

Options Process

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Timeline for Choosing your Options

- Feb 22nd – Mar 7th **Assemblies** delivered by Curriculum Leaders
- Tuesday 28th Feb 4 – 6:30 **Options Evening & Prospectus**
- Thursday 2nd March - Options presentation on **BBA website**
- March 8th Raising - Aspirations event
- Mar 9th – 24th Options **taster sessions in tutor time**
- Monday 20th March - **paper copy** of **Options Form** to be given out
- Friday 24th March - **Digital version** of Options Form **sent via SMHW**
- **Monday 27th March** - **Deadline** for Options Form to be submitted.
- 20th Mar - 31st March - **Keyworker meetings** for Assistance

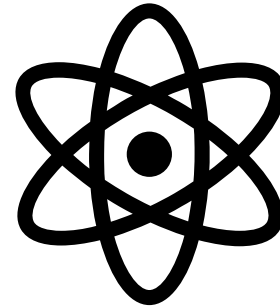
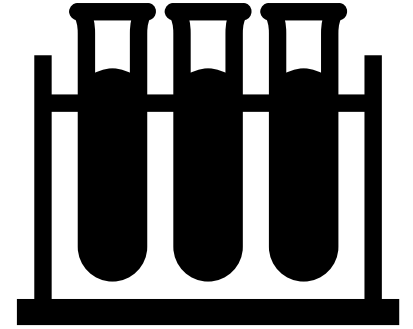
ALL students study the following:

Subject	Hours	Exam Board
English (Language and Literature)	5	AQA
Mathematics	5	AQA
Science (Combined/Separate)	5/6	Pearson Edexcel
Physical Education		NA
PSHE (including Religious Education)		NA

- This will lead to 5/6 GCSE
- Mathematics, English Literature, English Language and Double Science
- Separate Science (if selected)

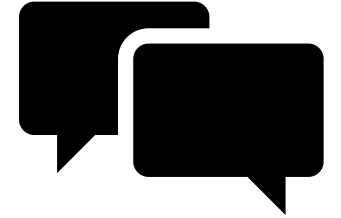
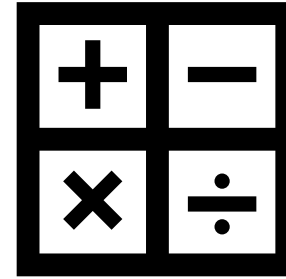
Science

- The majority of students with study **Combined Science**.
- They will receive a double GCSE.
- Based on **student performance in Y9** some students will be **invited to study separate Science**. This will be taught as an extra lesson after school.
- They will receive **individual grades** from Biology, Chemistry and Physics.



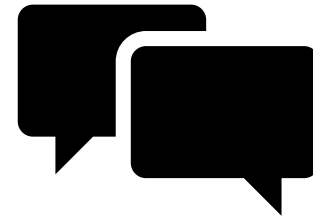
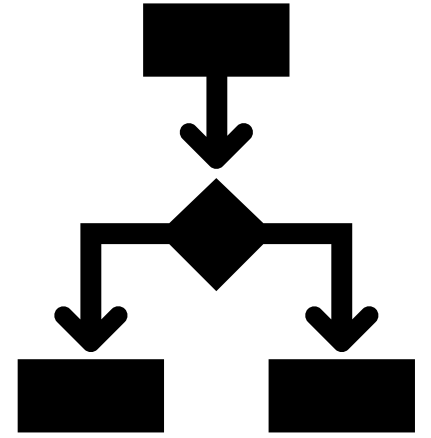
Getting a Good Range of Subjects

- Colleges and Universities like students to achieve the **English Baccalaureate (EBacc)**
- The EBacc is:
 - English language and literature
 - Maths
 - The sciences
 - Geography or History
 - Any ancient or modern foreign language



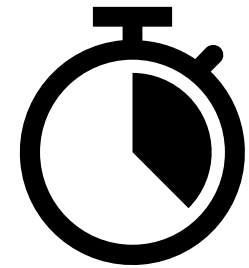
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- To achieve the **Ebacc**, within their four choices students should choose;
- History and/or Geography
- French or Spanish
- It is also possible to sit a GCSE in **another language if students are fluent** – please contact year team about this.



Getting a Good Range of Subjects

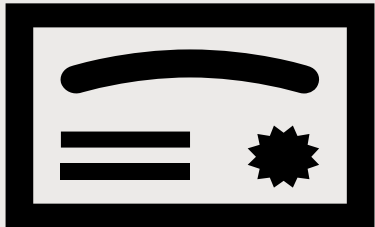
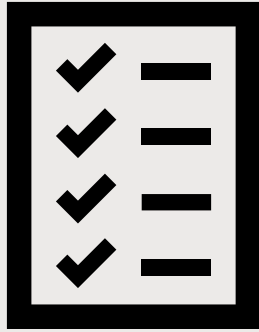
- It is important to **balance workload** when picking subjects.
- Alongside the compulsory subjects students will do **four option subjects**, for most students this will include Geography/History and a Language.



Success is the product of daily habits, not the once in a lifetime transformation.



Types of Qualifications



- GCSE – grades 1-9 4 = pass (C)
5 = strong pass
- BTEC – Vocational subject
- Cambridge National (OCR)-
Vocational subject

Grades at Key Stage 4

BTEC Tech Award Grading

Level / Qualification Grade	Grade Equivalent
Level 2 / Distinction*	8.5
Level 2 / Distinction	7
Level 2 / Merit	5.5
Level 2 / Pass	4
Level 1 / Distinction	3
Level 1 / Merit	2
Level 1 / Pass	1.25

New grading structure	Former grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
5	
4	C
3	
2	D
1	
U	E
	F
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Options Subjects

Art – 3D design or Textiles OR Art - craft and design	GCSE
Business	Cambridge National
Computer Science	GCSE
Dance (Performing Arts)	BTEC
Drama	BTEC
Engineering	BTEC
Food Preparation and Nutrition	GCSE
French	GCSE
Geography	GCSE

Health and Social Care	BTEC
History	GCSE
IT	Cambridge National
Music	GCSE
Music Practice	BTEC
PE	GCSE
Product Design	GCSE
Religious Studies	GCSE
Spanish	GCSE
Sports Science	Cambridge National
Statistics	GCSE
DT - Textiles	GCSE

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* Required

1. Student's name: *

Please ensure you enter both forename and surname

2. Tutor Group *

- 9EWI
- 9DBU
- 9JPF
- 9CDK
- 9LDA
- 9STH
- 9GCA
- 9KLA
- 9SGO

You must select your
tutor group – these will
be updated.

Options Choices

Here you can see the subject choices available to you.

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Please select your subject choices 1 – 6 in order of your preference below. You will be given 4 of your options.

You must pick at least two choices from section 1 within your top 6. In section 2 pick as many options as required to take your number selected to 6.


Each subject must have an option selected to enable you to complete the survey (either option 1-6 or not required)

PLEASE NOTE: It may not be possible to run a subject if too few students choose it.

3. Section 1 - you must pick at least two choices from this section. Your ranking needs to be for both sections together. *

	Not required	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice	6th Choice
Computer Science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
French	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Geography	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
History	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spanish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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4. Section 2 - Pick your remaining choices from this section. Your ranking needs to be for both sections together. * 

	Not required	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice	6th Choice
Art	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drama	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

It should look something like this.

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Geography	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
History	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Economics	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Information Technology	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Music	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Photography	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Product Design	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Textiles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The digital form – additional languages

5.

We would also like to know if you speak another language at home, or if you are fluent in another language? There is a small selection of other languages (please see below) that you can sit a GCSE in, this is in addition to your subject choices above. There will be no class for this on your timetable, but it could be an opportunity to gain an extra qualification in an additional language. Please select 1 additional language from the choices below if relevant. If you speak more than 1 additional language or if you have any questions regarding this please email the Year 9 Team: *

No other language spoken

Arabic

Bengali

Chinese - Spoken Mandarin

Chinese - Spoken Cantonese

German

Greek

The digital form – parental confirmation

6. By completing this form you are confirming that the options have been agreed by a parent/carer.
Please enter authorising parent/carer name: *

Enter your answer

Send me an email receipt of my responses

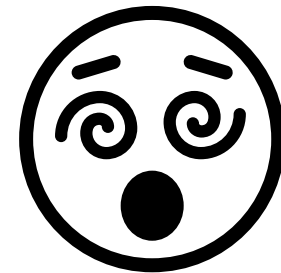
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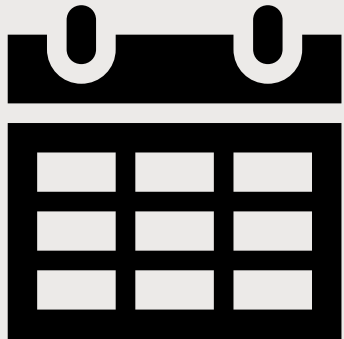
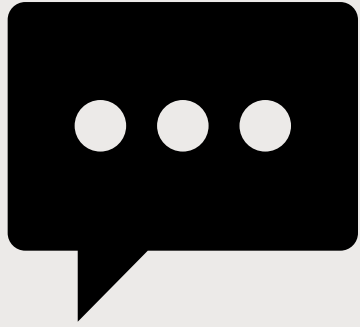
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Supporting students

If students need more support, they can email/speak with Miss Cicero who can help advise students.

After choices are made, we may speak with students if we aren't sure if they have made a good balance of choices.





Further Conversations

- Suitability
- Timetable clashes
- Teacher availability
- Workload concerns



Confirmation of Choices

- This will take place in term 5.
- Students will be given a letter during tutor time which details their choices.
- An email with this information will also be sent.

Options Evening: Careers support

Top tips: Do not pick subject based on friendship groups or because of teacher.

-Find out about the subject.

- Use Career pilot and other career focused lessons and days to help decide pathways.

FAQ's

-What if they choose the wrong subject?

-Do I have to do a language?

-Is it first come, first serve.

-What if they do not get their choices?

I will be around for discussions throughout the evening.

I will also arrange catch ups with students as requested/required.





Raising Aspirations

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Wednesday 8th March 2023.

1 Week to go.



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