mailto:jdavis@cherwell.oxon.sch.uk">jdavis@cherwell.oxon.sch.uk</a></b></p>		
	TASTER SESSION – Drama 3.05-3.50pm Drama Room (North)	TASTER SESSION – Music 3.05-3.50pm Room M2 (North)	TASTER SESSION – DT/Product Design/Graphics 3.05-3.50pm Room T2 & T3 (North)			

# Jason Davis

- School Careers Adviser

# Recent Academic Performance



# Cherwell KS4 Recent Results

## Percentile rankings for progress

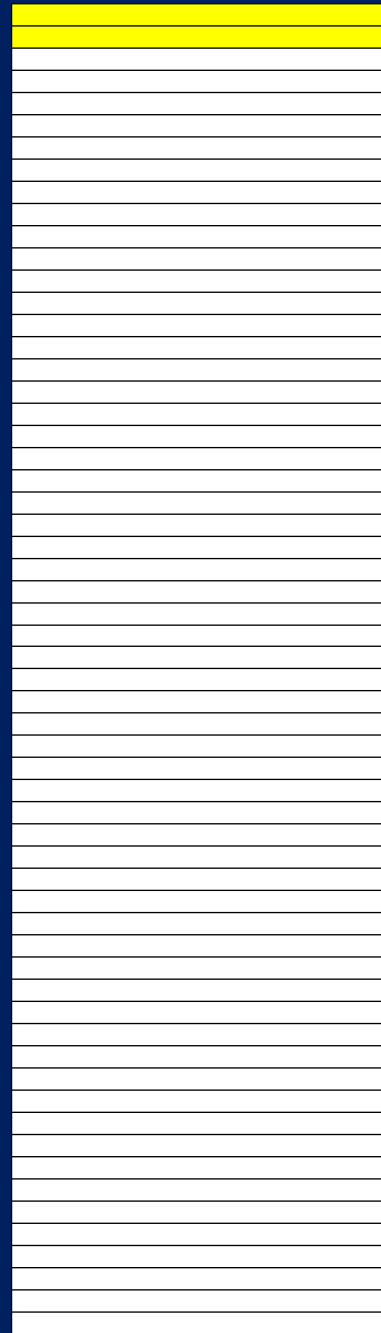
	2016	2017
Overall	7	6
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Ebacc subjects	4	9
Science	12	13
Languages	2	5
Humanities	9	13

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**Last  
Year's  
GCSE  
Results**



**The  
Cherwell  
School**

**Why?**

**Culture of  
learning**

**Organised**

**Team ethos**

**Strong ATL**

# Courses for Years 10 & 11

2018-20

# Types of Courses at Cherwell

**GCSE**

**NCFE VCert**

**Cambridge  
Nationals**

# Understanding the offer – types of courses

**GCSE**

**Most common form of qualification**

**2 year courses; graded 1-9**

# Grading new GCSEs from 2017

Old grades	New grades
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
	5 STRONG PASS
	4 STANDARD PASS
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

# GCSE

Usually examined at the  
end of the course

Some practical elements,  
eg Drama, Art, Music

Some coursework / Non-  
Examined Assessment



# NCFE VCert

**More coursework; less  
exam**

**More vocational – aimed  
at the world of work**

**Equivalent in value to a  
GCSE**

# NCFE VCert

**Health and Fitness**

**Food and Catering**

**Engineering**

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GCSE**

# Cambridge Nationals

**Health and Social Care**

**Creative iMedia**

EAL / VRQ Cert

**Cycle Maintenance**

# The Ebacc

*A measure not a qualification*

Subjects at Cherwell which count in the measure are the following:

<b>English</b> <b>Maths</b>	<b>Sciences</b> <b>Computer Science</b> <b>MFL (French, Spanish or German)</b>	<b>History</b> <b>Geography</b>
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Ebacc is not compulsory here, but we do recommend it as the core of a rich and challenging curriculum.

# Courses for Years 10 and 11

A combination of core  
courses and options

# Core Curriculum

CITIZENSHIP (1 GCSE – completed in Year 10)	ENGLISH LANGUAGE (1 GCSE)	ENGLISH LITERATURE (1 GCSE)
MATHEMATICS (1 GCSE)	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	SCIENCE (2 or 3 GCSEs)



# Science

## Triple

3 GCSEs in Physics, Chemistry,  
Biology

12 lessons per fortnight

## Combined

2 GCSEs in Combined Science

10 lessons per fortnight

# Why opt for Triple?

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10 lessons per fortnight

Interest and ability are key

Y9 Science tests on 26<sup>th</sup>/ 27<sup>th</sup> March and performance  
over the year used to assess suitability

# Why opt for Combined?

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3 GCSEs in Physics, Chemistry,  
Biology

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## Combined

2 GCSEs in Combined Science

10 lessons per fortnight

Can lead to higher achievement for some  
students – do less, do it better

Does give access to 6<sup>th</sup> Form Science  
courses here and elsewhere

# Where to get advice

## Triple

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Advice and guidance for all available  
through tutors, Science teachers, YL / DYL

# OPTIONS

- 4 Option Subjects need to be chosen
- Note - These are entered on the Options Form in **ORDER OF PREFERENCE**
- Looking for a balance of subjects to keep future options open, but we take an **individual approach** to student choices.

# How to make option choices?





# Reporting at PR3

New grading structure	
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# Language Options

**FRENCH**

**GERMAN**

**SPANISH**

**Recommended for  
many students**

**Some students take  
2 languages**

# Technology and Creative Options

<b>RESISTANT MATERIALS (GCSE)</b>	<b>FOOD CATERING (NCFE VCert)</b>	<b>GRAPHICS (GCSE)</b>
	<b>ENGINEERING (NCFE VCert)</b>	

If students do not choose to take one of the above options they are encouraged to take one from the following creative subjects.

<b>ART (GCSE)</b>	<b>TEXTILES ART (GCSE)</b>	<b>MUSIC (GCSE)</b>
<b>DANCE (GCSE)</b>	<b>DRAMA (GCSE)</b>	

# Additional Options

GEOGRAPHY (GCSE)	HISTORY (GCSE)	PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION and ETHICS (GCSE)
CYCLE MAINTENANCE	BUSINESS STUDIES (GCSE)	HEALTH AND FITNESS (NCFE)
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (Cambridge National)	COMPUTER SCIENCE (GCSE)	CREATIVE iMEDIA (Cambridge National)
SOCIOLOGY (GCSE)	SPORT SCIENCE (GCSE)	

# Extra-Curricular Option

ASTRONOMY

- After School, once per week for 90 minutes
- Please tick the relevant box on the Option Form

# OPTIONS FORM

- Please complete the Four Option boxes in Order of Preference
- Please also add a reserve choice
- Please tick any relevant boxes (Triple Science or Astronomy)
- **Please return the Options Form by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March** *(not before the 5<sup>th</sup> March please)*

### SINGLE OPTIONS

(1 option choice) GCSE course unless otherwise stated

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Art</li><li>• Business Studies</li><li>• Certificate in Engineering – Bike Maintenance</li><li>• Computer Science</li><li>• Dance</li><li>• Drama</li><li>• Engineering – (NCFE VCert)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Food and Catering – (NCFE VCert)</li><li>• French</li><li>• Geography</li><li>• German</li><li>• Graphics</li><li>• Health &amp; Social Care – (Cambridge National)</li><li>• History</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ICT – (Cambridge National)</li><li>• Music</li><li>• Health &amp; Fitness – (NCFE VCert)</li><li>• Philosophy &amp; Ethics</li><li>• Product Design</li><li>• Sociology</li><li>• Spanish</li><li>• Sport Science</li><li>• Textiles</li></ul> |
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### ADDITIONAL COURSE

(Does not count as an option)

- Astronomy GCSE (extra course after school)

Now make your set of four choices, those you would really like to take, and fill the names of the subjects in the boxes below with number **1** being your first preference and number **4** being your fourth choice. Also let us have a reserve choice of subject in case it becomes impossible for us to timetable your four choices.

1	French	2	History	3	Drama	4	Creative iMedia	RESERVE Spanish
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If you would like to be considered for **Triple Science at GCSE** in Years 10 & 11, please tick this box.

If you think you might want to take **Astronomy** after school, please tick this box.

# Top FAQs

- Is this the right number of courses?
- What if my child changes their mind?
- Are GCSE courses more highly-regarded?
- Can more than one subject be taken from one area?
- How important is it to think about careers at this stage?
- What is the best way for me to support my child through this process?

# Is this the right number of courses?

**Not enough?**

**Most students do  
10 / 11 GCSEs**

**Performance  
measures are on top 8**

**High achievement and  
clear progression routes**



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**Too many?**

**Strong support and  
high expectations**

**Potential to do one  
less option**

**Will discuss if felt to  
be sensible**

What if my child changes their mind?

# Options Timeline

**March 9th –  
hand form in**

**Choices confirmed**

**Courses  
start**



Jan | Feb | March | April | May | June | July | Summer | September

Advice and  
Guidance

Time to reflect

Changes possible

No further changes

Are GCSE courses more highly-regarded?

**Courses have genuine 'Level 2' equivalency**

**Provide valid route into post-16 education and  
University**

**Non-GCSE do give access to our 6<sup>th</sup> form**

Can more than one subject be taken from one area?

**Yes – but with some caution**

**Avoid taking courses that are too similar**

**Health and Fitness**

**Sport Science**

How important is it to think about careers at this stage?

**Depends on the individual**

**Kudos / National Careers Service websites**



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## Alternatively select from the list below

[Administrative and clerical](#)

[Alternative therapies](#)

[Animals, plants and land](#)

[Arts, crafts and design](#)

[Catering services](#)

[Construction](#)

[Education and training](#)

[Environmental sciences](#)

[Financial services](#)

[General and personal services](#)

[Information technology and  
information management](#)

[Legal services](#)

[Maintenance, service and repair](#)

[Manufacturing and engineering](#)

[Marketing, selling and advertising](#)

[Medical technology](#)

[Medicine and nursing](#)

[Performing arts, broadcast and  
media](#)

[Publishing and journalism](#)

[Retail sales and customer service](#)

[Science and research](#)

[Security and uniformed services](#)

[Social services](#)

[Sport, leisure and tourism](#)

[Storage, dispatching and delivery](#)

[Transport](#)

# Social media manager

Social media strategist, social media specialist, online community manager, social media marketing manager

Social media managers communicate with organisations' customers and clients through social media channels.

**£**  
Salary

**£23,000 to £75,000**  
average per year

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Hours

**37 to 40**  
per week

1. [Entry requirements](#)
2. [Skills required](#)
3. [What you'll do](#)
4. [Salary](#)
5. [Working hours, patterns and environment](#)
6. [Career path and progression](#)

## Elsewhere on the web

[Find an apprenticeship](#)

[Find a traineeship](#)

[Further education courses and funding](#)

[Set up a business](#)

## Want to speak to an adviser?

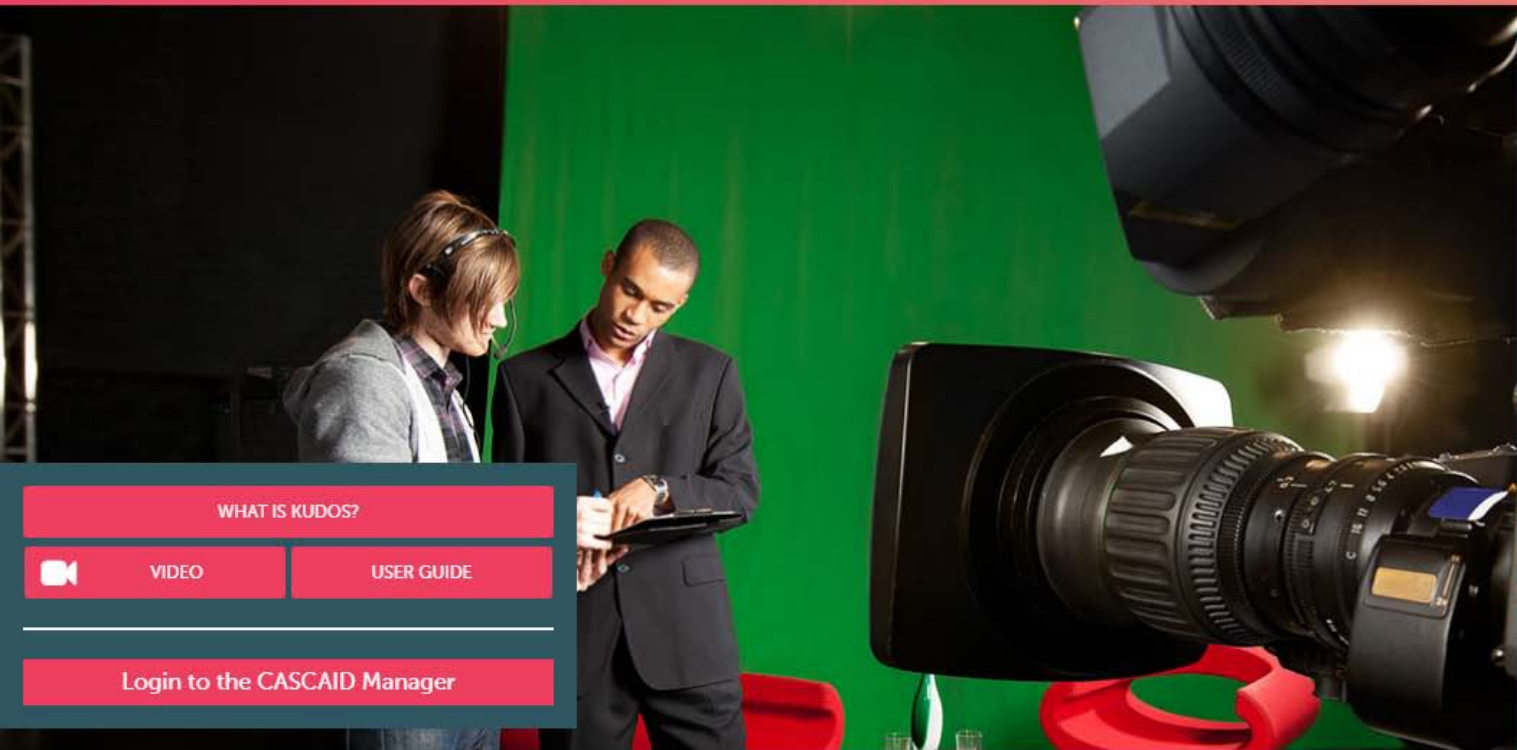
Call 0800 100 900 or  
[use webchat](#)

8am to 10pm, 7 days a week



# Kudos

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## Sign up

Enter licence code

What is the best way for me to support my child through this process?

**Encourage reflection and discussion**

**Do some research with them**

**Encourage them to ask for advice**

**Talk it through post-PCE**

# Year 9 – Pre-GCSE Year

**Citizenship**

**English**

**Maths**

**Science**

**Macbeth**

**Maths!**

**Tests on 26<sup>th</sup> /  
27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Writing non-  
fiction**

**Romantic Poetry**

# Who to contact

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