

Year 9 Options Evening

Tuesday 23rd January 2024



School Values:

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Compassion

Your option choices matter

- Students will begin their KS4 qualifications in September 2024 and sit their GCSE qualifications in the Summer of 2026.
- Grades/Performance in these GCSEs will affect choices and the range of options available to students at the end of Year 11.
- Making informed decisions, with our support, is key.



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Students will be studying up to 9 GCSEs and/or vocational subjects

- Compulsory subjects (x 5)
- Options subjects (x4)



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Compulsory subjects:

All students will study...

- English Language (x1)
- English Literature (x1)
- Mathematics (x1)
- Combined Science (x2)

- Non examined courses: PE and RE



Option subjects:

- Students will be able to select 4 further subjects from a wide range of options provided (see Options Booklet)
- Triple Science - selected/invited students will choose as one of their choices. Entry exam in May.



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3 pathways:

1. English Baccalaureate - the majority of students
 - a. 1 Humanities Option (from either Geography or History)
 - b. 1 Modern Foreign Language Option (Spanish or French)

2. P8 Ebacc: some students
 - a. At least one of the following subjects: Geography, History, French, Spanish or Computer Science

3. Core - a very small number of students
 - a. Any 4 subjects



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What will this look like in reality?

Full Ebacc:

1. Humanities (Gg or Hi)
2. MFL (Sp or Fr)
3. Additional Subject
4. Additional Subject

Full Ebacc & Triple Sci:

1. Humanities (Gg or Hi)
2. MFL (Sp or Fr)
3. Triple Science
4. Additional Subject

P8 Ebacc:

1. Humanities, MFL or Computer Science (Gg, Hi, Sp or Fr, or Co)
2. Additional Subject
3. Additional Subject
4. Additional Subject



What will this look like in reality?

Core:

1. Additional Subject
2. Additional Subject
3. Additional Subject
4. Additional Subject



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A few new subjects to explore:

- Business Studies
- Citizenship
- Media
- Sociology

Vocational Qualifications:

- L1/L2 Creative iMedia
- L1/L2 Hospitality and Catering
- L1/L2 Asdan: Personal and Social Development
- L1/L2 Travel and Tourism
- L1/L2 Health and Social Care
- L1/L2 Music Practice



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Year 10 and 11: Vocational qualifications

Vocational qualifications are designed to lead to a **job, an area of employment and further study**. They can be an attractive option to help prepare you for the world of work and a particular job or job sector.



Vocational qualifications are being offered to enable students to developed skills and knowledge on various professions for example; Science, Law, Finance, Media, Business and IT.



They can help you prepare for a very specific job or give you a broad overview of a job sector.





Cambridge
Nationals

Job-related subjects

- Mainly classroom-based assessment
- Written and practical assessment



 Apprenticeships

Why do you study Vocational Subjects ?

- You apply for Apprenticeships.
- Theoretical and relevant practical Skills gained.
- When you leave school at 16, levels 3 Vocational and A level qualifications are available to you.





Hospitality
and Catering



Music Practice



Health and Social Care



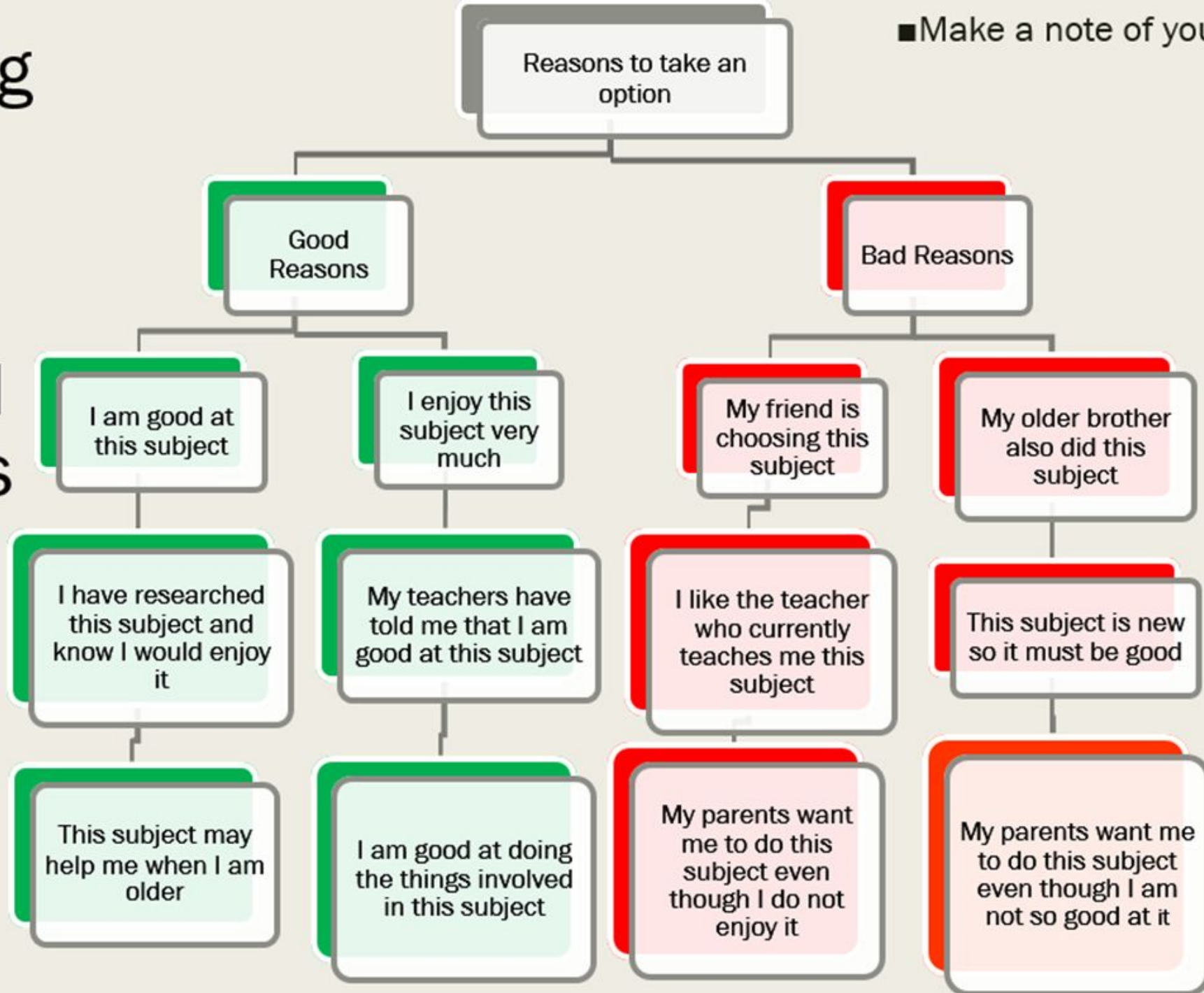
There are different **subjects offered for vocational qualification.**
Level 2 :Equivalent of GCSE grades 9 to 4.



Travel and Tourism

Choosing your options: Good and Bad Reasons

■ Make a note of your choices



The Process

- Options Evening: 23rd January 2024
 - Opportunity to discuss subjects with teachers and explore new subjects on offer
 - Begin to form preliminary ideas about your first choice subjects
- Deadline for Options Forms: Friday 9 February.
To be handed to Ms Lebreton/Ms Doubravska
- Year 9 Parents' Evening: Tuesday 20th February 2023
 - individual options conversations with parents, as required.



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How to complete your options forms - Full Ebacc

1. You must choose **TWO** subjects in each option block.
2. In each option column, mark a first choice subject with the **number 1**. Your first choice subjects must include **one humanities subject** (highlighted in yellow) and **one modern foreign language** (highlighted in green)
3. Please then select a second choice subject from **each** option block, mark these with the **number 2**.

Option Block 1 (W)	Option Block 2 (X)	Option Block 3 (Y)	Option Block 4 (Z)
History	1 History	History	History
Geography	Geography	Geography	Geography
Spanish	Spanish	1 Spanish	Spanish
French	French	French	French
Computer Science	Art	Asdan (by invite only)	Triple Science (by invite only)
Business Studies	Business Studies	Art	Business Studies
Design and Technology: Graphics	Citizenship	Business Studies	1 Drama
Design and Technology: Resistant Materials	Drama	Citizenship	Health and Social Care (L1/L2)
Design and Technology: Textiles	Hospitality and Catering (L1/L2)	Computer Science	Media Studies
Media Studies	Media Studies	Creative Media Production (L1/L2)	Religious Studies
Religious Studies	PE	Food Technology	Sociology
Travel and Tourism L1/L2	Sociology	Music (L1/L2)	Study Plus (by invite only)
Step Up (by invite only)	Study Plus (by invite only)	PE	

An example:

- 1st choice subjects: History, Spanish, Drama and Business Studies



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How to complete your options forms - P8 Ebacc

1. You must choose **TWO** subjects in each option block.
2. In each option column, mark a first choice subject with the **number 1**. Your first choice subjects **must include at least one of the following subjects: Geography, History, French, Spanish or Computer Science** (highlighted in green).
3. Please then select a second choice subject from **each** option block, mark these with the **number 2**.

An example:

- 1st choice subjects: **Spanish**, Drama and Business Studies and Travel & Tourism

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Geography	Geography	Geography	Geography
Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish 1
French	French	French	French
Computer Science	Art	Computer Science	Triple Science (by invite only)
Business Studies	Business Studies	Asdan (by invite only)	Business Studies
Design and Technology: Graphics	Citizenship	Art	Drama
Design and Technology: Resistant Materials	Drama	1 Business Studies	1 Health and Social Care (L1/L2)
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Key Dates Reminder

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