



# Year 9 Options Choices

Ark Helenswood Academy

February 2016

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Ark Helenswood empowers students to excel academically, have the self-confidence to realise their aspirations and be outstanding members of their community.

# Timeline to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016



- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb:  
careers & options  
interviews commence
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March:  
mock core Y9 exams
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March:  
options forms due
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June: end  
of Year 9 exams
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July:  
Graduation Day



# Who's Who?



Head of Year 10: Miss Atkin

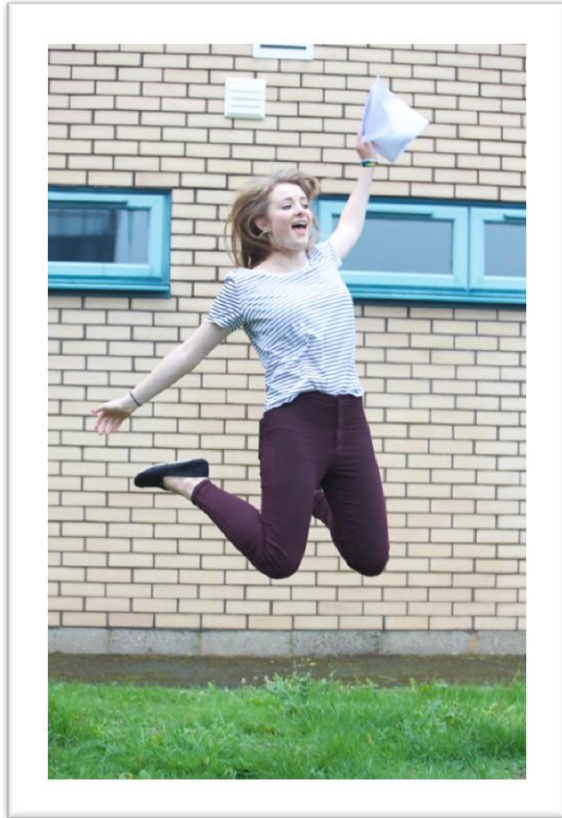
Vice Principal: Standards: Mr Connor

Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form: Mr Hamilton

SENCO: Miss Culshaw



# What's new?



- GCSEs grades 9 to 1
- New GCSE syllabus for many subjects
- More homework
- Greater expectation of your organisation
- Preparation for 6<sup>th</sup> Form – from Y10 onwards

# The 'H' (Helen) Pathway



## Core Curriculum

- GCSE English
- GCSE English Lit
- GCSE Maths
- GCSE Statistics
- GCSE Combined Science (2); or GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- PE (not examined)
- Life Skills (not examined)
- European Computer Driving Licence

## Option 1:

- GCSE History
- Or
- GCSE Geography

## Option 2:

- GCSE Spanish
- Or
- GCSE French

# The 'H' Pathway



## Option 3:

- GCSE Philosophy & Ethics
- GCSE Art & Design
- GCSE Music
- GCSE Product Design
- GCSE Food Prep & Nutrition
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE French
- GCSE Dance
- GCSE Drama
- GCSE PE
- GCSE Computing
- GCSE Photography
- GCSE History
- GCSE Spanish
- GCSE Business Studies

# The 'W' (Wood) Pathway



## Core Curriculum

- GCSE English
- GCSE English Lit
- GCSE Maths
- GCSE Combined Science
- PE (not examined)
- Life Skills (not examined)
- European Computer Driving Licence

## Option 1:

- GCSE History
- Or
- GCSE Geography
- Or
- GCSE Spanish
- Or
- GCSE French



# The 'W' Pathway



## Options 2 and 3:

- GCSE Philosophy & Ethics
- GCSE Art & Design
- GCSE Music
- GCSE Product Design
- GCSE Food Prep & Nutrition
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE Spanish
- GCSE French
- BTEC Health & Social Care
- GCSE Dance
- GCSE Drama
- GCSE PE
- GCSE Computing
- GCSE Photography
- GCSE History
- GCSE Business Studies
- BTEC Children's Care, Learning & Development

# The 'A' (Academy) Pathway



## Core Curriculum

- GCSE English
- GCSE English Lit
- GCSE Maths
- GCSE Combined Science
- PE (not examined)
- Life Skills (not examined)
- European Computer Driving Licence

## Option 1

- Individualised curriculum support to include additional literacy, numeracy & employability skills
- Supporting students to be college ready by age 16

# The 'A' Pathway



## Options 2 and 3:

- GCSE Philosophy & Ethics
- GCSE Art & Design
- GCSE Music
- GCSE Product Design
- GCSE Food Prep & Nutrition
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE Spanish
- GCSE French
- BTEC Health & Social Care
- GCSE Dance
- GCSE Drama
- GCSE PE
- GCSE Computing
- GCSE Photography
- GCSE History
- GCSE Business Studies
- BTEC Children's Care, Learning & Development