



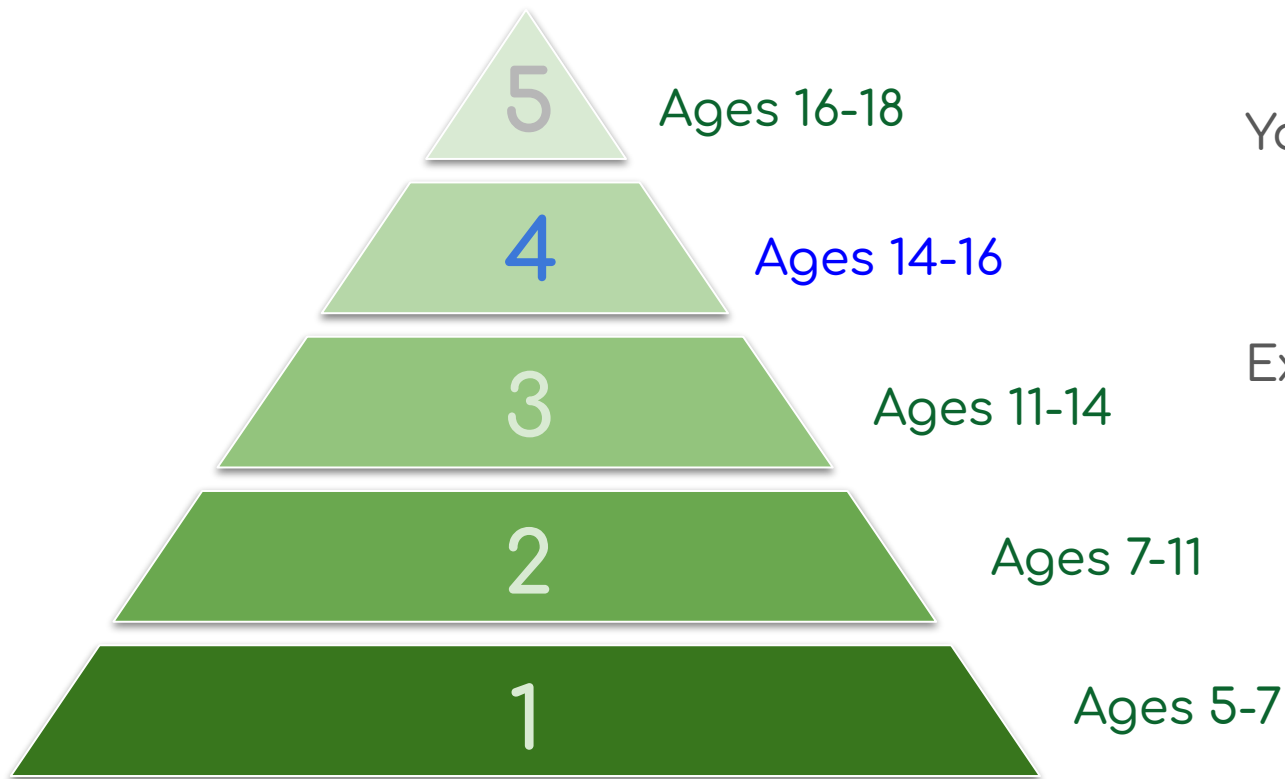
**Medina College**

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# Medina College Year 9 Options 2025



## How the Key Stages are divided



You will start your Key Stage 4 courses in **September 2025**

Exams will be taken in the **Summer of 2026**

## How your study time will change

	Key Stage 3	Key Stage 4
<b>Core Subjects</b> <i>English, Maths, Science</i>	In total, 20 periods a fortnight	In total, 26 periods a fortnight
<b>Foundation subjects</b> <i>Geography, Art, Music etc.</i>	Between 2 and 4 periods a fortnight	5 periods a fortnight
Number of subjects studied	15	10

## Core subjects

English Language

Mathematics

Science  
(Dual Award)

Physical Education

RE, Citizenship, PSHE

# What are your subject choices?

	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Ebacc GCSE Qualifications	Geography	History	History	Geography
		Computer Science†	Triple Science	French
Other GCSE Qualifications	Art & Design*	Art & Design*	Food & Nutrition	Drama
	Photography*	Graphics*	Music	Photography*
	Food & Nutrition	Design Technology		RE
Vocational Qualifications	Creative Design	Health & Social Care	Digital Information Technology†	Health & Social Care
	Travel & Tourism	Travel & Tourism	Child Development	Child Development
	Sports BTEC		Sports BTEC	

# Example - English Baccalaureate

	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Ebacc GCSE Qualifications	Geography	History	History	Geography
Other GCSE Qualifications	Art & Design*	Computer Science†	Triple Science	French
	Photography*	Art & Design*	Food & Nutrition	Drama
	Food & Nutrition	Graphics*	Music	Photography*
Vocational Qualifications		Design Technology		RE
	Creative Design	Health & Social Care	Digital Information Technology†	Health & Social Care
	Travel & Tourism	Travel & Tourism	Child Development	Child Development
	Sports BTEC		Sports BTEC	

# Example - Mixed GCSEs

	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Ebacc GCSE Qualifications	Geography	History	History	Geography
Other GCSE Qualifications	Art & Design*	Computer Science†	Triple Science	French
	Photography*	Art & Design*	Food & Nutrition	Drama
	Food & Nutrition	Graphics*	Music	Photography*
Vocational Qualifications	Design Technology			RE
	Creative Design	Health & Social Care	Digital Information Technology†	Health & Social Care
	Travel & Tourism	Travel & Tourism	Child Development	Child Development
	Sports BTEC		Sports BTEC	

# Example - Vocational

	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Ebacc GCSE Qualifications	Geography	History	History	Geography
Other GCSE Qualifications		Computer Science†	Triple Science	French
	Art & Design*	Art & Design*	Food & Nutrition	Drama
	Photography*	Graphics*	Music	Photography*
Vocational Qualifications	Food & Nutrition	Design Technology		RE
	Creative Design	Health & Social Care	Digital Information Technology†	Health & Social Care
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# Option Forms

- Completed option forms can be submitted to the desk as you leave this evening, or to the data office located at the back of the library by

Friday 14th March

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Creative Arts  
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## Subject Viability

- We will make every effort to meet students' choices
- Following options choices we will discuss with every student their choices and their future career aspirations to ensure that they can be successful at key stage 4 and beyond
- On rare occasions, subjects will not run if they do not recruit sufficient students
- Students can only select one art subject that is marked with an \*
- Student cannot take Computer Science and Digital Information Technology



## How to decide...

### DO

*pick subjects that you are good at*

*pick subjects you are interested in*

*pick subjects that may help you in your future career path*

*pick subjects that you will be successful in*

### DON'T

*pick subjects because your friends have chosen them*

*pick subjects because you like a teacher who teaches that subject*

*pick subjects just because you haven't studied them before at key stage 3*

# Timeline

Options Evening	5th March 2025
Deadline for returning Options form	Friday 14th March 2025
Student Interviews with Leadership Team	Spring Term 2 and Summer Term 1
Final Option Choices Confirmed	Summer Term 2

## What should I be doing now?

- Speak to the subject staff this evening
- Read the options booklet carefully
- Speak to your teachers
- Speak to your tutor
- Speak to older students who are currently studying the courses you are considering - ask questions!
- Consider your current 'working at' grades