

## SETTLE COLLEGE An 11-18 School





# A very warm welcome to our Options Evening

## Stage not age curriculum

'Pupils study a broad and interesting curriculum. You have devised a programme, particularly in key stage 4, that develops pupils' knowledge, skills and understanding across a wide range of subjects, including, for example, music and art. This curriculum is supported by a wide range of extra-curricular activities and trips, open to all. You check the quality and impact of the teaching of the curriculum very carefully to ensure that pupils make the progress that they should.'

Settle College Ofsted Report, June 2019



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'Through teaching in this way, we are able to broaden the range of subjects on offer and avoid having to make financial decisions which limit our curriculum.

The use of creative strategies have meant we have been above national average for Progress 8 since its inception.

For such a small school, we are proud of the breadth of curriculum we offer.'



The Parliamentary Review, 2021

## Stage not age curriculum

"It is good to have the chance to take two options in Year 10 and then two options in Year 11, because it will help to reduce stress, especially with the amount of exams we have."

GCSE students, Settle College

## Curriculum model

Year 10	Year 11
English language	
English literature	
Maths	
Science: combined science (2GCSEs) or separate sciences (3 GCSEs)	
RS (started in Year 9)	
Option 1	Option 3
Option 2	Option 4

## Qualification types

The curriculum includes a range of GCSE and vocational qualifications.

The GCSE qualifications are graded on a 9-1 scale, with a grade 4 representing the 'standard pass' and a grade 5 representing a 'strong pass'.

Level 2 vocational subjects are graded Distinction\*, Distinction, Merit or Pass, with the Pass being equivalent to a grade 4 at GCSE.



## 2024-26 Option Subjects Offered

#### **Humanities**

Geography History

#### **Arts**

Art

Photography

Drama

Music

#### PE

**GCSE PE** 

**Sport Science** 

#### Languages

French Spanish

#### **Computing**

Computer science iMedia

IT

#### **Technology**

Design and Technology
Engineering
Food Preparation and Nutrition
Hospitality and Catering

#### **Business studies**

**Enterprise and Marketing** 

## **Enterprise & Marketing**

Enterprise & marketing gives you a general insight into what makes a business work. It shows you how businesses target customers, how they set prices, how they decide when a product needs updating and how these businesses are organised.

Enterprise & marketing is a practical subject too, as you get to design a product, test it out on the market, add your own brand and pitch your ideas to prospective buyers.

### **Option routes**

#### Route 1

Students on route 1 are required to select both a language and a humanity.

Students have free choice for their remaining two options.

#### Route 2

Students on route 2 are required to select at least one of geography, history, French or Spanish.

Students have free choice for their remaining three options.

## Making your subject choices

#### Points to consider:

- Which subject choices are needed to support any future career plans?
- Which skills are required for the different subjects? Which subjects require skills that match your own?
- Are you selecting a range of subjects, which demonstrate that you have a range of skills?
- Which qualifications have the assessment format most suited to your strengths?

## Requirements

We ask students to select five choices, with the fifth choice being a reserve.

Students should indicate their order of preference for their choices.

Students cannot select both GCSE PE and sport science.

Students cannot select both food preparation & nutrition and hospitality & catering.

Students can only select **two** from computer science, iMedia and IT.

The deadline for the completion of the online application form is **Wednesday 21**<sup>st</sup> **February.** 



## Options evening 2024