

MAT OPTIONS

2015



Options will be taught at either: Blackfriars Newcastle Academy, Coppice Academy or Walton Hall Academy. These options are available to selected students depending on level of course requirements.

This year we are offering a MAT option block which will run on a Wednesday and will replace the option and lessons held at your child's home school. We have tried hard to provide a range of activities that meet individual student needs and these will be fully considered during the options selection process. These options offer the best of the multi academy trust's staffing and resources and will be made available to targeted students. These students will be targeted as the options on offer have certain entry requirements. All of these courses are **one year** options as this is a pilot project. **All transport** to the academies delivering the option will be provided but you may need to provide certain bits of equipment to enable your child to participate and/or pay for a trip.

To help you decide this booklet contains an outline of each course and you need to decide your choices. You will be asked to choose a first and a second choice or an option at your home school. Places on the MAT options are limited so it is important that you choose two from the MAT option list.

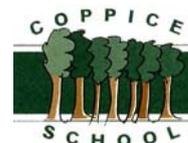


Courses offered:

- **Creative Media Production**
You may need to pay for a trip.
- **Sports Active!**
You will need PE kit, you may need to pay for a trip.
- **Duke of Edinburgh**
You may need to pay for a trip and bring your own walking boots.

Courses offered:

- **Design and Technology**
- **Public Services**
You will need PE kit, and walking boots.



Courses offered:

- **Small Animals and Agriculture**
You will need wellies and waterproofs. Unsuitable for students with animal allergies.
- **Horticulture**
You will need wellies and waterproofs. Unsuitable for students with plant allergies.
- **Motor Vehicle Studies**
You will need waterproofs.

Small Animal Care and Farm Studies

BTEC E L3/ L1 Land Based Studies Award



Teacher in Charge: Mrs. A. Cameron
This course is delivered at Walton Hall Academy

What is the subject about?

This course is designed for students who enjoy the outdoors and working with animals. You will develop your knowledge of small and large animal care and handling. As part of a team you will help to maintain the academy farm and care for its interesting range of animals. The course will involve working in our small animal unit and with our range of poultry and pigs. This is very much a practical course and will involve working outdoors in all weather conditions. There will be the opportunity to contribute towards general farm maintenance in addition to studying animal health and welfare. The course will also involve visits to other establishments and visiting speakers.

What do the lessons involve?

You will be working outdoors on our school farm. There will lots of practical hands on work – you will need your wellies! You will be handling a range of animals and maintaining their pens to keep them happy and healthy.

Lessons will involve:
Short written tasks
Discussion
Practical work
Handling animals
Educational visits



What will I be expected to do at home?

A weekly homework task will be set and any missed class work should be completed at home.

Progression Paths 16-19

BTEC Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 Land Based Studies
City and Guilds Land Based Services Level 1 and Level 2 - separate unit options are available

Creative Media Production

BTEC Entry Level 3/ Level 1 Award



Teacher in Charge: Ms. M.A. Evans

This course is delivered at the Blackfriars Academy

What is the subject about?

Media is the study of film, television, radio and the written word, such as magazines and advertising.

What do the lessons involve?

In the lessons you will:

- Follow a brief in your lessons that fits with particular media genre.
- Improve and build on your media skills as well as learn new ones.
- Learn how to use different media equipment and programmes
- Create work in a chosen media style
- Find out about different media genres
- Pass on the information to others
- Develop communication and evaluation techniques

What will I be expected to do at home?

At home you will be expected to:

- Conduct research
- Complete written coursework
- Develop your ideas
- Sometimes complete evaluations

Homework is a necessary part of the course and written, reading or research homework will be set once a week.

Progression Paths 16-19:

- GCSE Media Studies (Level 2)
- GCE AS/A2 Media Studies (Level 3)
- BTEC Creative Media (Level 2)
- BTEC National Media (Level 3)
- Creative Media Diploma Level 2 or Level 3

Design and Technology

AQA Resistant Materials Unit Award Level 1



Teacher in Charge: Mr. K. Chesters

This course is delivered at the Coppice Academy

What is the subject about?

The units you will be undertaking will require you to research, design, model, make and evaluate. You will be given the opportunity to use a range of hand and power tools in completing your chosen projects. The range and choice of projects will allow you to develop your skills, knowledge and confidence as you progress. Each project will be assessed and you will be able to achieve an accreditation for each project you successfully complete. If you are keen to develop your practical skills in a fun way this is the option for you.

What do the lessons involve?

The course is very practically driven and you will be given every opportunity to develop and expand your skills base, so allowing you to complete more complex projects as you move through the course. Drawing, sketching is an important element as it is in any design and make work, but once again we will develop your skills in these areas to support you and your making skills. The most important thing I can ask you to bring should you wish to have a go is enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. Let's have fun.

Lessons will involve:

- Short written tasks
- Drawing and sketching
- Discussion
- Practical work and making things

What will I be expected to do at home?

A weekly homework task will be set and any missed class work should be completed at home.

Progression Paths 16-19:

- City and Guilds awards in specific crafts such as carpentry and brick work
- BTEC Construction—Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3
- GCSE Design and Technology—Resistant Materials (Level 2)

Growing Skills

BTEC E L3/ L1 Land Based Studies Award

Teacher in Charge: Mrs. J. Dunn and
Mr. C. Gerrard



This course is delivered at Walton Hall Academy

What is the subject about?

This course will give you all the knowledge and practical experience of working as a gardener. You will develop skills to maintain your own garden or work in the horticulture industry. You will work as team and also on your own (with support). You will learn how to use tools safely and how to choose the right tool for the job. This will give you skills which you will be able to use at home and in a working environment – so pleasure and work all in one.

What do the lessons involve?

You will be working outdoors in the garden areas and grounds, in the poly tunnels under cover, at raised beds outside and inside, in the grounds of Walton Hall. There will lots of practical hands on work – you will need your wellies! There will also be some written work to evidence what you have learnt.

Lessons will involve:

- Short written tasks
- Discussion
- Practical work
- Working with soil and plants



What will I be expected to do at home?

A weekly homework task will be set and any missed class work should be completed at home.

Progression Paths 16-19

BTEC Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 Land Based Studies
City and Guilds Land Based Services Level 1 and Level 2 - Horticulture is available as a separate option

Motor Vehicle Studies

WJEC E L3 Pathways Award

Teacher in Charge: Mr. J. Cook

This course is delivered at the Walton Hall Academy



What is the subject about?

This course will give you the knowledge and practical experience of learning how to ride a quad or motorcycle and you will work as team and also on your own (with support). You will be involved in every aspect of learning how to check your machine is safe to ride on each session. You will learn how to use road junctions, roundabouts and road signs to make you a safe driver. You will learn about the Highway Code, the road signs and markings. This will give you skills which you will be able to use when you start driving on the road – so pleasure and work all in one.

What do the lessons involve?

You will be working outdoors using the internal roads at school, on grassed areas and the grounds of Walton Hall. There will be lots of practical work – you will be given all the safety equipment needed. There will also be some written work to evidence what you have learnt.



Lessons will involve:
Short written tasks
Discussion
Practical work
Working with quad bikes and motor bikes

What will I be expected to do at home?

A weekly homework task will be set and any missed class work should be completed at home.

Progression Paths 16-19

BTEC Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 Engineering
City and Guilds Motor Vehicle Engineering Level 1, 2 and 3
Motor Vehicle Apprenticeship

Public Services

BTEC EL3 Award

Teacher in Charge: Mr. M. Morrell

This course is delivered at the Coppice Academy



What is the subject about?

Learners will learn about the skills and qualities needed for pursuing a possible career or voluntary work in the Public Services, such as schools, hospitals, police and the armed forces. These generic and transferable skills include teamwork, leadership, time management and the ability to work under pressure.

What do the lessons involve?

The course will consist of a combination of outdoor and indoor studies, both practical and theoretical. The emphasis is placed on learning and demonstrating the skills required and used within our public services in everyday environments and situations.

Lessons will involve:

- Short written tasks

- Discussion

- Practical work

What will I be expected to do at home?

A weekly homework task will be set and any missed class work should be completed at home.

Progression Paths 16-19

BTEC Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 Public Services

Level 2 Principal Learning in Public Services

A wide range of City and Guilds courses in Public Services offered at Level 2 and NVQ

Sports Active!

BTEC E L3/ L1 Sport and Active Leisure

Teacher in Charge: Mr. E. Newman

This course is delivered at Blackfriars Academy



What is the subject about?

This course will give you knowledge and practical experience of:

- different types of sport
- developing and planning your own fitness
- how the body works
- job opportunities in the sport industry
- the chance to complete different sport qualifications such as swimming certificates

What do the lessons involve?

- You will study at a number of sports in theory and practice.
- Look at your own fitness and how your body changes through exercise, make a plan to improve your own fitness.
- Look at jobs available in the sports industry.
- Experiment and participate in a wide range of sports.

Some parts of the course are practical but there is no minimum level of performance, so you don't have to be Usain Bolt, Cristiano Ronaldo or Jessica Ennis to take this option.

Lessons will involve:

- Short written tasks
- Discussion
- Practical work
- Taking part in a range of different sports

What will I be expected to do at home?

A weekly homework task will be set and any missed class work should be completed at home.

Progression Paths 16-19

BTEC Level 2 and Level 3 Sport and Active Leisure
Discrete sports coaching qualifications
AS and A2 Physical Education

Duke of Edinburgh

Bronze Award

Teacher in Charge: Mrs. K. Emmens

This course is delivered at the Blackfriars Academy



What is the subject about?

The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme is a real adventure from beginning to end. It doesn't matter who you are or where you're from. The scheme operates at three levels, leading to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

You achieve your Award by completing a personal programme of activities in four sections (five if you're going for Gold). The sections are:

- Volunteering
- Physical, Skills
- Expedition and for Gold
- Residential.



You'll find yourself helping people or the community, getting fitter, developing skills, going on an expedition and having fun along the way!

What do the lessons involve?

Lessons will involve:

Short written tasks

Discussion

Practical work

Role play activities

Outward bound activities

Evidence will be uploaded onto the Duke of Edinburgh website.



What will I be expected to do at home?

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