



Where boys learn best

OPTIONS for KEY STAGE 4 *2012 - 2015*

Outcomes:

To understand the reasons for and benefits of a 3 year key stage 4.

To understand the Options process for Y8.

To be able to ask questions, raise concerns, and feedback thoughts.

This powerpoint presentation can be found on the school website



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Attendance versus Achievement

- Forest Attendance Rates:
 - 2009/10 – 94%
 - 2010/11 – 94.7%
 - 2011/12 – 96.3% (*to date*)



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Impact of good attendance

On average, in 2009/10 pupils with :

- 100% attendance – 9.9 GCSEs (at Grade C and above)
- 95 – 99% - 8.6 GCSEs (at Grade C and above)
- 90 – 94% - 6.6 GCSEs (at Grade C and above)
- Less than 90% - 4.9 GCSEs (at Grade C and above)



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Impact of good attendance

On average, in 2010/11 pupils with :

- 100% attendance – 9.4 GCSEs (at Grade C and above)
- 95 – 99% - 8.8 GCSEs (at Grade C and above)
- 90 – 94% - 7.6 GCSEs (at Grade C and above)
- Less than 90% - 6.2 GCSEs (at Grade C and above)



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What does good attendance look like?

- 80% attendance – 1 day a week
- 90% attendance – 1 day a fortnight
- 95% attendance – 1 day a month
- 100% attendance – Never miss school!



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The 3 Year Key Stage

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Principles: -

- Flexible, personalised curriculum
- Age not stage
- Staggered exams – less pressure



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Personalising the Curriculum

- Second set of choices in Y9 and more at the end of Y10
- Broad and balanced curriculum
- Complex and therefore needs flexibility in initial individual choices
- One, two, and possibly, three year courses
- Take the long view



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Core Curriculum

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Information Technology
- French/German/Spanish
- Creative Arts (Art/Drama)
- Design Technology
- Physical Education
- Personal Social and Health Education
- Philosophy and Ethics

Studied by all pupils



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Careers ETC

- The one stop careers portal that provides information and guidance to help you to make thought out decisions about your future

<http://www.careersetc.co.uk>

- Accessible via VLE
- Pathfinder Live – Careers Guidance questionnaire
- Specific section for parents

The screenshot shows the 'careers etc.' website interface. The header includes the logo and navigation links. The main content area features a navigation menu, news updates, and quick links.

Navigation (Years 7, 8 & 9)

- Schemes of work
- Career topics
 - General information
 - Career choice
 - Education
 - Jobs
 - Training & apprenticeships
 - Work experience
 - Labour Market Information (LMI)
 - Career planning toolkit

News

- NEW CAREERS AND WORK RELATED LEARNING**
Helen Malton, Work Related Learning Co-ordinator, is now based in the new Careers office at the... [Read More](#)
- CareersEtc 2.0 on target**
The development team, lead by David Clements, are working hard and are on target to deliver... [Read More](#)

Quick Links

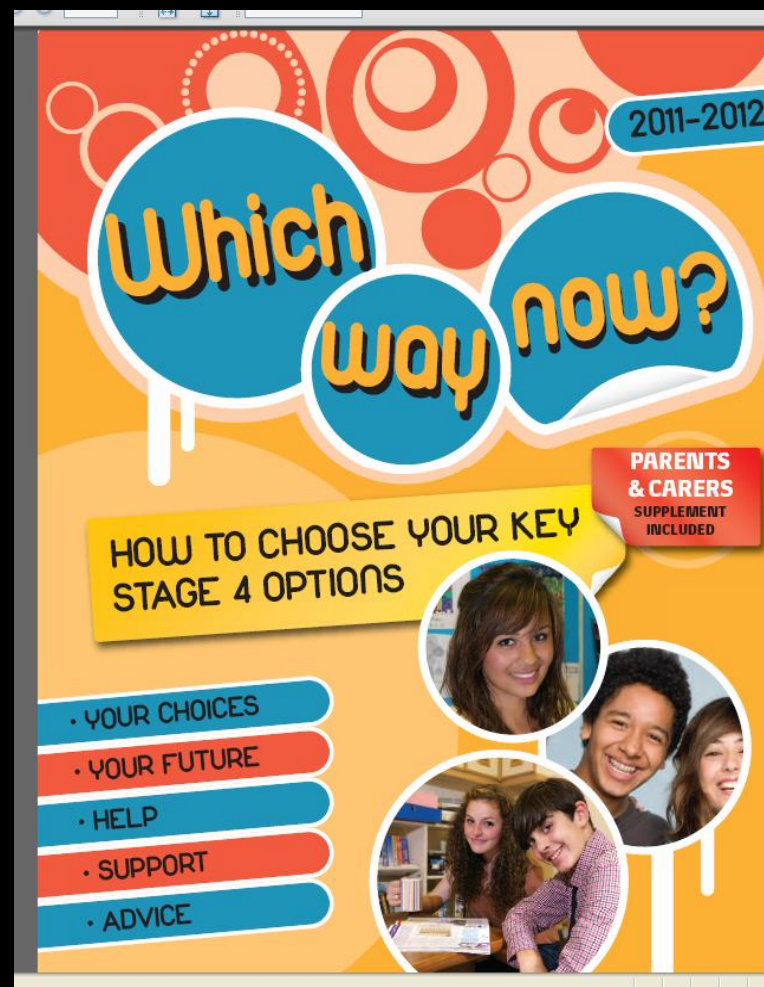
- There will be an Information evening for Yr 9 pupils and their parents on 17th Feb 2011 where our College partners will provide details of the off site vocational options available in Yrs 10 and 11. [by Forest School](#)
- Yr 8 and 9 pupils need to choose their optional subjects for KS4 this term. Use Careers Etc. to help you with your decisions. [by Forest School](#)
- Collyer's will be interviewing in school on Friday 4th March 2011. [by supervisor@forestschoo](#)
- Year 11s who have not yet applied for College places for next year should do so without delay! [by supervisor@forestschoo](#)
- New editions of Which way now? (KS4 choices) and It's your choice (16+ choices) are now on CareersEtc. Guides for parents and careers included.



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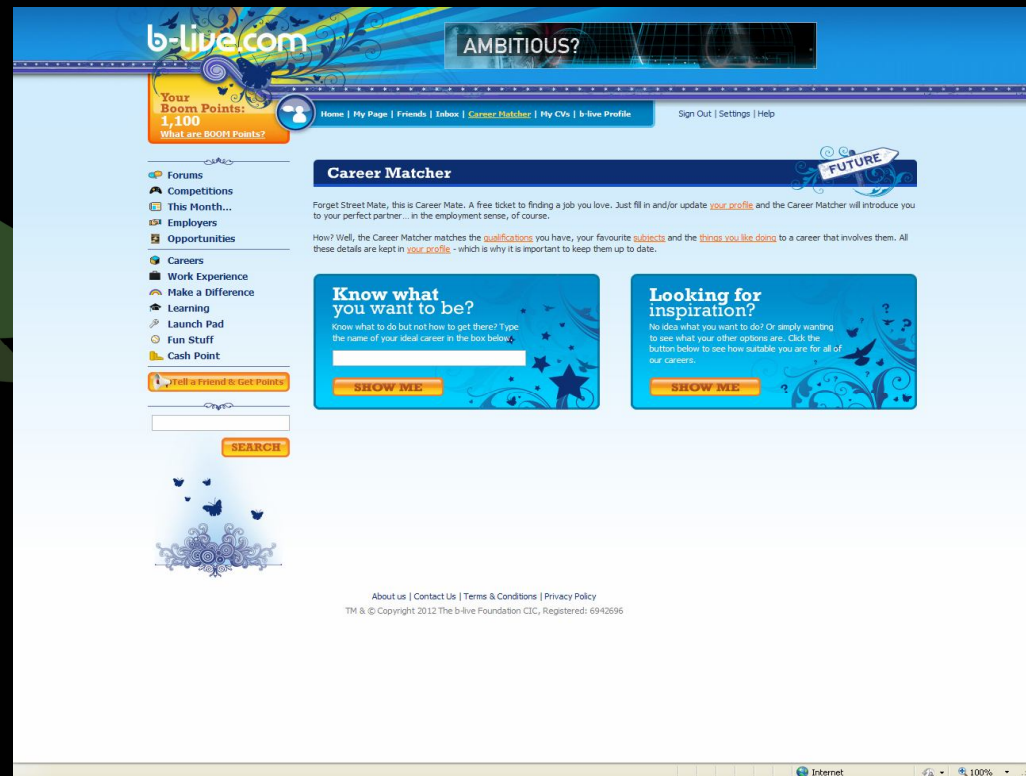
Which Way Now?

- Magazine available online via Careers ETC
- Includes parents/carers supplement



The b-live foundation

- Online Careers Information, Advice and Guidance through an interactive careers website
- Pupils build a profile
 - Feeds into an online CV
 - Enables personalised communication
- Engages pupils through social media functionality
- b-live.com : Career Matcher



The screenshot shows the b-live.com website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the site name and a 'b-live.com' logo. Below the navigation bar, there's a 'Career Matcher' section. The main content area features a 'Career Matcher' heading, a 'Know what you want to be?' section with a search box and a 'SHOW ME' button, and a 'Looking for inspiration?' section with a 'SHOW ME' button. The footer contains links for 'About Us', 'Contact Us', 'Terms & Conditions', and 'Privacy Policy', along with copyright information for 2012.

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Types of Courses

- Full GCSE
- Short Course GCSE
- Vocational – BTEC GNVQ ASDAN
- College Course combined with vocational courses (from Y10)
- Life skills

For ease of comparison described as
Level 1 (D-G) or Level 2 (A* -C) and are
all of equal value



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Subjects available to Year 8 for study in Year 9 and Year 10

- GCSE History x 2
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE Philosophy and Ethics
- GCSE Music
- GCSE Media Studies
- OCR National ICT
- GCSE French
- GCSE German
- GCSE Spanish
- Youth Award
- BTEC Sport
- BTEC Employability skills



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Subjects available to Year 9 for study in Year 10 and Year 11

- GCSE Art
- GCSE Music
- GCSE Drama
- GCSE French
- GCSE Spanish
- GCSE German
- GCSE PE
- BTEC Art
- GCSE History x2
- OCR National ICT
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE Engineering (Double)
- GCSE Product Design
- GCSE Food Technology
- GCSE Hosp. and Catering
- GCSE Resistant Materials
- GCSE Business Studies
- BTEC Language for Business
- BTEC Employability skills



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Subjects available to Year 10 for study in Year 11 double time

- GCSE Music
- GCSE Drama
- AS Music Tech
- GCSE Geography
- AS Geography
- GCSE History
- AS History
- GCSE Languages
- AS French / Spanish
- BTEC Work skills
- BTEC Sport
- GCSE short course PE
- AS Art
- GCSE short course Art
- GCSE Engineering
- GCSE Hosp/Cat
- GCSE Product Design
- GCSE Resistant Materials
- GCSE Business Studies



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How do I Choose?

- Think about where your options will take you:
- Pathways
 - Sixth-form subjects → College/University → Career
 - Further Education College → Employment
 - Employment/Training
- Make sure you opt into something you enjoy. Talk to your parents, carers, teachers, tutors
- Talk to older boys in your vertical tutor group
- Remember to take into account what you could choose next year
- Opt for a kind of course that suits the way you learn



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How not to make decisions:

- "It's what all my friends are doing..."
- "Joe said I should do this so I might as well..."
- "I can't think of anything else to do..."
- "I like ? ... so I'll do his/her subject"



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Other things to remember...

- A reserve choice is essential – some classes may not run if too few pupils opt
- We will do our best to meet your choices this year
- You will have 2 further opportunities



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Key Dates

- **Thursday 26th January:** Year 8 options talk
- **Thursday 2nd February:** Year 9 options talk
- **Monday 6th February :** Initial survey returned
- **Friday 24th February:** Year 8 reports
- **Monday 27th February:** Y8 options interviews
- **Thursday 1st March :** Year 8 Parent Evening
- **Friday 9th Mar :** Final option choices made
- **March :** Options interview
- **May:** Confirmation of choices
- **Monday July 2nd :** Begin new courses



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Filling In Your Form

- Do it carefully
- Ask your form tutor for help
- Ask your parents for help
- Make sure it is handed in to your Form Tutor by **Monday 6th February**