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Year 9 OPTIONS Information Assembly 2025





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YEAR 9 GCSE Options

You will be making choices about what GCSEs you wish to study moving forward into year 10.

These are important choices that will directly impact on your future.



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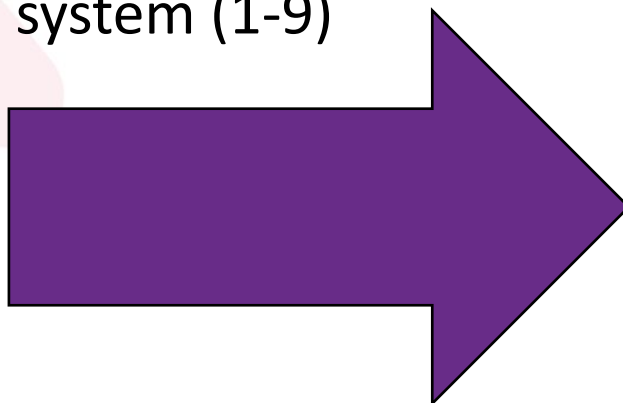
What you need to know about your GCSEs

GCSE Qualifications have changed a lot over the recent years....

- In 2019 all subjects changed to being graded 1 -9 in place of A*-G.
- Most examinations will be taken at the end of Year 11 with greatly reduced Controlled Assessment / Coursework along the way.

New 9 – 1 Grades

- New grading system (1-9)

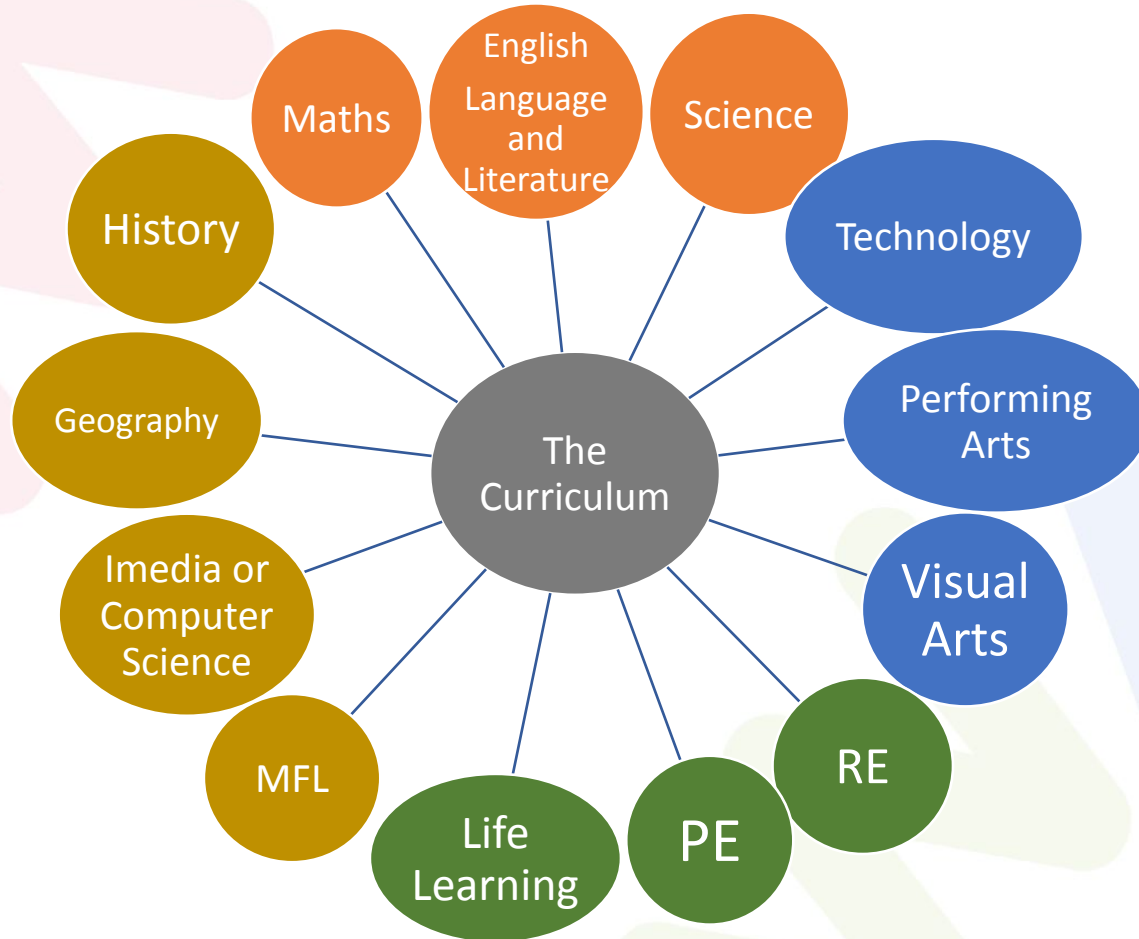


Grading new GCSEs from 2017

| New grading structure | Current grading structure |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 9 | A* |
| 8 | |
| 7 | |
| 6 | B |
| 5 | C |
| 4 | |
| 3 | D |
| 2 | E |
| 1 | F |
| U | G |
| | U |

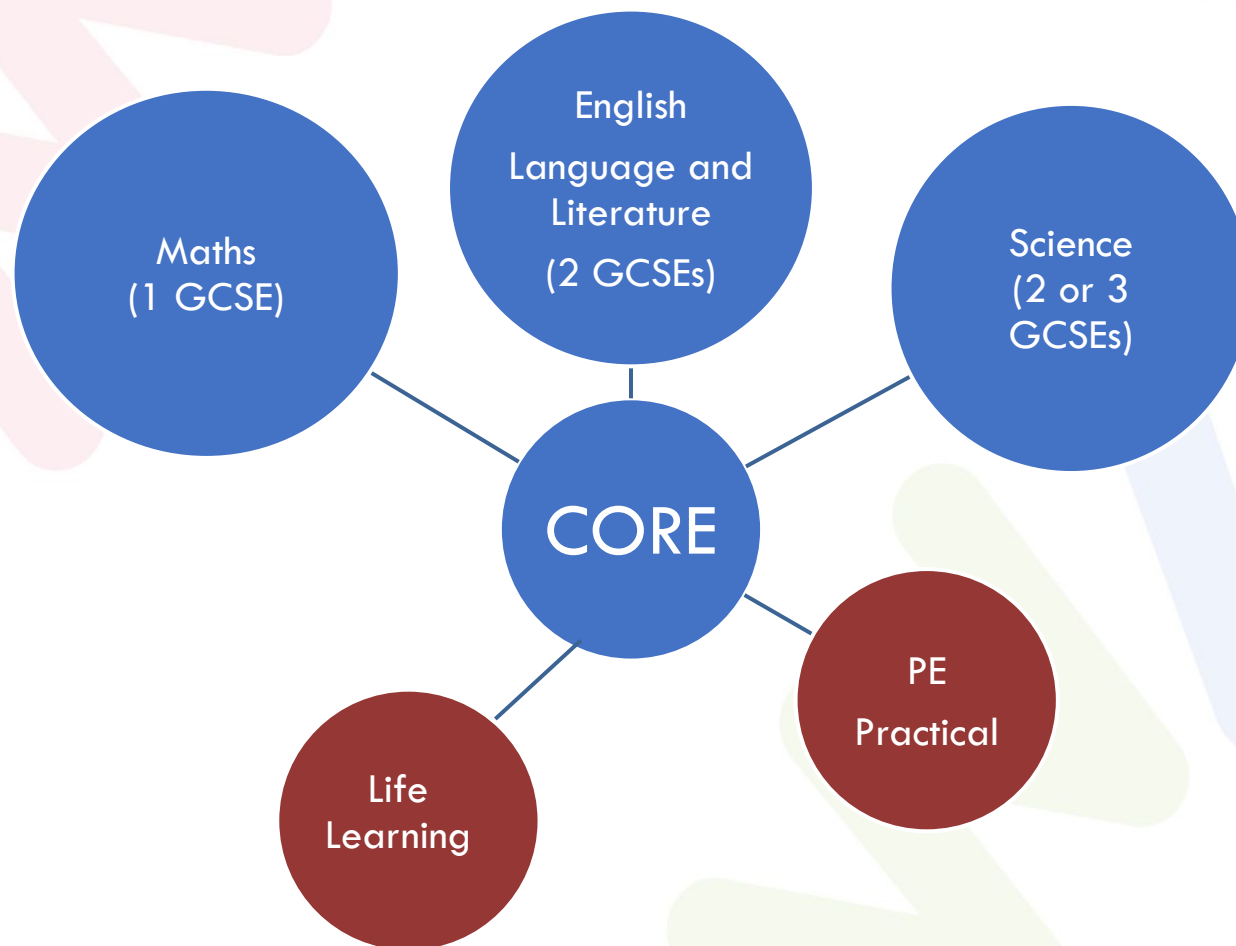
- A grade 4 is a 'standard pass' and a grade 5 a 'strong pass' at GCSE.
- Usually a grade 6 or higher is needed to study a subject at A Level
- Further education centres will ask for a grade 4 or better in English Language and Mathematics (with a requirement to resit if this is not achieved).

This is what you study now...



You will have to keep some of these and you can also drop some of them and replace them with new subjects.

You will all continue with these CORE subjects



You will also select some Options Pathway Subjects

- Course choices which are personal to each student
- There will be a mixture of GCSE and other approved technical qualifications (e.g. BTEC, Tech Awards)

Types of Qualification

GCSEs

Updated content developed by exam boards.

Exam only assessment with other types of assessment used where subject specific skills are tested (e.g. Art)

Courses designed for two years of study.

No modular assessments. Exams at the end of the course.

Some courses such as Art have a controlled assessment element.

Vocational/Technical

More practical and work related qualifications.

GCSE equivalent. BTEC courses have been rewritten to make them the same as GCSE standard.

Assessed by a mixture of internally and externally assessed assignments.

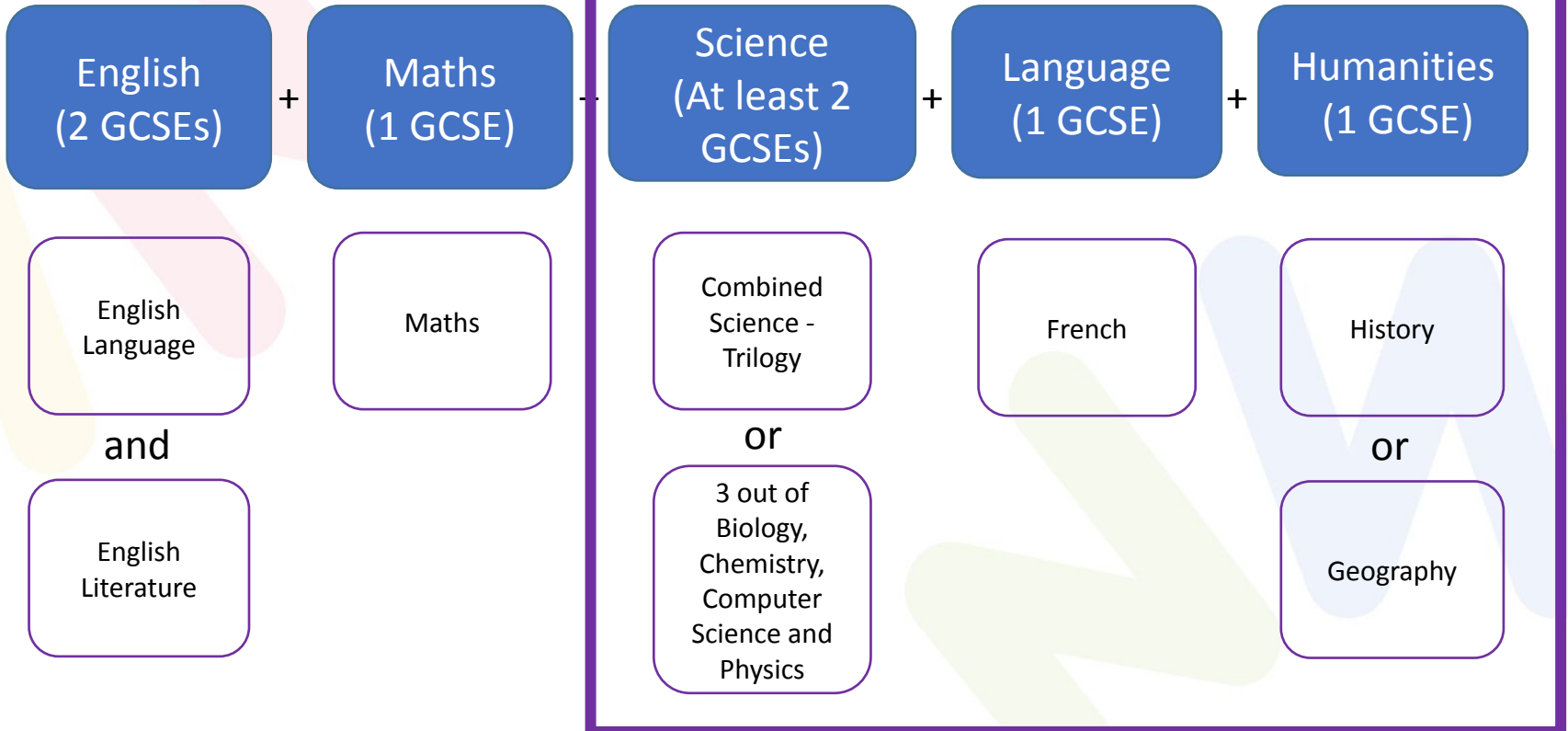
Students complete projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations.

Strict deadline for submission of assignments

EBACC

- English Baccalaureate
- Not a qualification in its own right
- Collection of qualifications at grade 5 or above
- This pathway will be chosen for you if you are achieving good grades in all your core subjects, humanities and a language. It is an academic route that is for our high performing students.

EBACC





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Timetable Profile

| | Y10 | Y11 |
|---------|-----|-----|
| English | 5 | 5 |
| Maths | 4 | 5 |
| Science | 5 | 5 |
| PE | 1 | 1 |
| Life | 1 | 0 |
| Op A | 3 | 3 |
| Op B | 3 | 3 |
| Op C | 3 | 3 |
| Total | 25 | 25 |

Student A

| | | | Op A | Op B | Op C |
|---------|-------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|
| English | Maths | Science | History | French | Triple Sc |

Student B

| | | | Op A | Op B | Op C |
|---------|-------|---------|-----------|--------|------|
| English | Maths | Science | Geography | French | Art |



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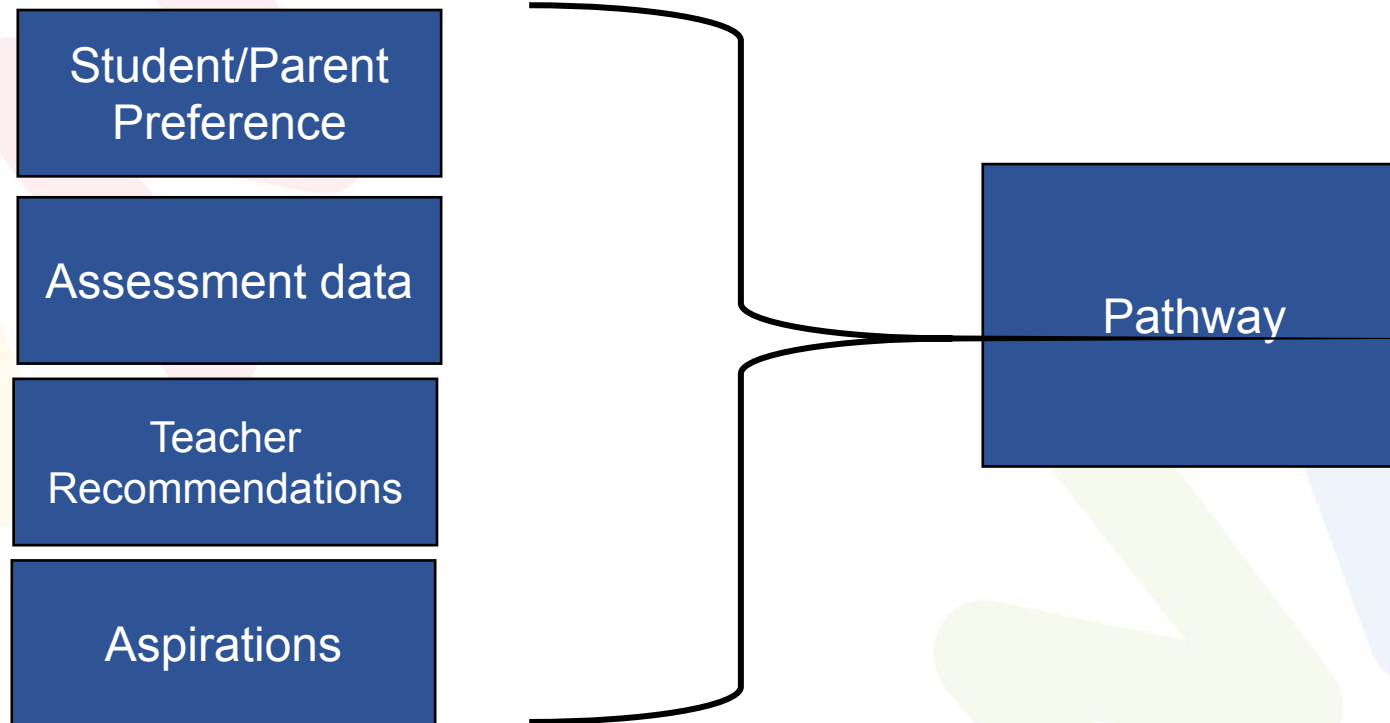
Student C

| | | | Op A | Op B | Op C |
|---------|-------|---------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| English | Maths | Science | Geography | Sport | Triple Sc |

Student D

| | | | Op A | Op B | Op C |
|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------------|
| English | Maths | Science | Sport | History | Engineering |

Guided Pathway



Guided Pathway Form

- How to fill it in
 - Select one subject from each column
 - Only select a subject once
 - Each selection must be different

Options Form

This form is designed for you to indicate your preferred Options subject preferences to study in Year 10 and Year 11. We will try to give you your first choices but cannot guarantee that all first choices will be possible, so you **must** also nominate **two reserve choices**.


- Select one subject from each of the five columns (**three** choices and **two** reserve choices).
- Do not select the same subject more than once
- Do not choose subjects based on what your friends are choosing
- Do not choose subjects based on your favourite teachers

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Not shared

* Indicates required question

Child's Name *

Your answer 

Parent Name & Contact Number *

Your answer 

Do...

Choose subjects that...

- You can do well in
- You enjoy
- Give you a broad range of subjects
- Will enable you to do the courses/career that you want to do when you leave the academy

Don't...

Choose subjects because...

- It is easy
- You like the teacher
- Your friends are doing it
- You think it's just for boys / girls

Remember - You will be studying these
courses for two years!

Who can help?

- Subject staff
- Tutor
- Heads of Year
- Careers Advisor
- Parents
- Friends – but beware of the dark side!
- Make use of assessment predictions

Subject Information

- Options booklet
- Options evening

**Deadline for all
completed online forms:**

Monday 7th April