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*A very warm welcome
to our Options Evening*



Stage not age curriculum

‘All pupils study a broad and balanced curriculum. The school continually reviews the curriculum in each subject. Careful consideration is given to what pupils will learn at each stage of their education. The knowledge and skills pupils need to understand are clearly set out. The curriculum increases in complexity and ambition over time. Opportunities to learn beyond the classroom are frequent. These strengthen pupil’s knowledge and appreciation of each subject.’

Settle College Ofsted Report, November 2024



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 9	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.



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2026-28 Option Subjects Offered

Humanities

Geography
History

Languages

French
Spanish

Computing

Computer science
iMedia

Arts

Art
Photography
Drama
Music

Technology

Design and Technology
Engineering
Hospitality and Catering

PE

GCSE PE

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.



Requirements

To support all students to follow a broad and balanced curriculum:

- All students must choose at least **one** of geography or history.
- All students must choose at least **one** of art, drama, design and technology, music, photography, French or Spanish.

Students have a free choice for the remaining two options, which could include them choosing more subjects from the lists above.



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 DT **and** engineering.

Students cannot select both computer science **and** iMedia.

The deadline for the completion of the online application form is **Wednesday 11th February**.



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?



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