

Our Lady's Catholic College

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Curriculum & Option Choices

(additional information in the options booklet on OLCC website (Curriculum/Year 9 options booklet))



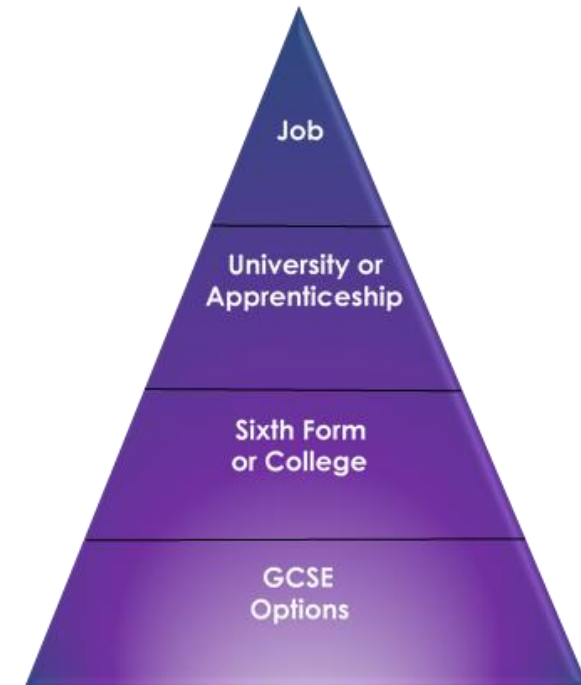
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'Our Lady's Catholic College is a family of faith where we are nurtured to aspire, achieve and serve.
Through Christ's example, we grow in virtue as God's masterpiece.'



Aims of presentation:

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



Careers

Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance



Year 9 Careers & Options

What do we do in careers in Years 7-9?

PSHE lessons

Employer visits

Careers in the curriculum

Pathway assemblies

Year 9 option information

Work with Future U

Visits to Universities

Group work with the Careers adviser



Pathways after Year 11

6th Form



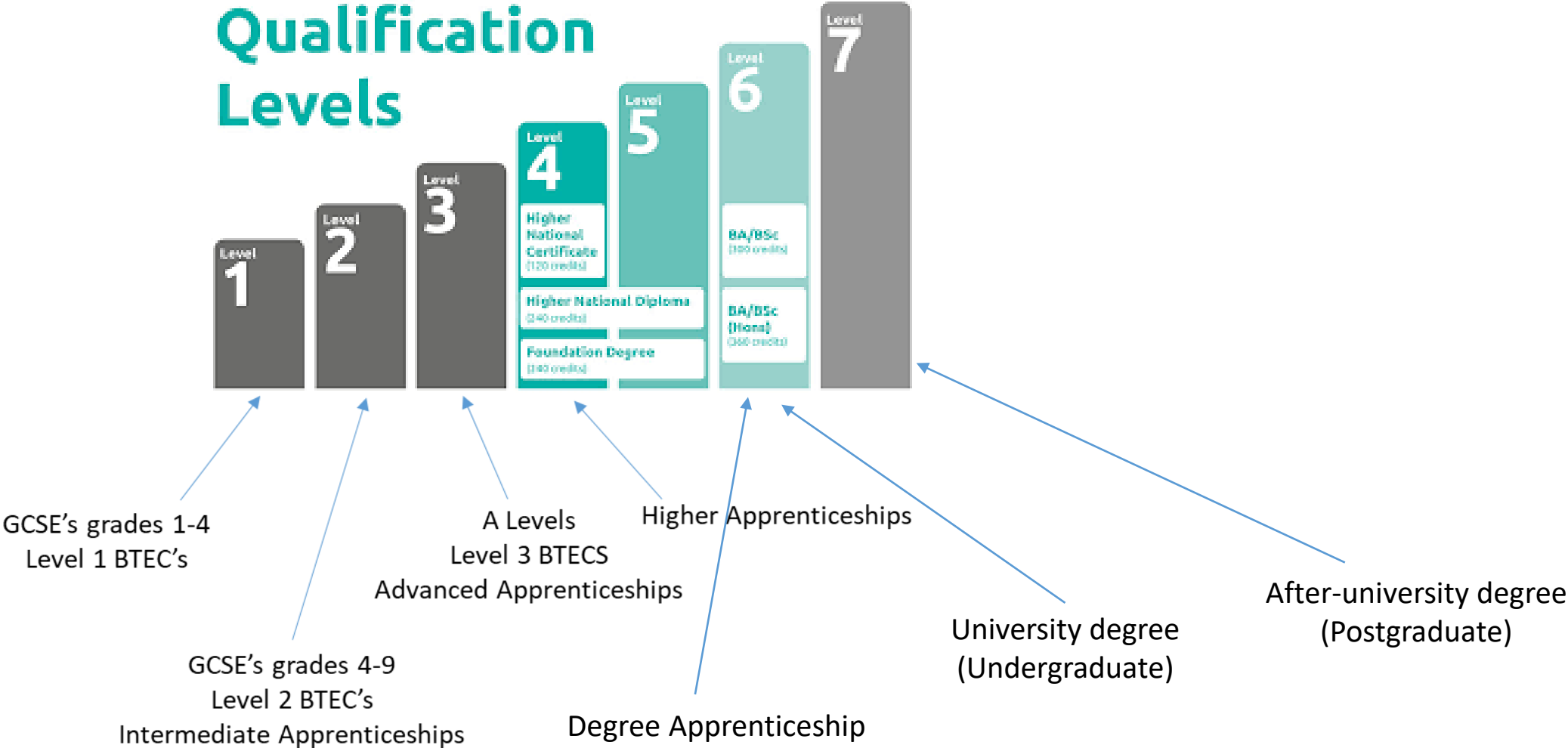
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Apprenticeship



Qualification Levels



After Year 11 there are more qualification choices to consider



Level 3 only



Level 2 & 3



Apprenticeships

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



Level 3 only

What do we do in careers in Years 10 & 11?

PSHE lessons

Pathways assemblies

Employer encounter day

1:1 interviews with careers adviser

Careers in the curriculum

Visits to Universities

Visits to college

Work place visits



Top growth industries in Lancashire are:



Education



Health & Social Care



Financial & Professional



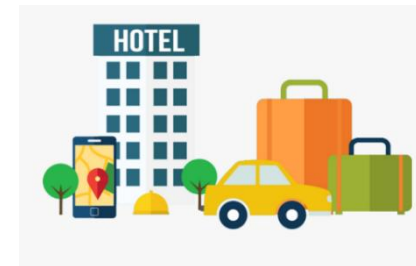
Digital & creative



Food & Agriculture



Retail



Visitor Economy

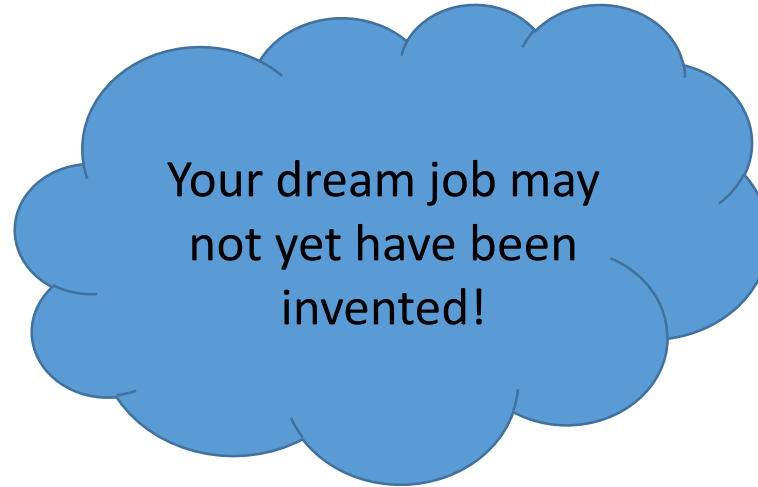


Green & low carbon

Careers of the future



Climate Change



Technology



Medicine

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.

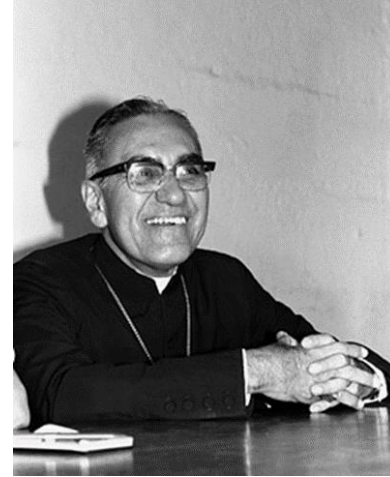


Years 10 & 11



Teresa – T Band

Mother Teresa was born in 1910. Aged eighteen she joined the Sisters of Loreto, 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 in Calcutta.



Romero – R Band

Oscar Romero was born in El Salvador in 1917. 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 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.

OLCC Year 10/11 curriculum 2024-26

- 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

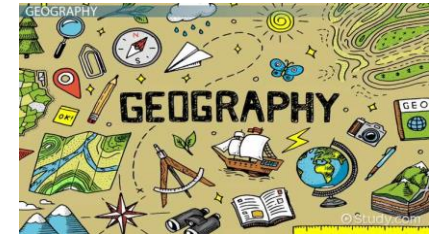
- Core PE
- PSHE
- HRSE
- Careers



Humanities & Languages GCSEs

All students in Year 10 will choose one GCSE subject from:

- French
- Geography
- History
- Spanish



Option choices

Option A	Option B
<p>Art (Fine Art) GCSE</p> <p>Business BTEC</p> <p>Computing GCSE</p> <p>ICT Technical Award</p> <p>Drama GCSE</p> <p>Geography GCSE</p> <p>Health & Social Care BTEC</p> <p>Hospitality & Catering BTEC</p> <p>Music BTec</p>	<p>Business BTEC</p> <p>Children's Play BTEC</p> <p>ICT Technical Award</p> <p>Health & Social Care BTEC</p> <p>History GCSE</p> <p>PE GCSE</p> <p>Design Technology GCSE</p> <p>Sport BTEC</p> <p>Art (3D Ceramics) GCSE</p>

All students will choose one option from A, and one option from B.

Please also pick reserves.

Students should not choose the following together:

- Art & Ceramics
- Computing & ICT

If you are choosing an Arts subject, it's better to pick one you are doing already, in Year 9

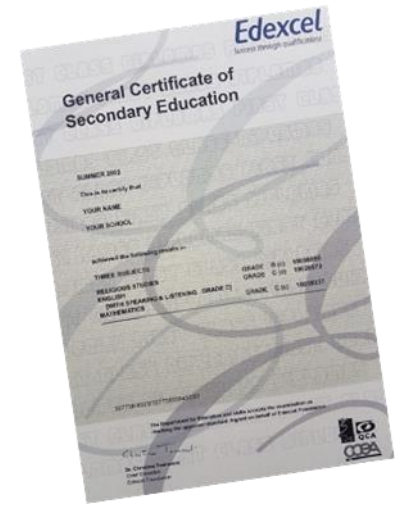
Thinking ahead

- 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:
General
Certificate of
Secondary
Education



- All GCSE qualifications are 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 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

BTEC:
Business &
Technology
Education Council

- Vocational qualifications –knowledge with work place skills.
- Designed with employers to give students the skills required to either go onto further study or straight into work.

We run BTecs in:

- Business
- Health & Social Care
- Children's play
- Hospitality & Catering
- Sport
- Music

▶ Assessment

▶ 3 Units over 2 Years

▶ 60% PSA assessment

▶ 40% external exam



Why choose a BTec?



- Practical, real-world and skill development
- Can be taken alongside GCSEs
- Internal PSA 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



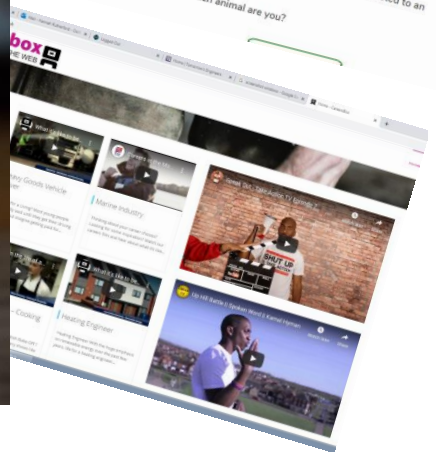
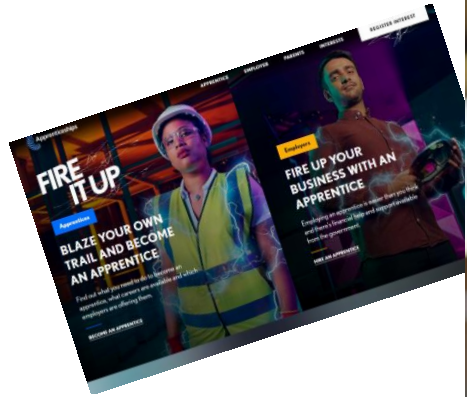
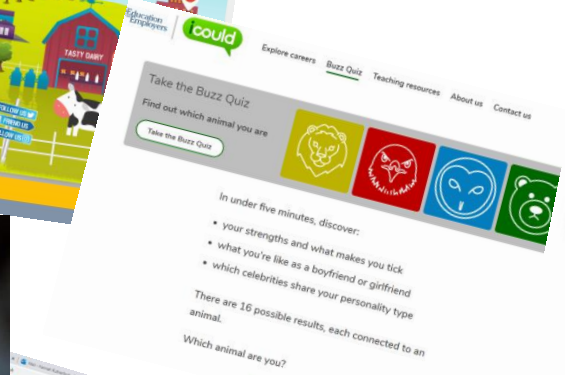
- Are **NOT** the easy option.
- Deadlines must be met
- Assignments are taught through teaching and preparation tasks
- Final grades depend on the outcome of assessment tasks which can only be attempted once.

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 in the 'Careers' section of the OLCC school website or check the options booklet



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

<https://OLCC website/>

What happens next?

- ✓ Parents' Evening in school- talk to Subject Teachers
Thursday 14 March 3:30 – 6.30 pm
- ✓ Complete your Options Form online
- ✓ Choose a Humanity or Language
- ✓ Choose an Option A & B with reserves
- ✓ I will confirm Options' choices after Easter with Parents/Carers



**Final Options choices in
Monday 18 March**

