

Our Mission

Excellence through Habit

We **INSPIRE** our scholars,
celebrate their **SUCCESS**,
care about our **COMMUNITY** and
have **AMBITION** for every single child



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At Isca Academy our curriculum is carefully designed to inspire our scholars in the classroom. We ensure we provide a broad and balanced curriculum that is academically rigorous and is ambitious for every single child.

The curriculum at Isca sets out to prepare our scholars for a life beyond the Academy. The ambition within it ensures that scholars are put on the path to achieve in their future. At its heart the curriculum is a representation of our central school mission: “Excellence through habit”.

Year 8 options

- Year 8 Options are the decisions you and your child make as to which subjects they wish to continue studying at GCSE level.
- It is **VITAL** they think carefully about the choices you make as the decisions they make can impact on your future choices.



What will your child study?



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- Your child will follow a 'Core Curriculum' of subjects that all scholars will study.
- They will have a further two choices of option subjects to choose.
- They will also be advised of a specific pathway that will be most appropriate for them.



What will your child study?

Core curriculum (GCSE subjects all scholars study and are examined)		
English Literature <i>(Examination end of Year 10)</i>	Mathematics	Science
English Language <i>(Examination end of Year 11)</i>	Modern Foreign Language <i>(French or Spanish)</i>	History or Geography
Non examined subjects		
Core PE	LVS <i>(Life, values and society)</i>	
<p>Plus...</p> <p>Two other subjects of your choice</p> <p><i>(you will choose three and will be allocated two of those subjects)</i></p>		

Option choices...

Art and Design	Religious Studies
Computer Science	GCSE PE/Sports Studies (only one can be chosen)
Design Technology	Separate Science (Triple)
Drama	Statistics/Further Mathematics
Health and Social Care	Photography
Music Practice	

Let's hear from our Isca Alumni



GCSE Grading

Department for Education

New Grading Structure	Old Grading Structure
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	
5	B
4 Standard Pass →	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

BTEC/Vocational Grading

Level / Qualification Grade	Grade Equivalent
Level 2 / Distinction*	8.5
Level 2 / Distinction	7
Level 2 / Merit	5.5
Level 2 / Pass	4
Level 1 / Distinction	3
Level 1 / Merit	2
Level 1 / Pass	1.25

Post 16 - Exeter College

*In order to access an A level programme, Exeter College require students to have **8 GCSE** subjects at a grade 4 or higher (to include English and Maths and also with certain subject specific grade requirements).*

*BTEC programmes studied at a L2 **do not** count towards these 8 subjects. Exceptions can sometimes be made in specific circumstances, but the general advice from Exeter College is that 8 GCSEs are required.*

Who can support?

- Tutor
- Ms Leigh - Head of Year
- Subject teachers
- Heads of Department this evening
- Mrs Taylor - Careers advisor
- Options Booklet

Whats next?

- Visit our subject stalls led by our Heads of Department
- Read the options booklet
- Week commencing **5th February** option forms completed by scholars in tutor time (X3 option choices - first, second and third choice)

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