

# Our Lady's Catholic College

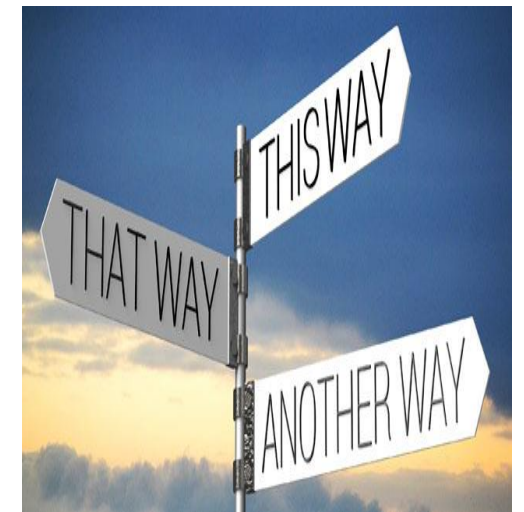
## 11 March 2020

### Curriculum & Option Choices 2021-23

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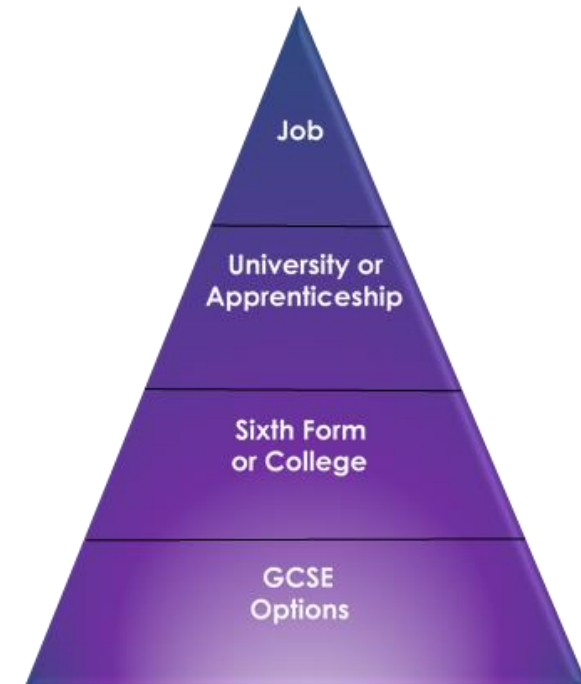


**“Aspire not to have more, but to *be* more”**



# Aims of presentation:

- Careers Information
- The curriculum for Years 10 & 11
- Compulsory subjects
- Optional subjects
- GCSEs & BTecs
- Making your choices



# Year 9 Careers

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Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance

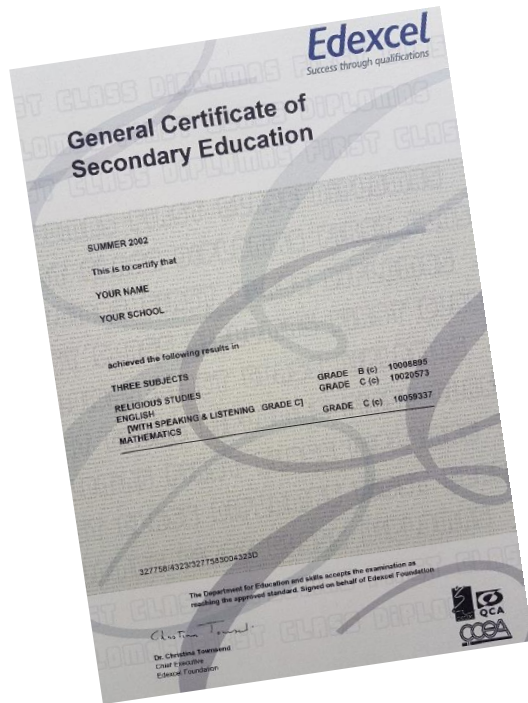




# Year 10 & 11 - OLCC Qualifications



Both GCSEs & BTECs



GCSE:  
**G**eneral  
**C**ertificate  
of  
**S**econdary  
**E**ducation

2 years of study - exams in 2024

BTEC:  
**B**usiness &  
**T**echnology  
**E**ducation  
**C**ouncil



2 years of study – coursework & assessments 2022-2024

# Pathways after Year 11

6<sup>th</sup> Form



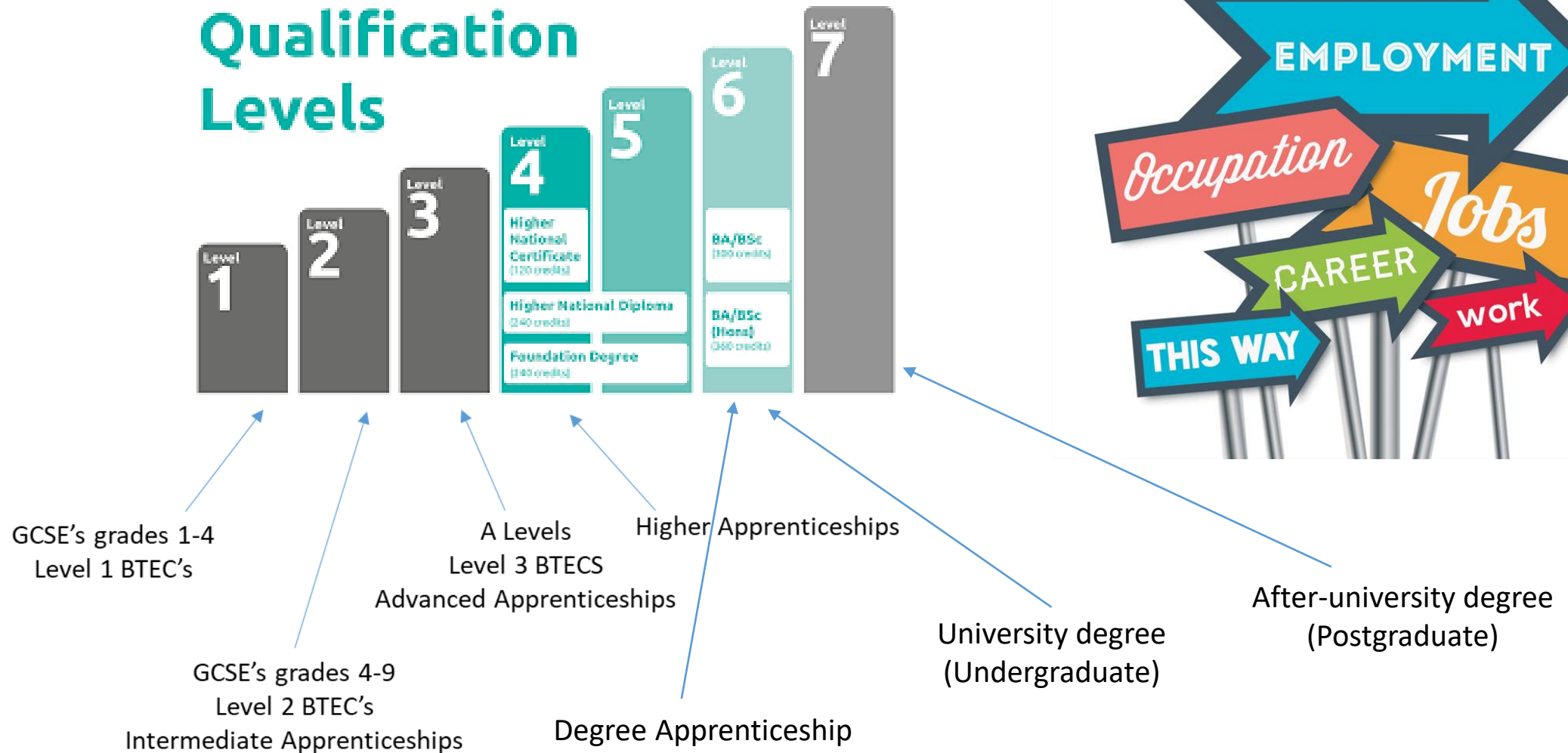
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Apprenticeship



# Qualification Levels



# After Year 11 there are more qualification choices to consider...



Level 3 only



Level 2 & 3



Level 2 Intermediate  
Level 3 Advanced  
Level 4 Higher  
Level 6 Degree



Level 3 only

# Careers Information, Education, Advice & Guidance

- Visiting workplaces
- Speaking to employers
- Visiting colleges & universities
- Careers learning in specific subjects
- Learning about Labour Market Information (LMI) Local Economy
- Personal guidance interviews with a qualified adviser (Hannah)





# Top 5 industries in North Lancashire are:



1- Education



2 - Health & Social Care



3 - Financial & Professional



4- Retail



5 - Visitor Economy

# Careers of the future...



Climate Change



Technology

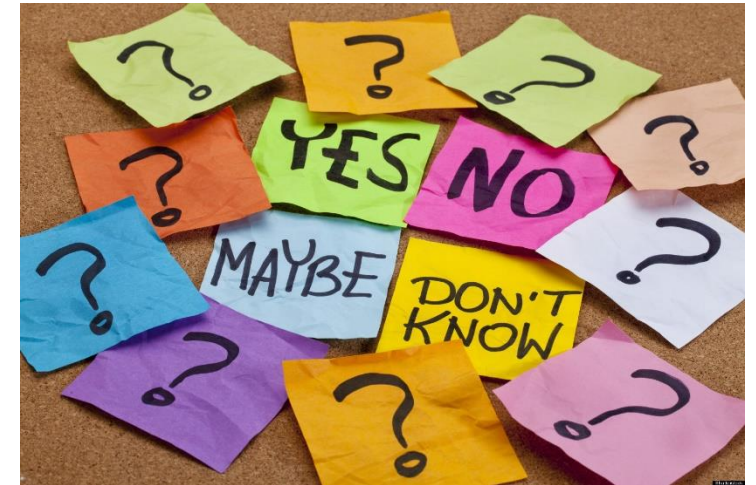


Medicine

# Year 9 Options Information & Help

- 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021
- w/b 7th March
- 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Future U - Pathways  
Hannah Assembly  
Careers Week  
Miss Duncan Assembly



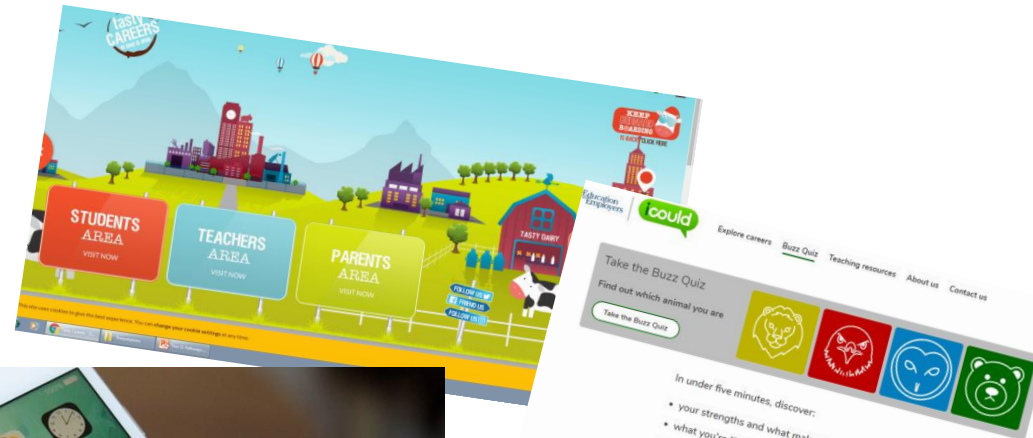
**21<sup>st</sup> March** - Deadline for choosing option subjects

# Remind students to think carefully about...

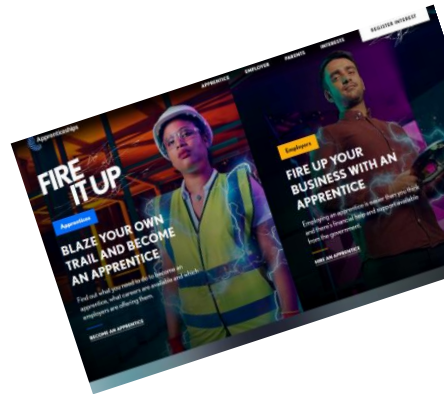
- Choosing subjects they enjoy & do well in.
- Their ambitions.
- If they have a certain career in mind.
- Whether they want to go to University.
- If they want to be active, practical or creative.
- Monitoring from Years 7-9.
- The course content, workload and requirements of each subject.



Use the websites listed in the **Options Booklet** or look at the 'Careers' section of the OLCC school website



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Trends shaping the future of work

# Trends shaping the future of work



# The curriculum for Years 10 & 11

## What's different ?

- 20 month course (a little over 5 terms)
- Builds on Year 9 skills & content
- A greater amount of work at a higher level throughout Years 10 & 11
- More independent learning
- Mock and final examinations



# Think carefully about...

- Your career options.
- Remember that some subjects might be essential for a specific career.
- It is also usually wise to have a balance of subjects to keep career options open.
- Remember that a Grade 4 or equivalent is normally required to enable you to study A Levels or a Level 3 BTec.

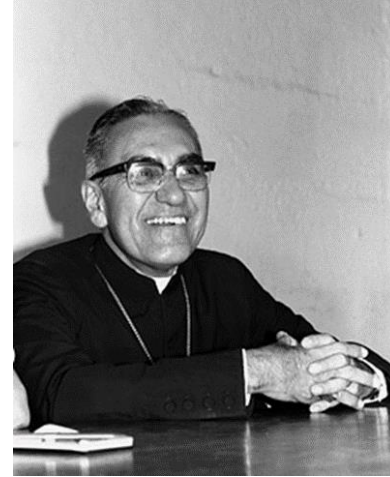


# Key Stage 4



## **Teresa – T Band**

Mother Teresa was born in Macedonia in 1910. Aged eighteen she joined the Sisters of Loreto, an Irish community of nuns with missions in India. She taught in Calcutta but she saw suffering and poverty and it moved her to devote her life to working amongst the poorest of the poor in the slums of Calcutta, loving and caring for those people nobody was prepared to look after.



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## **Romero – R Band**

Oscar Romero, born in El Salvador in 1917. At thirteen he declared a vocation to the priesthood. In 1977 he became archbishop of San Salvador. He was a source of strength and hope for the poor, working with them and for them. Romero spoke out for the need for justice, and was often faced with threat and danger from those against his ideas. On March 24th 1980, while celebrating the Eucharist, Archbishop Romero was shot and killed at the altar by a death squad assassin. Because of his stand for justice, he became a martyr not only for poor Salvadorians but for all struggling to overcome oppression and poverty.

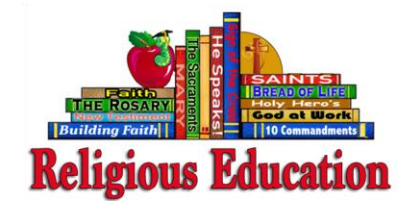
# OLCC Year 10/11 curriculum 2022-24

- Core subjects at GCSE
- Humanities or Languages GCSEs
- Options



# Compulsory GCSEs

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Combined Science/Triple Science
- Religious Education



# Compulsory non examinable subjects

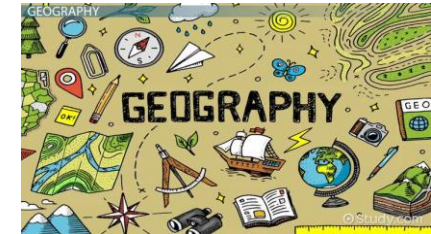
- Core PE
- Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHEE)
- Sex Education
- Careers



# Humanities & Languages GCSEs

The majority of students in Year 10 will choose one GCSE subject from:

- French
- Geography
- History
- Spanish



# Work skills and ICDL

- A small number of students will not take a Humanity or a Language.
- Instead, they will do the Work skills BTEc and an ICDL qualification.



# Option choices

Option A	Option B
<p data-bbox="397 319 830 365"><b>Art (Fine Art) GCSE</b></p> <p data-bbox="397 408 713 454"><b>Business BTEC</b></p> <p data-bbox="397 496 800 542"><b>Computing GCSE</b></p> <p data-bbox="397 585 871 631"><b>ICT Technical Award</b></p> <p data-bbox="397 674 698 719"><b>Drama GCSE</b></p> <p data-bbox="397 762 810 808"><b>Geography GCSE</b></p> <p data-bbox="397 851 998 896"><b>Health &amp; Social Care BTEC</b></p> <p data-bbox="397 939 1024 985"><b>Hospitality &amp; Catering BTEC</b></p> <p data-bbox="397 1028 657 1073"><b>Music BTec</b></p>	<p data-bbox="1304 319 1620 365"><b>Business BTEC</b></p> <p data-bbox="1304 408 1768 454"><b>Children's Play BTEC</b></p> <p data-bbox="1304 496 1778 542"><b>ICT Technical Award</b></p> <p data-bbox="1304 585 1941 631"><b>Dance Performing Arts BTec</b></p> <p data-bbox="1304 674 1905 719"><b>Health &amp; Social Care BTEC</b></p> <p data-bbox="1304 762 1600 808"><b>History GCSE</b></p> <p data-bbox="1304 851 1498 896"><b>PE GCSE</b></p> <p data-bbox="1304 939 1885 985"><b>Design Technology GCSE</b></p> <p data-bbox="1304 1028 1544 1073"><b>Sport BTEC</b></p> <p data-bbox="1304 1116 1860 1162"><b>Art (3D Ceramics) GCSE</b></p>



Students should not choose the following together:

- Art & Ceramics
- Computing & ICT

All students will have the choice of 2 options. One option must be selected from A, and one option from B. Please also pick reserves.

# Thinking ahead

- Some A level subjects are more frequently required for a degree course than others.
- Facilitating subjects include: Maths; Physics; Biology; Chemistry; History; Geography; Modern languages; English
- Check University websites for their preferred subjects



# GCSE qualifications

- GCSE specifications changed from September 2016 to meet new Government guidelines.
- All GCSE qualifications are now all examined at the end of the two year course.
- Internal assessment still remains part of the course for a few subjects.
- All GCSE subjects are now graded on a nine point scale from 9-1 with 9 as the highest grade
- At OLCC, 5 GCSE or equivalent passes at Grade 4 or higher are required to continue the subject at A Level/Level 3 BTec

# BTEc Qualifications

- Vocational qualifications –combine knowledge with specific work place skills.
- Eg - Health & Social Care BTEc covers key skills and knowledge directly related to working in H&SC settings such as health & safety legislation
- Designed in conjunction with employers to give students the skills required to either go onto further education, or straight into employment.



# Why choose a BTec?



- Practical, real-world and skill development
- Can be taken alongside GCSEs
- Internal assessment requires organisational skills, self-discipline, the ability to meet deadlines and independent study skills
- Strong progression links on to A Level & Level 3 courses in 6th Form

# New BTecs



- Are **NOT** the easy option.
- Deadlines must be met
- Assignments are taught through teaching and preparation tasks
- Final grades depend on the outcome of assessment tasks which can only be attempted once.

# To help you in your choices

Please follow the links



- Use the websites listed in the Options Booklet,
- Look at the 'Careers' section of the OLCC school website.
- Options Booklet & Form under 'What we teach' section on the website.

[What GCSE subjects should I choose](#)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/ztf3f82>

<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/choosing-gcse-options-advice-for-parents/#:~:text=%20Choosing%20GCSE%20options%E2%80%A6%20advice%20for%20parents%20,Thinking%20about%20having%20a%20conversation%20with...%20More>

# What happens next?

- ✓ Parents' Evening online- talk to Subject Teachers  
Thursday 17 March 4.00 – 6.30pm
- ✓ Complete your Options Form online
- ✓ Choose an Option A & B with reserves
- ✓ Choose a Humanity or Language (unless you are doing Work skills & ICDL)
- ✓ I will confirm Options' choices after Easter with Parents

**Final Options choices in  
Monday 21 March**