



# **YEAR 9 Options**

**2023**

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# QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please make a note and 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 <sup>th</sup> January	Learning Conference with Year 9 students to go over the different pathways and options.
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Options information Evening for parents with Q&A session. Online on Ms Teams.
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Students to submit their requests for the Taster Day sessions.
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Taster Day for Options pathways.
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Deadline for Option Choices
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	End of Key Stage exams.



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*Please note that there are often movements between populations for Science, English, PE and RE in Ks4 to make sure that all students are in the correct groups for the subjects. This is normal as students spend more time outside of their populations for option subjects anyway.*

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**If your daughter is on EHCP, this will be part of the annual review. If she is on the SEND register, please contact Mrs. Jefferies.**



# 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 lesson a week)
8. Computer science: delivered through all subjects and special curriculum days.

**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. This involves a twilight session in Year 10.

## **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

Sociology

PE

Business Studies

## **Humanities Subjects**

Geography

History

## **Modern Foreign Languages**

French

German

Spanish

## **Vocational Courses:**

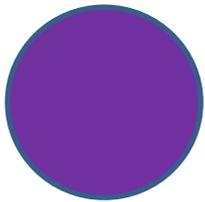
Health & Social Care

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

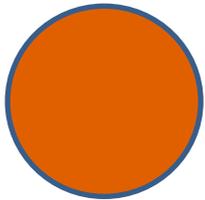


## 2 Pathways

Meeting student's needs is the key to success.



Purple Pathway (9/10 GCSEs)



Orange Pathway (8 or 9 GCSEs)

# 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 lesson)**

## Choice of 1 option subject (GCSE)

Art, Art Textiles, Drama, Music, Business Studies, Computer Science, PE, Food & Nutrition, Design Technology, French, German, Spanish, Sociology, 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 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.**

# 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 lesson)**

## 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, Sociology, History, Geography & Option Support (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 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.**





# WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER BEFORE I MAKE MY DECISION?

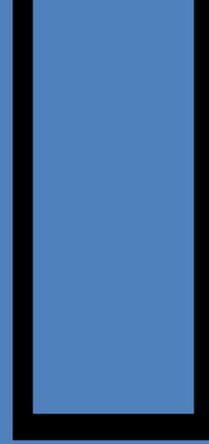
- Do I like the subject?
- Have I made good progress in that subject at KS3 (if applicable)?
- What does my subject teacher think my strengths and priorities for development are in this subject?
- Do I need the subject to pursue my career choice?
- Choose carefully my taster lessons.



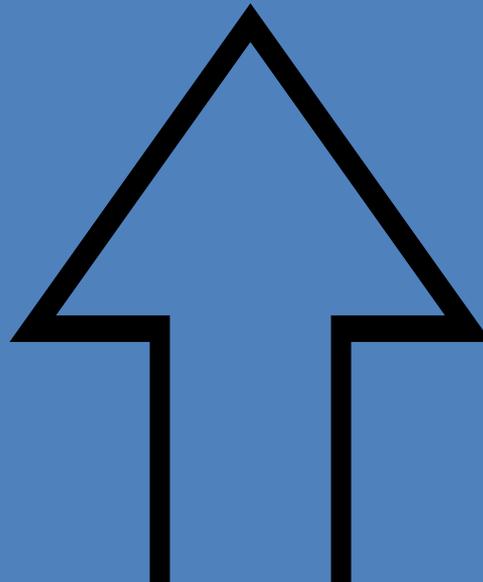
# Careers and future choices.

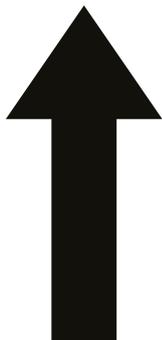
*The year 9 careers programme is built around empowering our students to make their Ks4 choices knowing the decisions they need to make to suit their aspirations.*

*Ahead of students choosing their GCSE options, the aim of the program 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 program 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.*



***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.

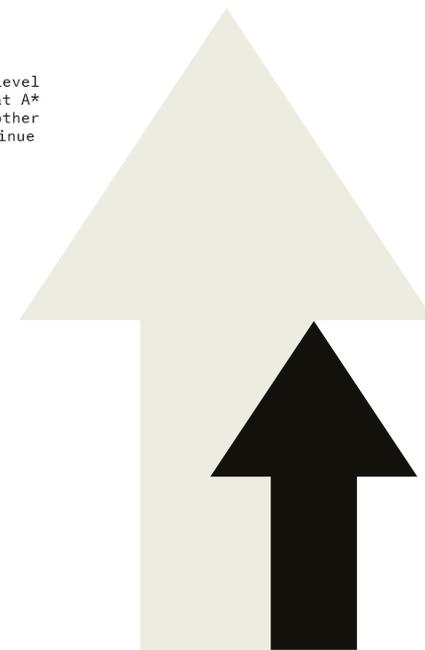
### **GET AHEAD IN YOUR CAREER**

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.





<b>Pathway 1:</b> At least five GCSEs grades 9-5 (including grade 4 in English and Maths)	Students have the option to study one T Level
<b>Pathway 2:</b> 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
<b>Pathway 3:</b> At least eight GCSEs grades 9-4 (minimum of four grade 5 or above)	Students study 3 A Levels
<b>Pathway 4:</b> 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.
<b>Pathway 5:</b> 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.
<b>Pathway 6:</b> 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.