

A hand-drawn illustration of a glowing lightbulb with a red filament, surrounded by a dense, chaotic network of business-related sketches. The sketches include various icons like gears, charts, lightbulbs, and text labels such as 'BUSINESS Idea', 'PLAN', 'WORK', 'TEAM', 'CONCEPT', 'POWER', 'SUCCESS', 'IDEA', 'BUSINESS', 'WEB', 'TIME', 'SEARCH', 'genius', 'creativity', 'brain', 'WORK', 'TEAM', 'IDEA', 'BUSINESS', 'WEB', 'TIME', 'SEARCH'. The background is a textured, greyish surface.



How many GCSEs? How many choices?

Most students will take 9 GCSEs

After the core curriculum - you have a choice of:

- History or Geography
- 2 other subjects

Core curriculum

English

Maths

English
Language
GCSE

English
Literature
GCSE

Maths
GCSE

Core curriculum

Science

Combined
Science worth
2 GCSEs

Separate
Sciences worth
3 GCSEs

This counts as one of
your 2 options

Entry is based on
End of Unit
Assessments and
entry test
that students have
completed.

KS4 curriculum

Modern Foreign Language

French
GCSE

Spanish
GCSE

KS4 curriculum

Humanities

Geography
GCSE

History
GCSE

You can study both Humanities, but
one would be one of your 2 options

GCSE Options

Art, Craft &
Design

Textiles GCSE

Product Design

Hospitality &
Catering
Level 2 Award

Computer
Science

Physical
Education

Sport
Tech Award

Drama

Dance

Music
(have an instrument)

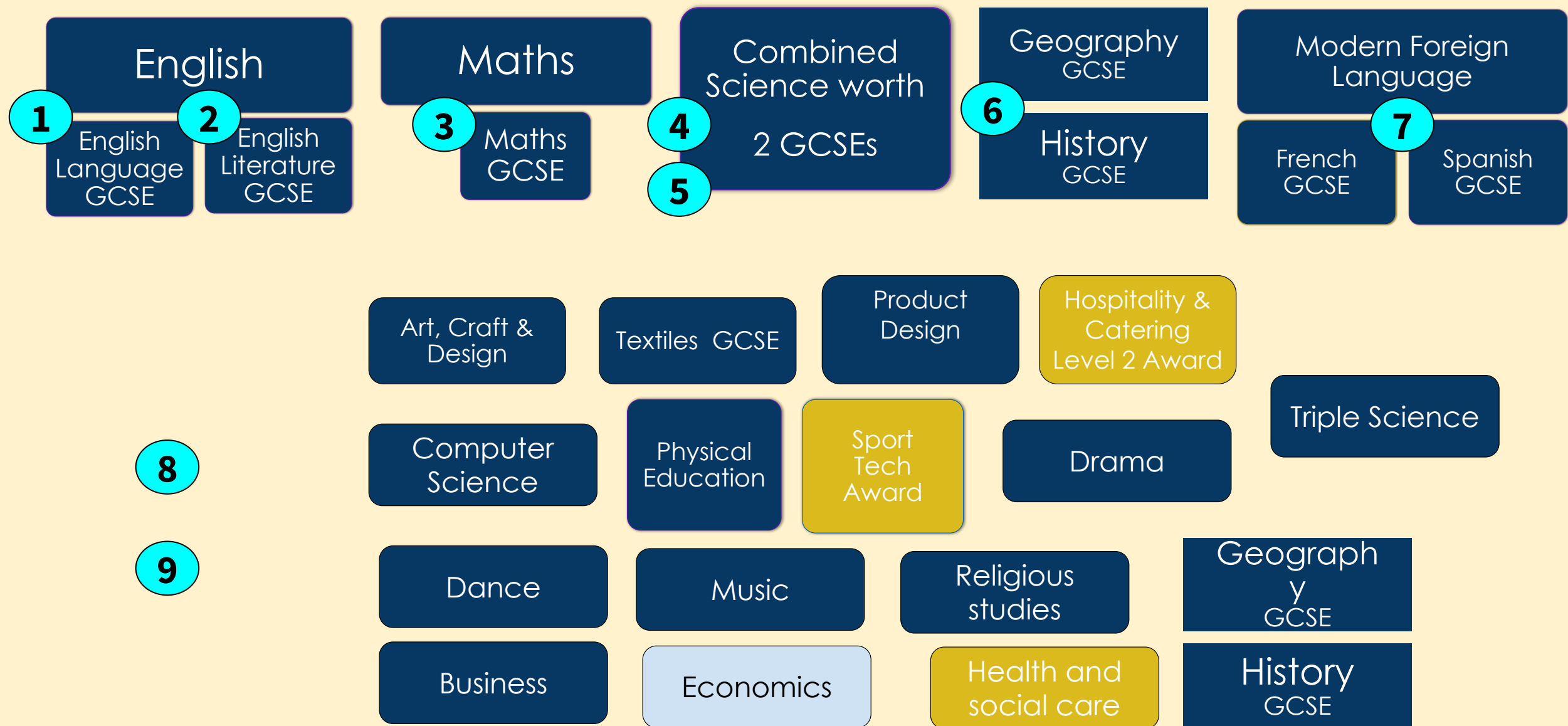
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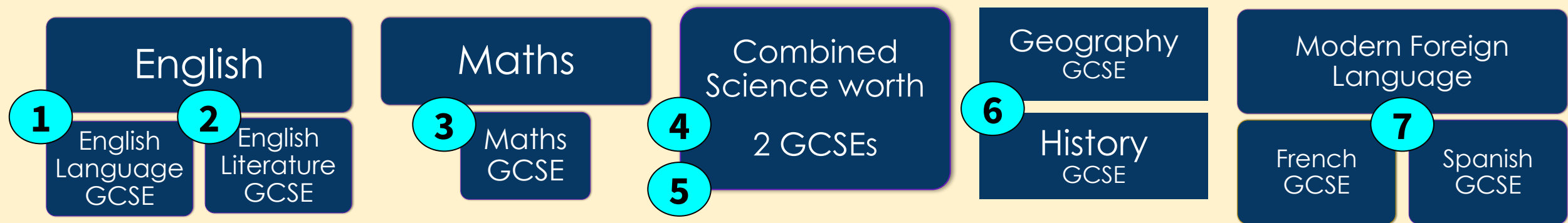
Business

Economics
(IA in maths)

Health and
social care

So, in summary.....





Strongly recommend:

Choose one **Arts / practical** subject.

Why?

- Top universities / apprenticeship providers like a range of subjects
- Top grades is the most important thing (Oxbridge - average point score)
- Do what you love
- Stay sane - variety is the spice of life

Art, Craft & Design

Textiles GCSE

Product Design

Hospitality & Catering
Level 2 Award

Triple Science

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Computer Science

Physical Education

Sport Tech Award

Drama

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Dance

Music

Religious studies

Geography GCSE

Business

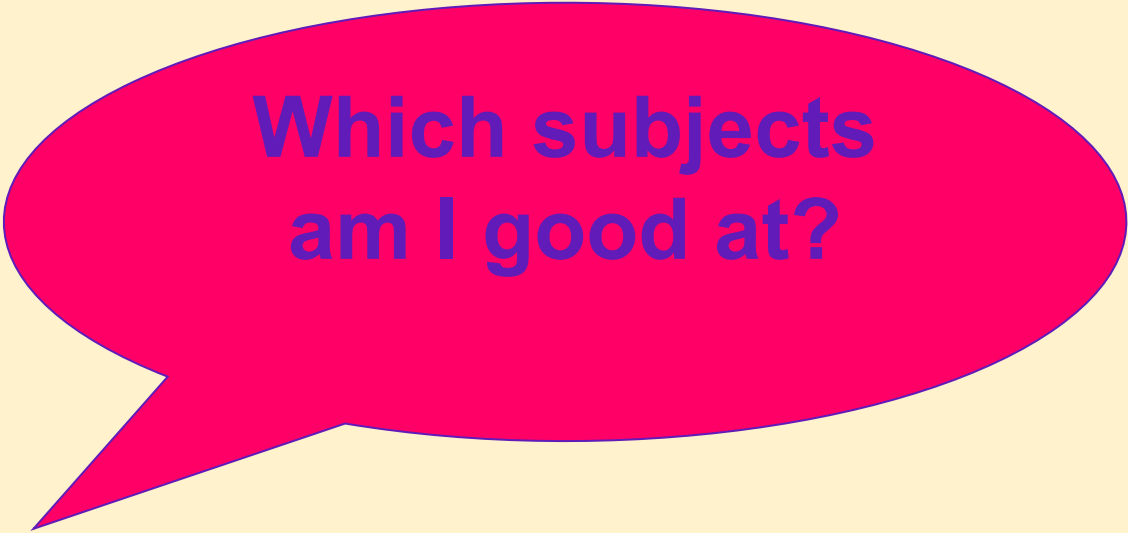
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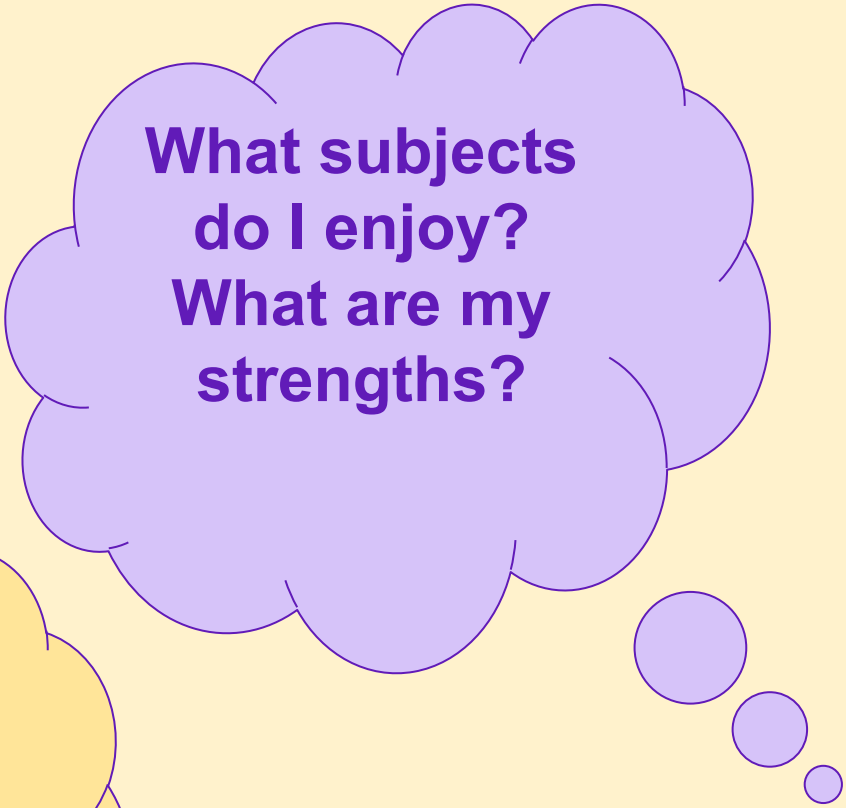
History GCSE

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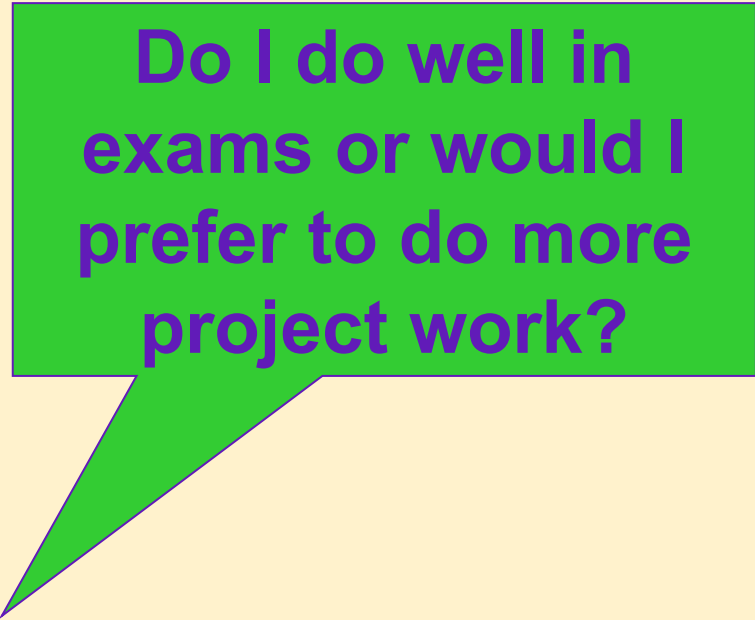
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Arts / practical
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**Which subjects
am I good at?**



**What subjects
do I enjoy?
What are my
strengths?**



**Do I do well in
exams or would I
prefer to do more
project work?**



**What could I
find out
online?**



**Do I have a
career in
mind?**

What to look out for

- Over the next few weeks, you will take part/experience the following things.
- These are all designed to fully prepare you to make the best possible choices for your options...

Option assemblies

In class taster sessions

After school taster sessions

In school rehearsals (Music, Drama, Dance)

In form Taster sessions

Form time activities

Student voice

Options evening

LG 121s



The process

1. Research / thinking / planning - from today
2. Options evening - 10th March
3. Deadline for choices - 17th March
4. Options interviews begin - 23rd March - final choices made
5. Options choices confirmed - June

Top tips



- Speak to your teachers, do they think it's the best subject for you...
- Be curious in current lessons!
- Be open minded and fully engage in the taster sessions
- Be excited that you have more control of the lessons you will take next year
- Speak to friends, family and teachers... the majority have all been there before and can help guide you!

Q: Am I guaranteed my option choices?

A: No, places on courses cannot be guaranteed. However we will make every effort to get you on the courses you have chosen. If there is a problem, we will discuss alternative options. With you.

Q: When will I find about which Options I'll be doing?

A: In June