

# KS4 Options Evening

Mr Boden, Vice Principal

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**



# KS4 Options Journey



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



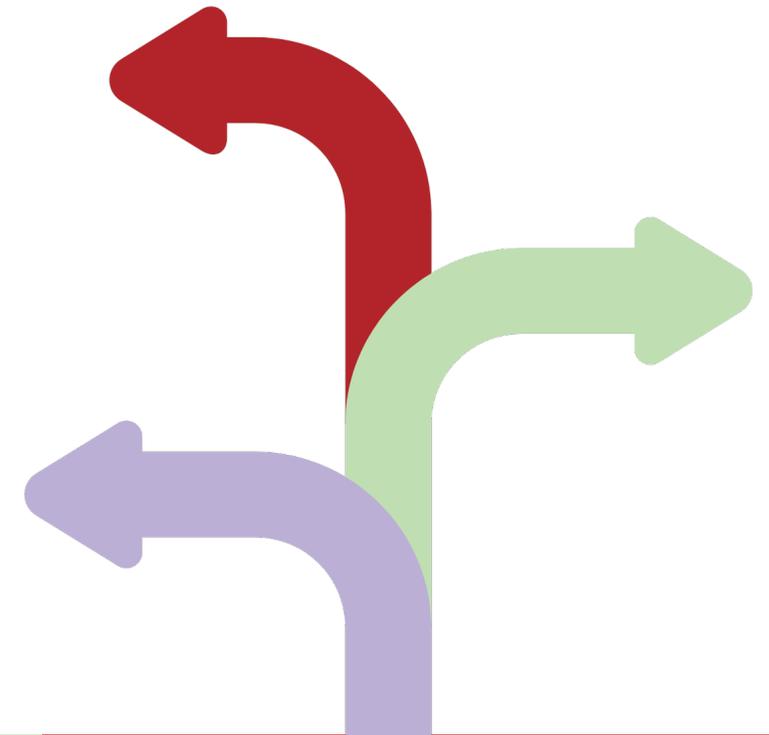
- Studying a **foreign language** can be extremely **rewarding** and **exciting**.
- Insight into other cultures.
- **Travel** and **employment** opportunities.
- **Broaden students' horizons**, helping them flourish in new environments.
- **Competitive edge**: employers value **languages** especially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

# The Pathways

## Pathway 1



## Pathway 2



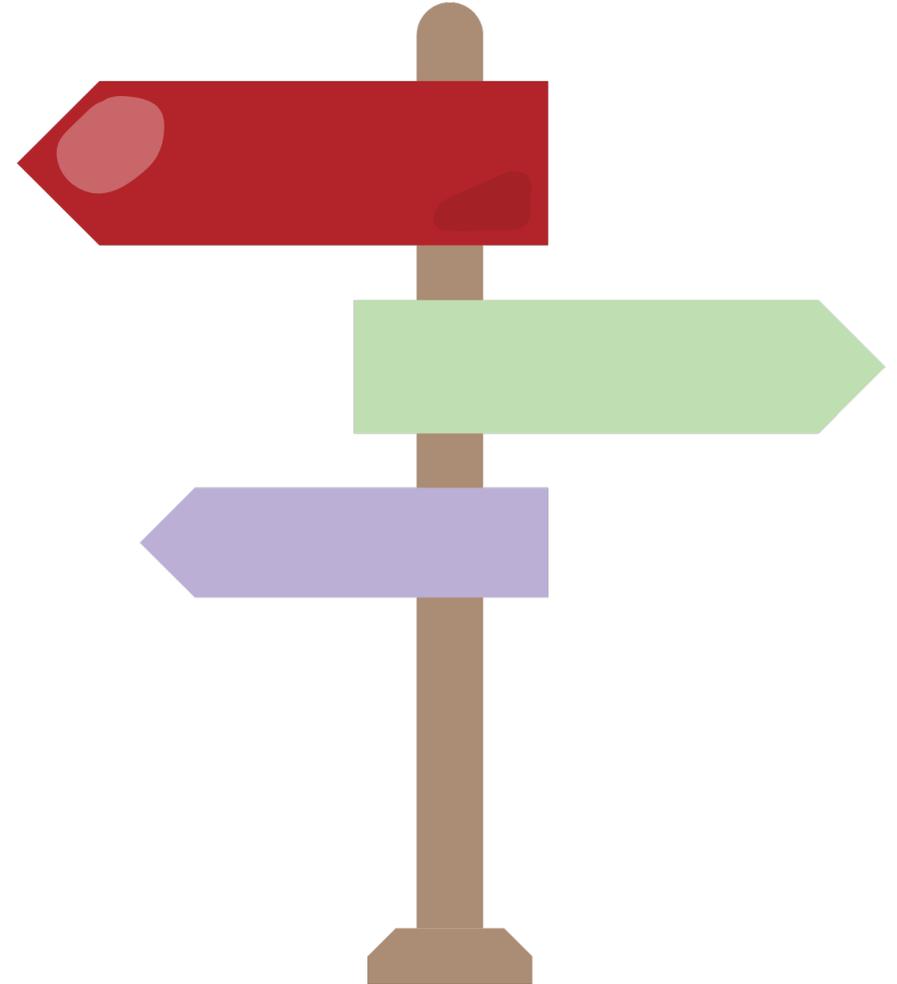
# Open Subjects (Choices)

- **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...

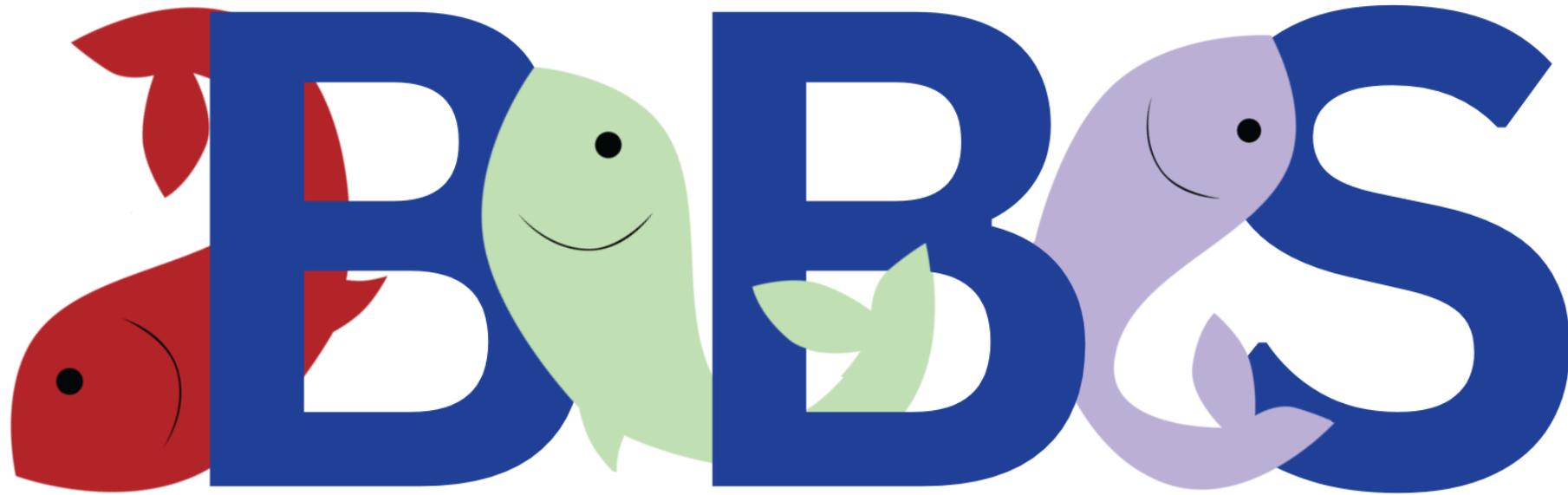
- GCSE PE and Cambridge Nationals Sports Studies
- GCSE Computer Science and Cambridge Nationals Creative iMedia



# 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)



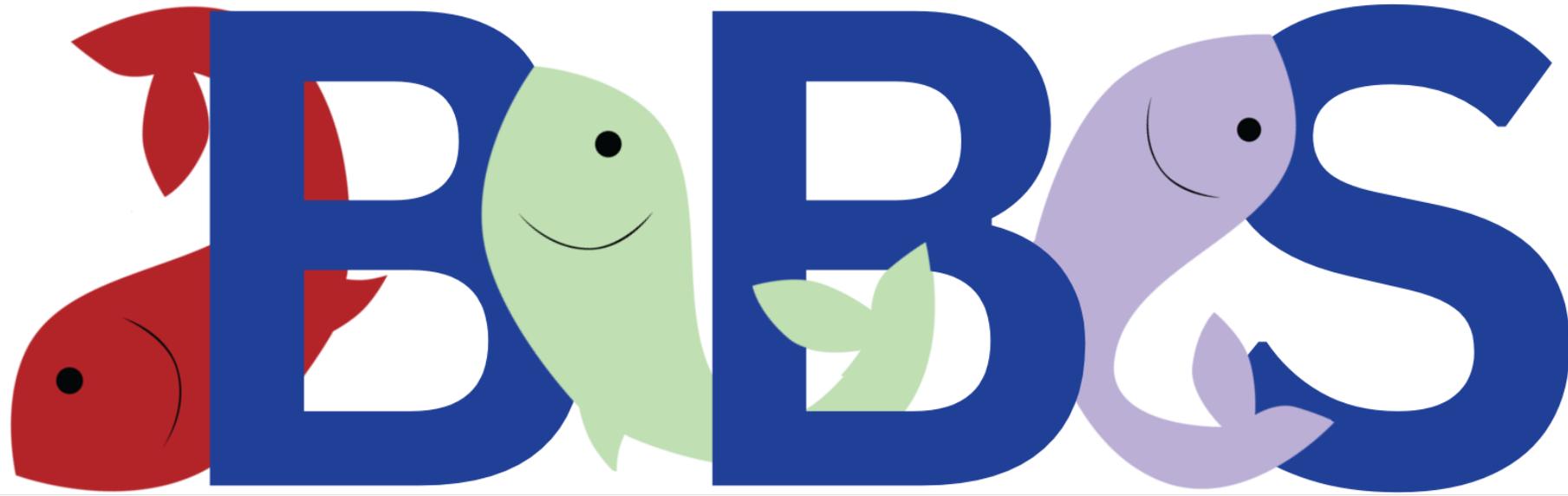
## English Language GCSE

- 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/20<sup>th</sup> 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.



# KS4 Options Evening

Miss Featherstone

**Head of Mathematics**



# KS4 Mathematics

- Miss S Featherstone - Head of Mathematics  
[Steff.Featherstone@lct.education](mailto: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



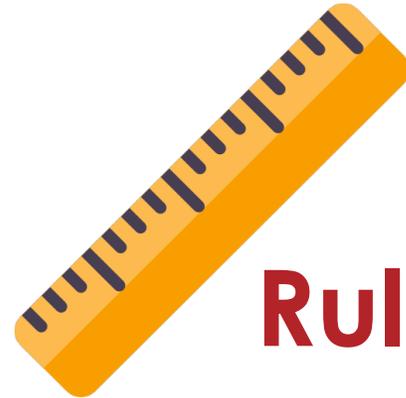
Pen



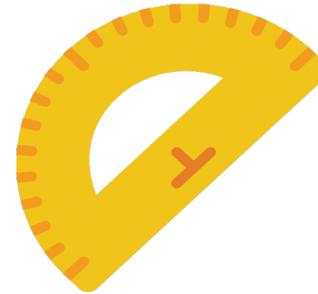
Pencil



Compass



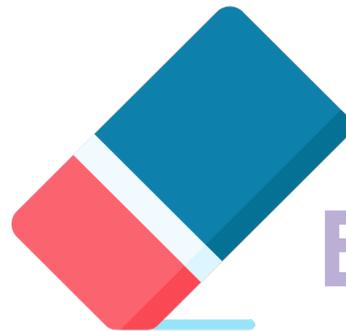
Ruler



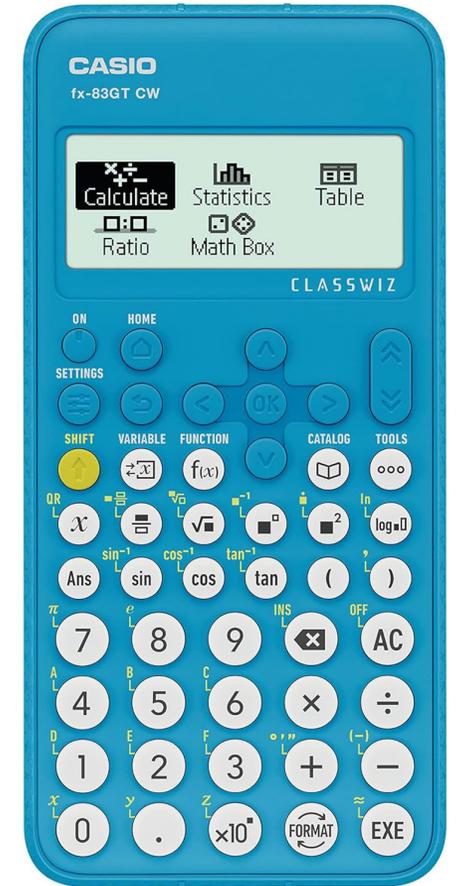
Protractor



Red Pen



Eraser

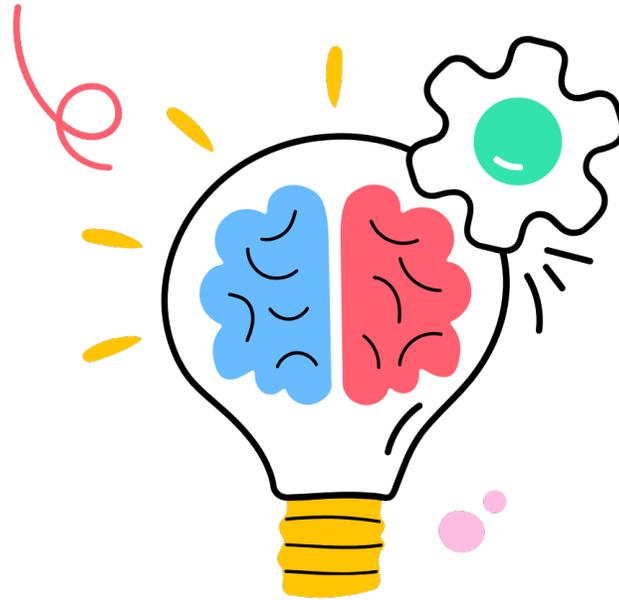


**Scientific calculator**  
(Casio FX-83GTCW Scientific Calculator)

# In School Support



**Afterschool  
revision**



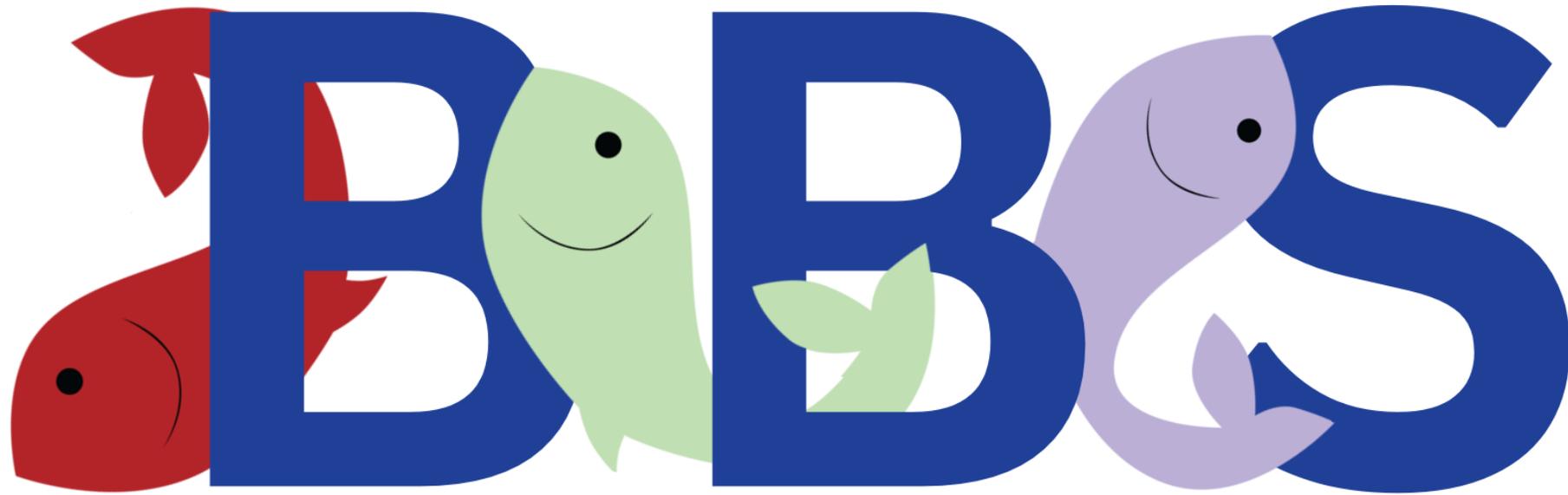
**GCSE  
Skills Audit**



**Personalised  
assessment  
analysis**

# Useful Resources

- **School Padlet** online notice board with papers, topic questions and links to resource: [padlet.com/BBS\\_Maths/n9h11a2qxzev](https://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**



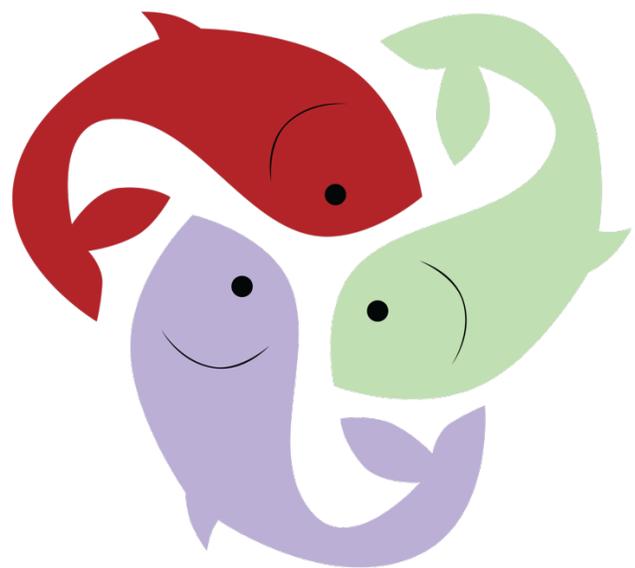
# Science

## 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**



# BBS

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Any questions?  
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