



YEAR 9 Options

2021

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QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please type this into the chat. I will answer them at the end of the presentation.

We have also gone through this presentation with students and answered their questions.

I am available any time via email to answer queries.



Difficulties ahead...

- Correct course for me?
- Career routes
- New skills-AO2/A03
- New content
- Cumulative style assessments
- How to revise
- 2 languages?





GCSEs

Main points

- No Controlled Assessment in most subjects.
- Linear qualifications: all exams will take place at the end of Y11 except in practical subjects: Computing (20%); PE (40%); Food & Nutrition (50%); Art, Drama, Music & Health and Social Care (60%).
- No tiered papers (Foundation/Higher) except in Mathematics, Science and Languages.
- SPaG marking in Geography, History, RE [specific mark scheme] and integrated into the mark scheme for English and Science.
- Both the content and types of questions in the assessment will change.
- Grading for all subjects is 9-1



Details on key terms

Ebacc

The Department for Education recommends these core subjects, which make up the English Baccalaureate (EBacc), and help keep options for young people open:

- **English language and English literature**
- **Maths**
- **Science**
Combined science or 3 single sciences from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Computer science
- **History or Geography**
- **A language**
Ancient or modern

WHAT IS THE EBACC?

The EBacc is not a qualification in its own right – it's a combination of GCSE subjects, including a language, that offer an important range of knowledge and skills to young people.

EBACC FUTURE PROOFS YOUR CHILD'S PROSPECTS

While your child may not have decided on their future career path yet, choosing the EBacc at GCSE gives them access to a full range of employment options when they leave secondary school and the broad knowledge that employers are looking for.

If they are thinking of going to university, the EBacc is also recommended by Britain's most prestigious universities.



Details on Key terms

Level 1

Level 1 qualifications are:

- first certificate
- GCSE - grades 3, 2, 1 or grades D, E, F, G
- level 1 award
- level 1 certificate
- level 1 diploma
- level 1 ESOL
- level 1 essential skills
- level 1 functional skills
- level 1 national vocational qualification (NVQ)
- music grades 1, 2 and 3

Level 2

Level 2 qualifications are:

- CSE - grade 1
- GCSE - grades 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4 or grades A*, A, B, C
- intermediate apprenticeship
- level 2 award
- level 2 certificate
- level 2 diploma
- level 2 ESOL
- level 2 essential skills
- level 2 functional skills
- level 2 national certificate
- level 2 national diploma
- level 2 NVQ
- music grades 4 and 5
- O level - grade A, B or C

Level 3

Level 3 qualifications are:

- A level
- access to higher education diploma
- advanced apprenticeship
- applied general
- AS level
- international Baccalaureate diploma
- level 3 award
- level 3 certificate
- level 3 diploma
- level 3 ESOL
- level 3 national certificate
- level 3 national diploma
- level 3 NVQ
- music grades 6, 7 and 8
- tech level



Year 9 TIMELINE

Date	Event
17 th March	Learning Conference with Year 9 students to go over the different pathways and options.
17 th March	Options information Evening for parents with Q&A session. Online on Ms Teams.
26 th March	Students to submit their requests for the Taster Day sessions.
29 th & 30 th April	Taster Days for Options pathways.
7 th May	Deadline for Option Choices
14 th June 2021	End of Key Stage exams.
14 th July	End of Key Stage 3 Graduation Ceremony



Pathways and options process at Key Stage 4



Core Subjects for all students

1. GCSE English Language
2. GCSE English Literature
3. GCSE Maths
4. GCSE Science (two possible routes)
5. GCSE RE
6. Core PE (2 lessons)
7. PSHE & Citizenship (1 day / half-term)

KS4 CURRICULUM TIME - 29 LESSONS PER WEEK



Science courses

Triple Science : Biology, Chemistry and Physics

The most able scientists will prepare to take three GCSEs at the end of Year 11. Students will take exams lasting in total 3.5 hours per GCSE (10.5 hours in total). Students will receive a separate grade for each Science.

Science (double award):

The majority of students will study Combined Science. They will take their exams in Year 11 in order to gain 2 GCSEs in Science. Students will take exams lasting in total 3.75 hours per GCSE award i.e. 7.5 hours in total. These exams will be different to the Triple Science ones.



OPTION SUBJECTS

Details of courses in Options Booklet

GCSE Courses:

Art & Design

Art Textiles

Drama & Theatre Studies

Music

Food Preparation & Nutrition

Design Technology

Computer Science

PE

Business Studies

Humanities Subjects

Geography

History

Modern Foreign Languages

French

German

Spanish

Vocational Courses:

Health and Fitness – Level 2 VCERT

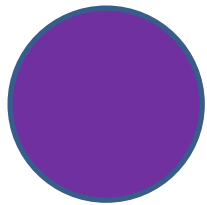
Health & Social Care

Please note: For a course to run at KS4, there must be at least 15 students signed up on it.

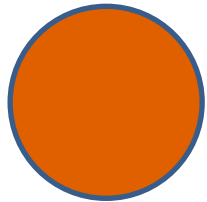


3 Pathways

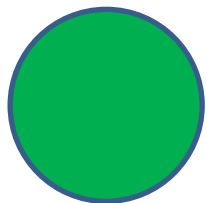
Meeting student's needs is the key to success.



Purple Pathway (9/10 GCSEs)



Orange Pathway (9 GCSEs)



Green Pathway (8 GCSEs or equivalent)

PURPLE PATHWAY



E-Bacc Subjects

GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature (4 Lessons)

GCSE Maths (5 Lessons)

Science(6 Lessons)-Possibility of triple science end of year 9

GCSE Humanities subject [History or Geography] (3 Lessons)

GCSE Language [French, Spanish or German] (3 Lessons)

Core Subjects

GCSE RE (3 Lessons)

PE (2 Lessons); PSHEC (1 day/half-term)

Choice of 1 option subject (GCSE)

Art, Art Textiles, Drama, Music, Business Studies, Computer Science, PE, Food & Nutrition, Design Technology, French, German, Spanish, History and Geography (3 lessons)



ENTRY CRITERIA

Using teachers' assessment over the year (EMBs and cumulative assessments), students must achieve all of the conditions below:

- 1. Students must be working at Least Gold/5 or above in both English and Maths.**
- 2. Students must be working at least Gold or above (under exam conditions) in the Humanities or Language they wish to continue at GCSE.**
- 3. KS2 DATA shows that your average point score was above 104 (given by tutors)**

PURPLE PATHWAY



Students study Triple Science in addition to:

Choice 1 1 Humanity

Choice 2 1 Language

Choice 3

Option Choice Form is at the back of the Options Booklet

ORANGE PATHWAY



Compulsory Subjects

GCSE English Language and GCSE Literature (4 Lessons)

GCSE Maths (5 Lessons)

GCSE Science (6 Lessons)

GCSE Humanities OR GCSE Languages (3 lessons)

Core Subjects

GCSE RE (3 Lessons)

PE (2 Lessons); PSHEC (1 day/half-term)

Choice of 2 option subjects

Art, Drama, Music, Business Studies, Computer Science, PE, Health & Social Care, Health and Fitness, Food & Nutrition, Art Textiles, Design and Technology, French, German, Spanish, History and Geography (3 lessons)

For E-Bacc: 1 Humanities subject [History or Geography], 1 Language [French, Spanish or German] and 1 option from the list above.

ORANGE PATHWAY



ENTRY CRITERIA

Using teachers' assessment over the year (EMBs and cumulative assessments), students must achieve all of the conditions below:

- 1. Students must be working at or above Silver 3/4 standard in both English and Maths.**
- 2. Students must be working at or above Silver standard (under exam conditions) in the Humanities or Language they wish to continue at GCSE.**
- 3. KS2 DATA shows that your average point score was between 96 and 104 (given by tutor)**

ORANGE PATHWAY



Students study GCSE Core Science and GCSE Additional Science as well as 3 options:

Choice 1 (Humanities or Language)

Choice 2 _____

Choice 3 _____

Option Choice Form is at the back of the Options Booklet

GREEN PATHWAY



Core Subjects

GCSE English Language & GCSE English Literature (4 Lessons)

GCSE Maths (5 Lessons)

GCSE Science (6 Lessons)

GCSE RE (3 Lessons)

PE (2 Lessons)

PSHCE (1 day/half-term)

Two options (3 lessons each) from:

Health & Social Care Level 2 or Health and Fitness VCERT or Art or Music (subject to audition)

Students will have Option Support as their Third Option

GREEN PATHWAY



ENTRY CRITERIA

Students must achieve the condition below:

- 1. Students are working below at Bronze 1/2 standard or below in English and/or Maths (under exam conditions).**
- 2. KS2 DATA shows that your average point score was 95 and below (given by tutor)**

GREEN PATHWAY



Students study GCSE Combined Science as well as 3 options:

Choice 1_____

Choice 2_____

Choice 3_ Option Support (additional Maths and English)

Option Choice Form is at the back of the Options Booklet



WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER BEFORE I MAKE MY DECISION?

- Do I like the subject?
- Have I made good progress in that subject at KS3 (if applicable)?
- Does my subject teacher think I should choose this subject to study at GCSE?
- Do I need the subject to pursue my career choice?
- Choose carefully my taster lessons.



Careers and future choices.

The year 9 careers programme is built around empowering our students to make their Ks4 choices knowing the decisions they need to make to suit their aspirations.

Ahead of students choosing their GCSE options, the aim of the programme is to educate and inform students about different industry sectors and opportunities for school leavers within these sectors such as traineeships, apprenticeships and graduate opportunities. During the programme we will also look at the educational qualification pathways (including subject choices at L2/L3) relating to different careers and the employability skills organisations look for when they recruit school leavers within these sectors.

Careers



Date	Activity
Wednesday 23 rd September	Launch of Year 9 Careers Programme with a focus on linking curriculum to careers – exploring how subject knowledge and skills developed link to different career pathways.
W/C 23 rd November PSHE Lessons	START Careers Software Workshop Re-visited Labour Market Information <u>in light of</u> COVID looking at growth sectors and jobs of the future. Students then updated their START profiles -interests, work preferences and skills and then researched and explored suggested jobs which matched their interests
W/C 4 th January PSHE Lessons	Careers Sector Focus- Armed Forces
W/C 11 th January PSHE Lessons	Careers Sector Focus- Creative Arts
W/C 18 th January PSHE Lessons	Careers Sector Focus – Healthcare
10 th February	Careers Panel Armed Forces - Captain Charlotte Wilson from the Army (plus 1 guest tbc) Creative Arts - Jennifer Anafi-Acquah - <u>Nutopia</u> Healthcare - <u>Aysha</u> Ahmed – Leicester Medical School Sports - Ruth Hooper- 3 rd Eye Marketing / Former Brand Manager for Nike
Wednesday 3 rd March	National Careers Week- Focus on Apprenticeships CITB and Ask Apprenticeships- Careers Talk <i>Both speakers shared their educational and career pathway with students from L2 onwards in the knowledge that students were selecting their GCSE options.</i>
Wednesday 10 th March	T-Levels Assembly

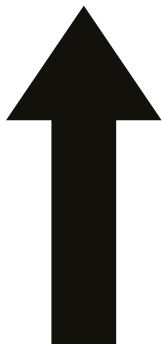
Ongoing: students and parents are welcome to discuss careers with Mrs Petheram at Lorraine.Petheram@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Summer Term: students will continue to use the START software, meet with HODs on how their subject links to future careers and further workshops to give opportunity to meet people from a wide variety of different careers.



T LEVELS:
DIGITAL (*PRODUCTION, DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT*)
SCIENCE (*LABORATORY SCIENCES*)
2022 – NURSING.





WHY DO A T LEVEL?

CREATED WITH BUSINESS

T Levels have been designed with leading businesses and employers to give you the knowledge and skills you need.

More than 200 businesses - including Fujitsu and Skanska - have been involved so you can be confident your T Level will move you to the next level.

QUALIFICATIONS THAT COUNT

When you pass your T Level, you will get a nationally recognised certificate showing the overall grade you achieved - pass, merit, distinction or distinction*. It will also give details of what you learned on the course to help you move into skilled employment or a higher apprenticeship.

LEARN YOUR WAY

T Levels involve more classroom study than apprenticeships, which means you can experience an industry while you continue your studies.

Like A Levels, there are no tuition fees to study a T Level if you start before you are 19. Schools and colleges set their own entry requirements, so check their website or contact them direct to find out more.

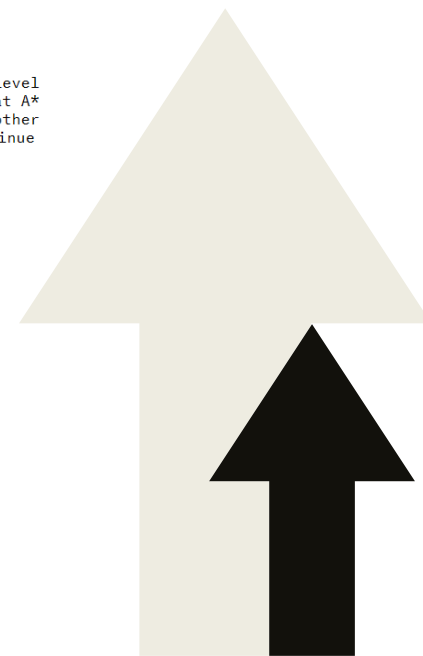
GET AHEAD IN YOUR CAREER

T Levels give you the chance to learn what a real career is like while you continue your studies.

Your industry placement will last for at least 45 days - when and how you complete it depends on the T Level, college and employer. Check out [student views on industry placements](#)

AWARDED UCAS POINTS

Your T Level will be worth UCAS points - a T Level Distinction* is worth the same as 3 A Levels at A* - and will be recognised by universities and other education providers so you can choose to continue studying if you wish.





Pathway 1: At least five GCSEs grades 9-5 (including grade 4 in English and Maths)	Students have the option to study one T Level
Pathway 2: At least eight GCSEs grades 9-5 (minimum of six grade 7 or above)	Students can opt to do 4 A Levels or 3 A Levels and EPQ
Pathway 3: At least eight GCSEs grades 9-4 (minimum of four grade 5 or above)	Students study 3 A Levels
Pathway 4: At least eight GCSEs grades 9-4 (with fewer than four at grade 5)	Students study two Level 3 BTEC qualifications and can study one A Level or a further Level 3 equivalent qualification.
Pathway 5: At least five GCSEs grades 9-4 (including grade 4 in English or Maths)	Students study three Level 3 BTEC qualifications and may also retake GCSE Maths or English if they have not achieved a 4 in one or the other.
Pathway 6: Fewer than five GCSEs grades 9-4 (below grade 4 in Maths and English Language)	Students follow the Level 2 Courses and retake both GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics.



Ks3 Graduation

Students will receive a graduation ceremony at the end of Year 9.

All students will receive a Graduation certificate based on their grades, attendance and contribution to the ethos of the school.

We look forward to welcoming you to the event.



Ks3 Ceremony

There will be three levels of certification or medals as we will call them.

Gold

Silver

Bronze



How will we work this out?

2 levels below target	1 level below target	On Target	Above target or achieving platinum
0 points	5 points	10 points	20 points

14 subjects – this can lead to a maximum score of 280 points. A student achieving one grade below in all of her subjects will achieve 70 points.



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Events	Points
Reward	5 points
Sanction	10 points deduction from final score.
Event completed on The App	5 points per event.
96% + attendance	30 points
96% + punctuality	30 points



Rewards Tiers

Bronze	Silver	Gold
145 or less	150-345	350+