

KS4 Options Evening

Mr Boden, Vice Principal

Monday 3rd March



KS4 Options Journey



DATE	EVENT
3rd October 2024	Careers Surgery
13th January 2025	Y9 Parents & Carers Evening
3rd March 2025	Options Evening
14th March 2025	Hand in choices
March/April 2025	1-1 interviews with Careers Team
April 2025	Confirmation of choices

KS4 Core Curriculum

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science (Double)
- Physical Education
- History or Geography
- PSHE



English Baccalaureate (EBacc)



- **English, Maths, Sciences, Languages, History and Geography.**
- Recommended by the **Department for Education.**
- Strong academic **rigour** and **breadth** of **study.**
- A strong foundation for students continuing studies at **A-level** who have the aspiration to study at **Russell Group Universities.**
- A sound basis for a **variety of careers** beyond the **age of 16.**

The Importance of Languages



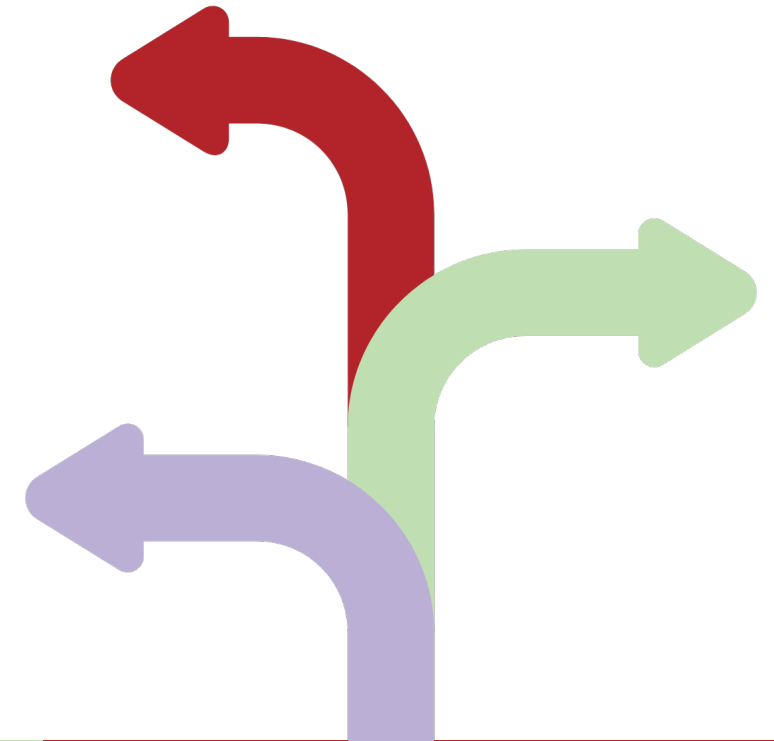
- Studying a **foreign language** can be extremely **rewarding** and **exciting**.
- Insight into other cultures.
- **Travel** and **employment** opportunities.
- **Broaden students' horizons**, helping them flourish in new environments.
- **Competitive edge**: employers value **languages** especially in the global market.
- Languages are increasingly becoming a requirement for many graduate schemes offered by **multinational companies**.

The Pathways

Pathway 1



Pathway 2



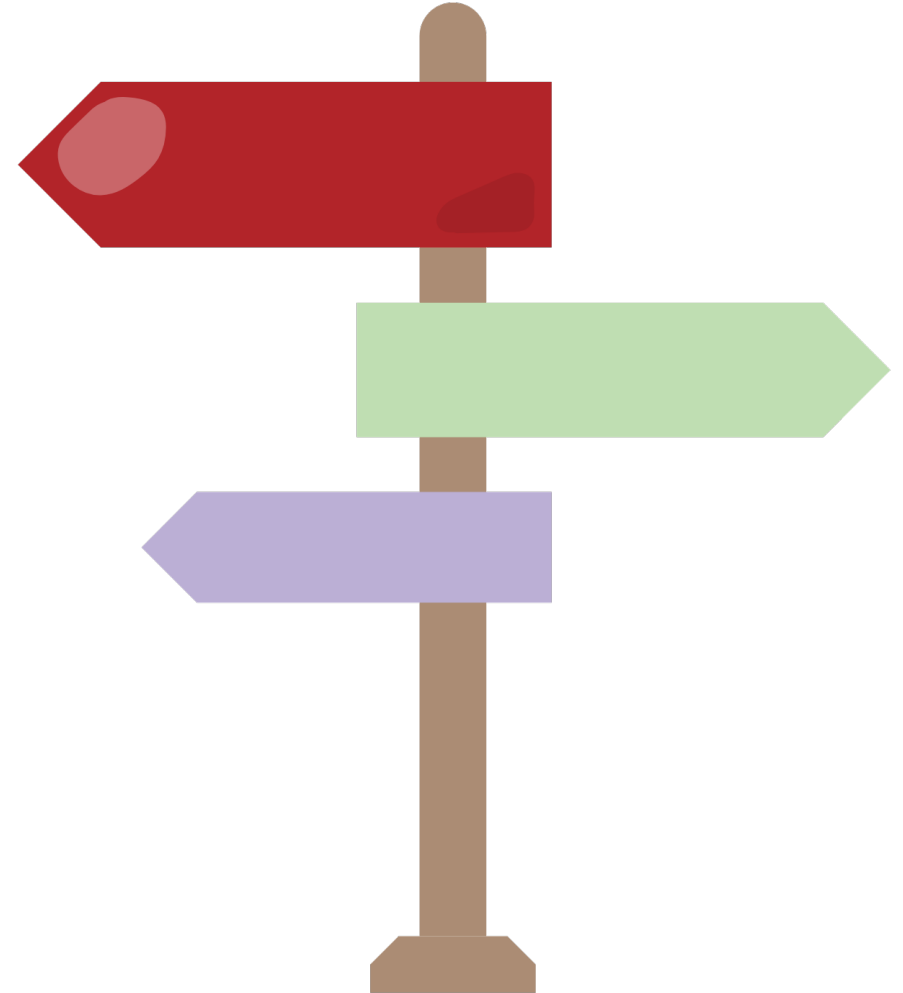
Open Subjects (Choices)

- **GCSE** Business Enterprise
- **GCSE** Art & Design
- **OCR** Cambridge Nationals: Child Development
- **OCR** Cambridge Nationals: Creative iMedia
- **GCSE** Computer Science
- **GCSE** Design and Technology
- **GCSE** Drama
- **BTEC** Dance
- **GCSE** Food Preparation and Nutrition
- **GCSE** French
- **GCSE** Music
- **GCSE** Photography
- **GCSE** Physical Education
- **GCSE** Religious Education
- **GCSE** Spanish
- **OCR** Cambridge Nationals: Sports Studies
- **BTEC** Travel and Tourism



Making your choices

1. Career
2. Plan backwards
3. Talk to your teachers
4. Read the options booklet
5. Think about what you enjoy
6. Think about what are you good at
7. Think about something that will challenge you
8. Career conversations



DO NOT make choices on...

- Friends
- Teachers
- Others



Remember...

This is your choice based on your **future career choice**.

Combinations of subjects we don't recommend/will not allow...

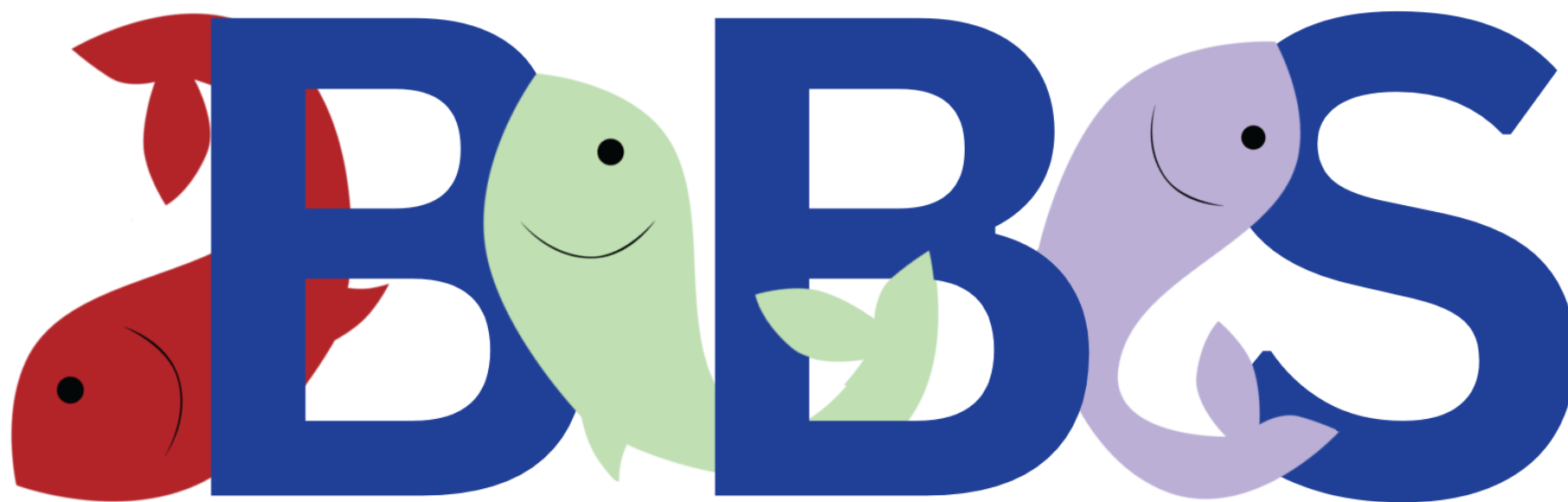
- GCSE PE and Cambridge Nationals Sports Studies
- GCSE Computer Science and Cambridge Nationals Creative iMedia



Who should I seek advice from?

- Teachers
- Careers Advisor
- Form Tutor
- Senior Leadership Team
- Head of Year
- Parents/carers
- Older siblings





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Mrs Owen

Head of English



GCSE English Language & Literature (AQA)



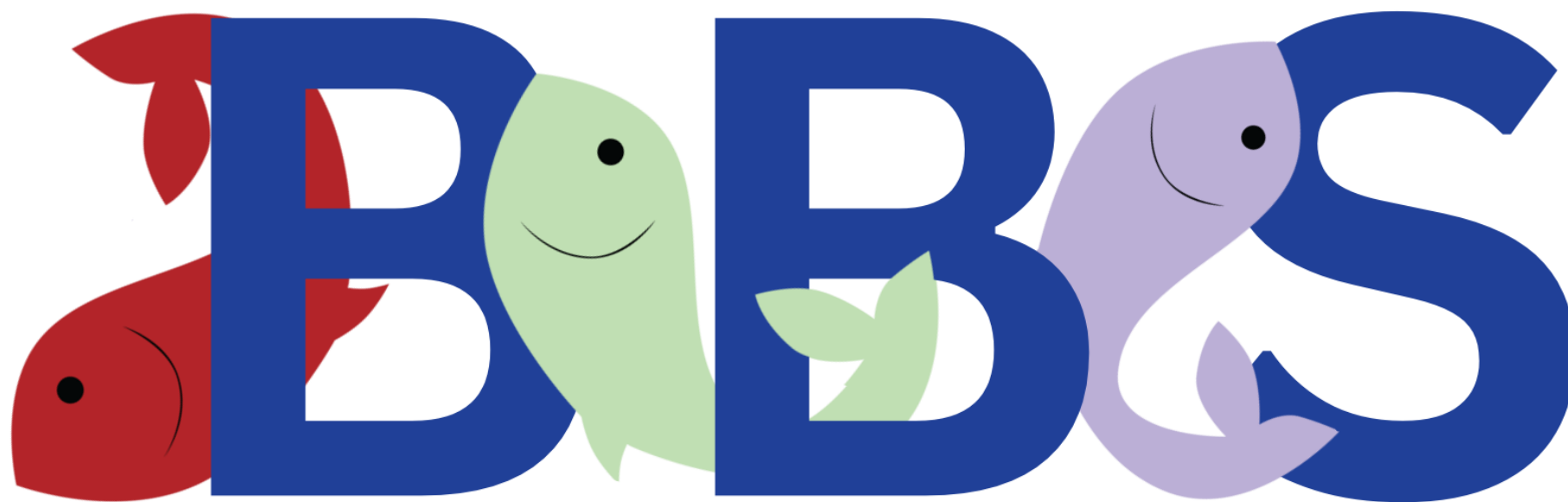
English Language GCSE

- Two Examinations/No Tiers
- Reading fiction and non-fiction
- **50% of marks for reading skills:**
 - Basic comprehension/inference
 - Analysis of language/structure
 - Evaluation
 - Comparison
- **50% of marks for writing skills**
 - Communication & Organisation
 - Spelling, punctuation, grammar

English Literature GCSE

- Two Examinations/No Tiers
- 1. **Set texts from the 17th/19th/20th century:**
 - **Macbeth** – Shakespeare
 - **A Christmas Carol**
 - **An Inspector Calls** - JB Priestley
- 2. **Poetry that we will study:**
 - Power and Conflict anthology
- **3. Unseen poetry**

BBS English: Experienced team. Many of us examine for AQA. Revision every week. Homework to retrieve learning and to encourage independent practice of work that has been covered in lessons.



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Miss Featherstone

Head of Mathematics



KS4 Mathematics

- Miss S Featherstone - Head of Mathematics
Steff.Featherstone@lct.education
- Miss M Darby - Second in Mathematics
- Ms J Imeson
- Mrs S Evans
- Mrs Slater
- Mrs Breen
- Mr Gosall
- Mr Goddard



Homework

SparxMaths - 1 hr per week
40% retrieval
60% content from lessons

KS4 Mathematics

- **Exam board:** Edexcel
- 3 papers – 1.5hrs
- 2 papers – (calculator and non-calculator)
- **Assessing across key themes:**
 - Number
 - Algebra
 - Geometry, Ratio, Proportion
 - Statistics
 - Probability



Equipment



Pen



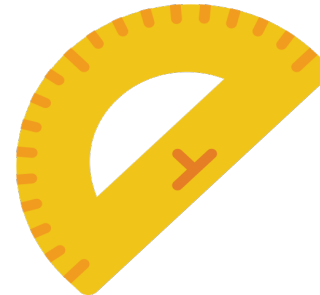
Pencil



Compass



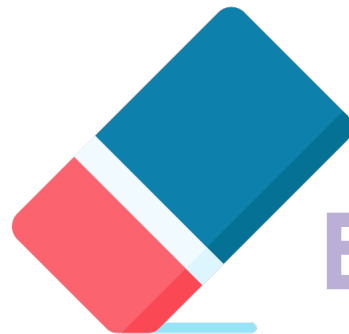
Ruler



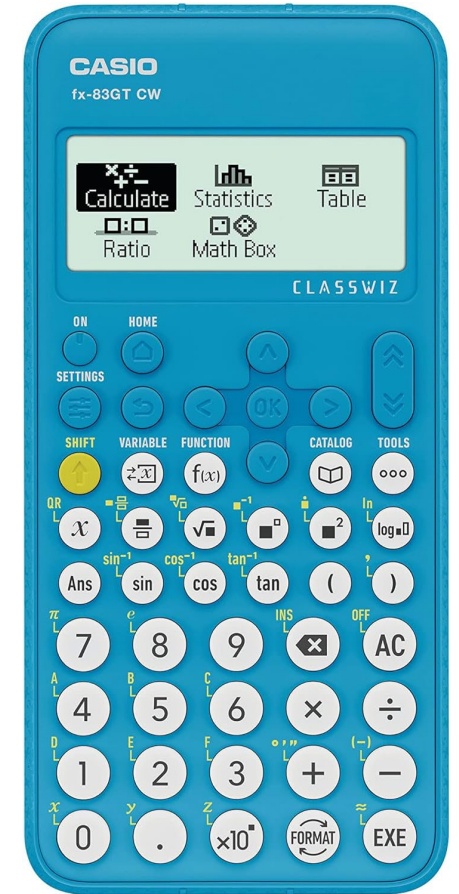
Protractor



Red Pen

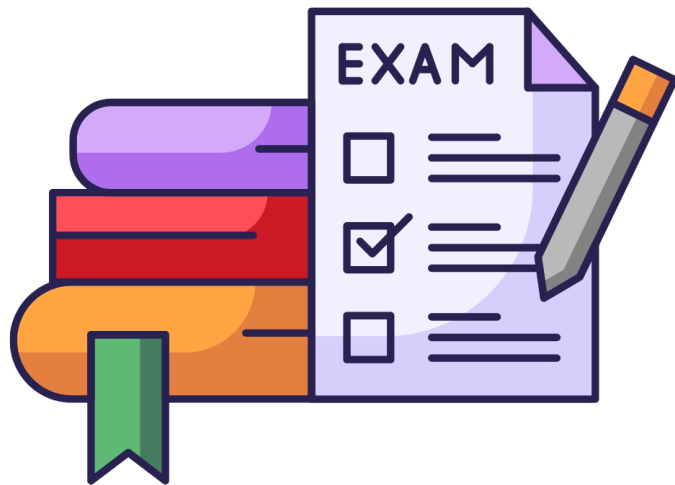


Eraser

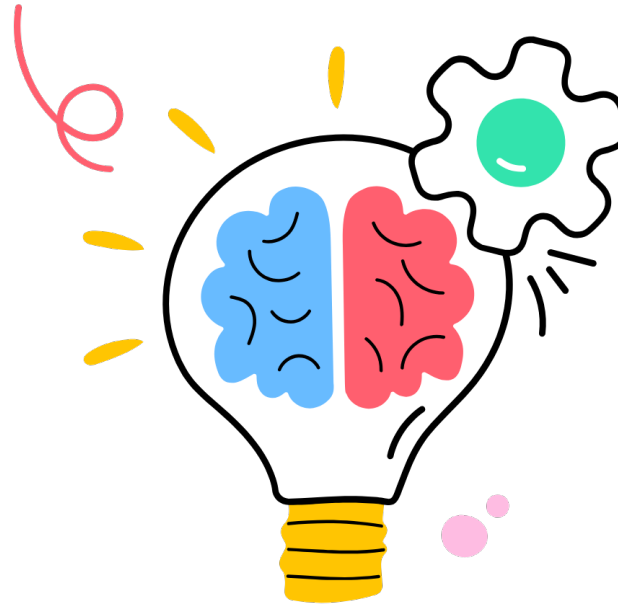


Scientific calculator
(Casio FX-83GTCW Scientific Calculator)

In School Support



**Afterschool
revision**



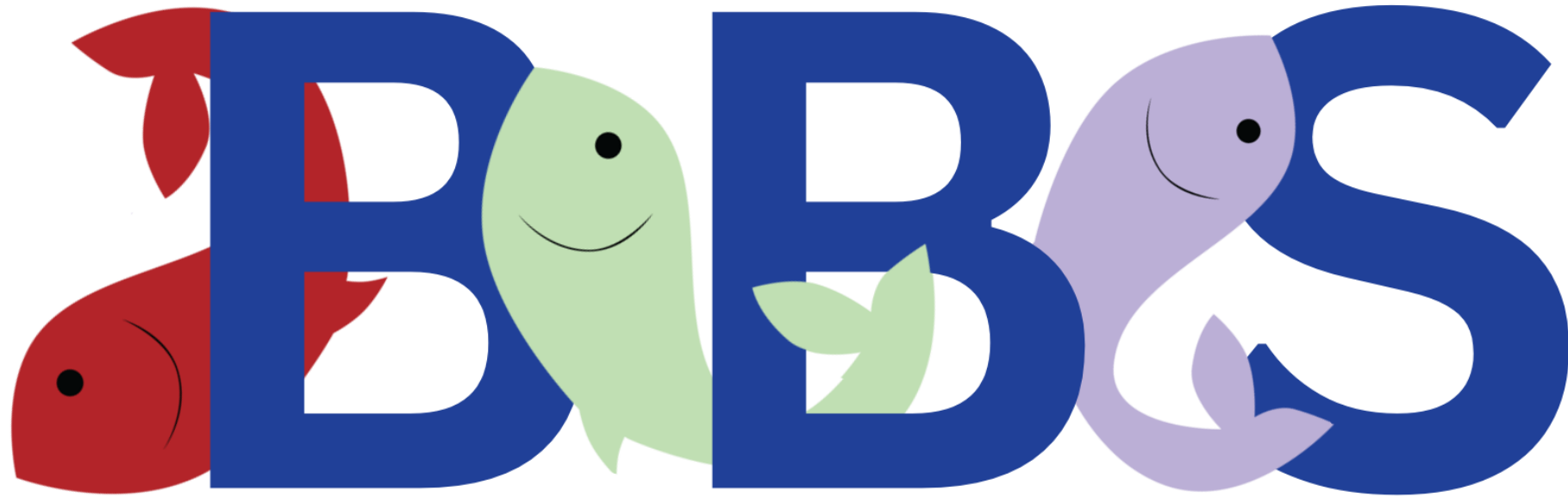
**GCSE
Skills Audit**



**Personalised
assessment
analysis**

Useful Resources

- **School Padlet** online notice board with papers, topic questions and links to resource: padlet.com/BBS_Maths/n9h11a2qxzev
- **MSTeams** to contact teachers
- **Youtube** ask us if you want a particular video
- **Corbett Maths** 5 a day questions free
- **GCSE Bundles** revision guide, workbook and revision cards
- **GCSE Workbooks**



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Mrs Hughes

Head of Science



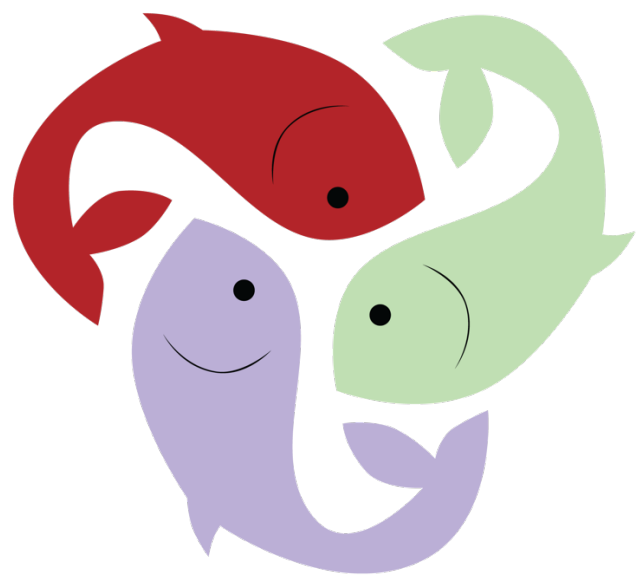
Science

Combined Science – AQA Trilogy

- Students study **biology**, **chemistry** and **physics** and are awarded **2 GCSEs**
- Content is taught as **3 separate subjects** so students will usually have **3 science teachers**
- Student sit **6 x 1 hour 15-minute exams** at the end of **Year 11 (2 for each science)**
- They will receive a combined **GCSE grade** for the **6 papers**
- Combined science is a **core subject** so compulsory for those not sitting separate sciences

Separate Sciences – AQA

- Students study **biology**, **chemistry** and **physics** as separate subjects and are awarded **3 GCSEs**
- Content is taught as **3 separate subjects** so students will have **3 science teachers**
- Student sit **6 x 1 45-minute exams** at the end of **Year 11 (2 for each science)**
- Students are awarded **3 separate grades**, one for each subject.
- Separate science is an academically demanding subject, selection is dependant achieving a **Grade 6** in **Science** and **Maths** at the **end of Year 9**



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Any questions?
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