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Year 9 Options

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Why Options Matter...



In the coming weeks your child will make important decisions about the subjects they will study in Key Stage 4

Your Choice Your Future



- ☐ This is **exciting!** The choices they make will determine what they learn and how they develop over the next two years.
- ☐ We encourage students to recognise their **strengths**, pursue their **interests** and to develop their **passion for learning.**



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Which Subjects?

How to decide



Your Choice Your Future



Things to consider:

- ☐ What do you love learning?
- ☐ Where do you thrive?
- ☐ What are your goals?

Things NOT to consider:

- ☐ What are my friends doing?
- ☐ Which teacher do I like?



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Which Subjects?

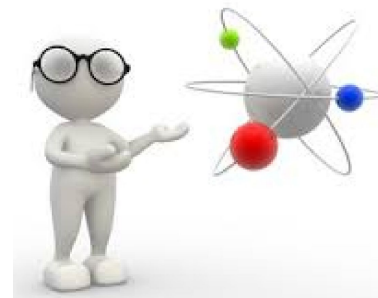
Core Subjects



All students across the country have to study a set of core subjects



- ✓ GCSE English Literature
- ✓ GCSE English Language
- ✓ GCSE Mathematics
- ✓ GCSE Science – Double Science (2 GCSEs) or Triple Science (3 GCSEs)
- ✓ PE (does not lead to qualification)



Students who are certain that they want to pursue a career in Science and who are averaging a grade 6 or higher in Science will be offered the opportunity to study GCSE Triple Science (equivalent to three GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics).



Which Subjects?

EBacc



The English Baccalaureate is recognised by Post 16 and Further Education. You gain it by getting a Grade 4+ in...



ENGLISH



MATHS



SCIENCE

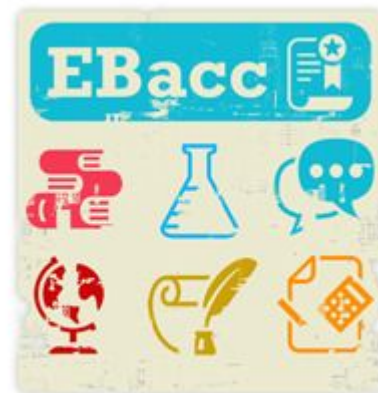


HIS / GEOG



LANGUAGE

The vast majority of our students take the EBacc, if there's a reason not to this can be discussed in your meeting and with families.



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Which Subjects?

Option Blocks



- ☐ Your final choices must be selected from the Option Blocks below. These blocks have been designed based on students initial interest and our experience of providing the best combination possibilities.
- ☐ You will need to choose one option from Block A, Block B, Block C and Block D
- ☐ All students must choose French or Spanish
- ☐ All student must choose Geography or History

Block A		Block B		Block C		Block D	
GCSE Spanish		GCSE French		GCSE French		GCSE French	
GCSE Geography		GCSE Spanish		GCSE Geography		GCSE Spanish	
GCSE History		GCSE History		GCSE History		GCSE Geography	
GCSE Fine Art		GCSE Sociology		GCSE Sociology		GCSE Fine Art	
GCSE Physical Education		GCSE Photography		GCSE Photography		GCSE Triple Science	
GCSE Computer Science		BTEC Engineering		GCSE Product Design		GCSE Drama	
GCSE Business		GCSE Drama		GCSE Economics		GCSE Economics	
GCSE Film Studies		GCSE Religious Studies		GCSE Music		BTEC Sport	
		Information Technologies					





NEW
OLD SUBJECT

New Options



GCSE Business

GCSE Film Studies

Information Technology (last
year)



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Which Subjects?

Taster Sessions



Taster Videos will be shared later this week to students

Students can look through these in their own time, we'll also give some tutor time

Ask your teachers about the subjects you might want to study – they're the experts!

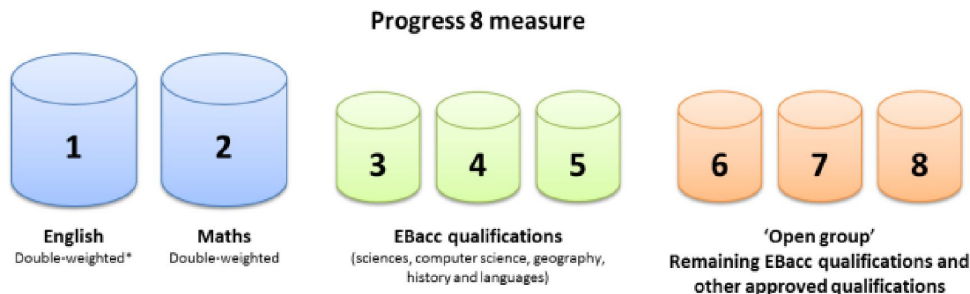




When you finish your GCSEs in Year 11 you end up with four important pieces of information:

1. **GCSE Grades across all your subjects (Graded 9 to 1)**
2. **GCSE English and Maths Grades – You must gain Grade 4+ in both**
3. **EBacc qualification**
4. **Progress 8 Score**

Progress 8 Score is a number calculating how well you have achieved compared to other students across the country of the same ability.



Which Subjects?

Progress 8



Progress 8 Score calculates how well you have achieved compared to other students across the country

Compares your average Grade across your best 8 subjects that fit into the 'buckets' and gives you a score

-0.2

0

+0.5

1



**BEST
ENGLISH**

2



MATHS

3



**BEST
SCIENCE**

4



**HIS or
GEOG**

5



MFL

6



GEOG

7



DRAMA

8



BTEC SPORT

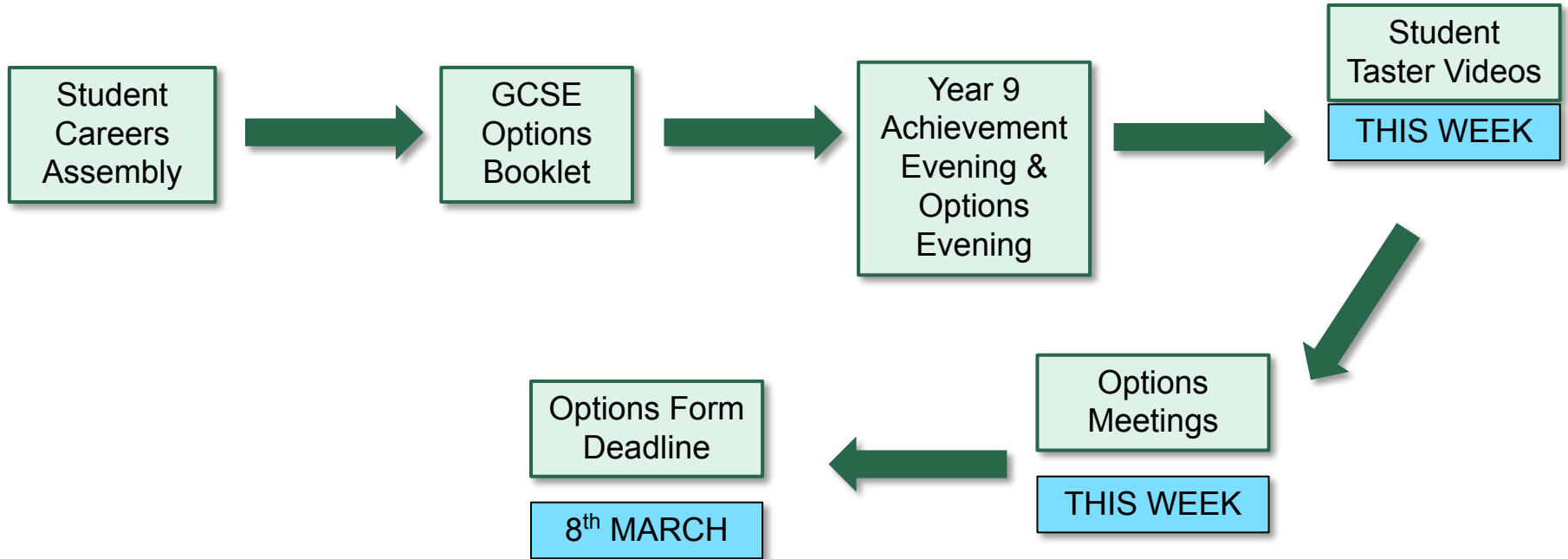
Everything Else



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Options Timeline

Overview





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GCSE OPTIONS



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Options Meetings



15 minutes meeting between student and staff member- next week

Staff have student progress info before hand to help guide decisions – eg Triple Science, SEND

Students emailed google form

Form can be adjusted afterwards with families, deadline is 8th March





Questions around courses – speak to subject leaders and class teachers

Questions around Science – speak to Ms Sohaib (Head of Science)

Questions around SEND support in making choices – speak to your child's DP or Ms Walton (SENDCo)

Questions around forms/booklets etc – speak to tutors



Options Timeline

Extra Support



All students have an active choice

We can't guarantee everything - ensure reserves are chosen well

All families get a letter confirming choices & a chance to check queries

Final confirmations in the summer

3 week Y10 deadline on changes





Read the Options Booklets in full

Watch the videos and ask teachers about subjects

Use the Option Meetings to discuss any questions

Don't worry – get excited about what you want to do!





Please go home and discuss together

Senior Leaders available for quick questions in the
Canteen

