

# Year 9 OPTIONS 2022



# YEAR 9 GCSE Options

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

These are important choices that will directly impact on their futures.



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## What you need to know about your GCSEs

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

- Graded 9-1 in place of A\*-G.
- They have more content and are more about understanding and applying this content than remembering/learning the facts.
- Examinations will be taken at the end of Year 11 with greatly reduced or removal of Controlled Assessment along the way.



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Expected Standard

New GCSE Grades →

Old GCSE Grades

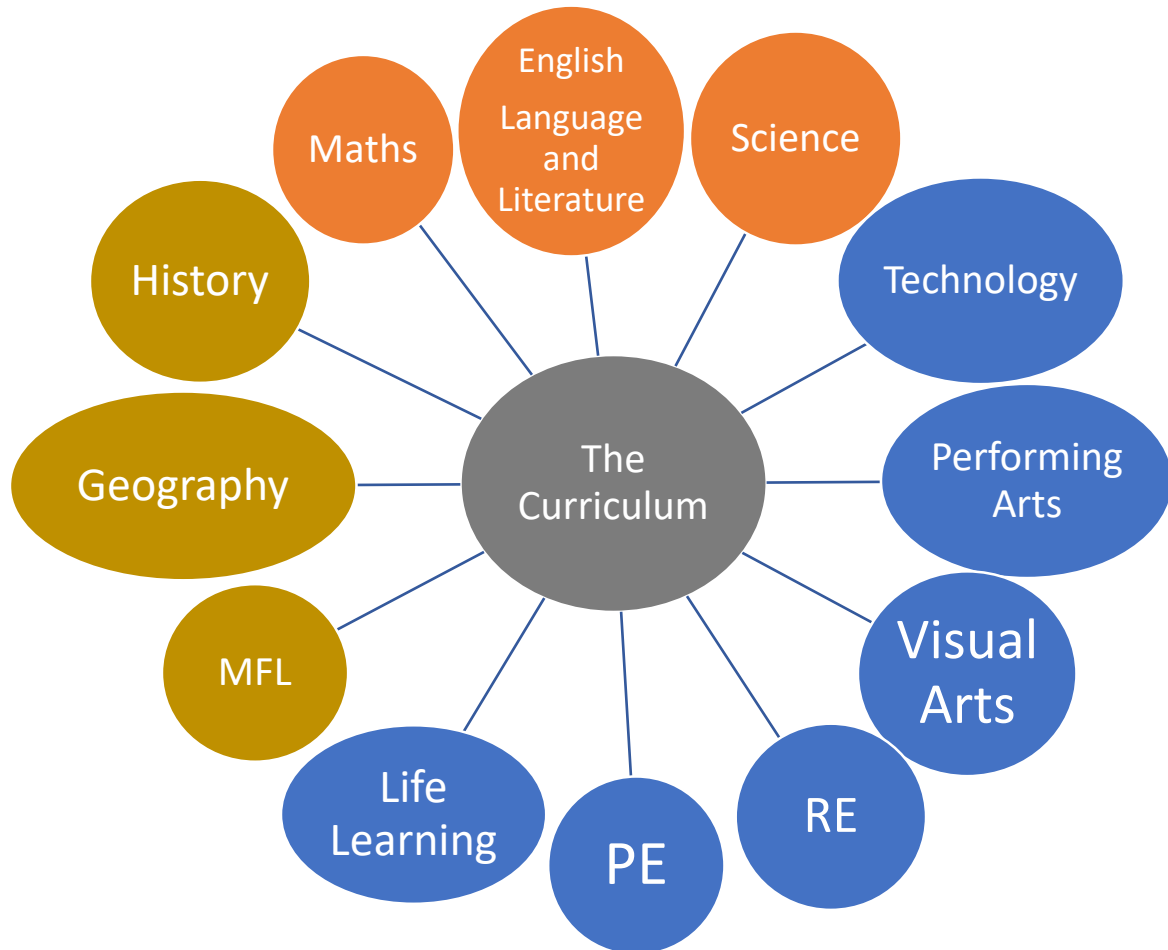
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<b>A*</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>U</b>

- A grade 4 is a 'standard pass' and a grade 5 a 'strong pass' at GCSE.
- 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).
- Usually a grade 6 or higher is needed to study a subject at A Level



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This is what you study now.....



Alongside the chosen Enrichment Subjects:

- Film
- Media
- Ethics
- Sports Science
- German
- Spanish



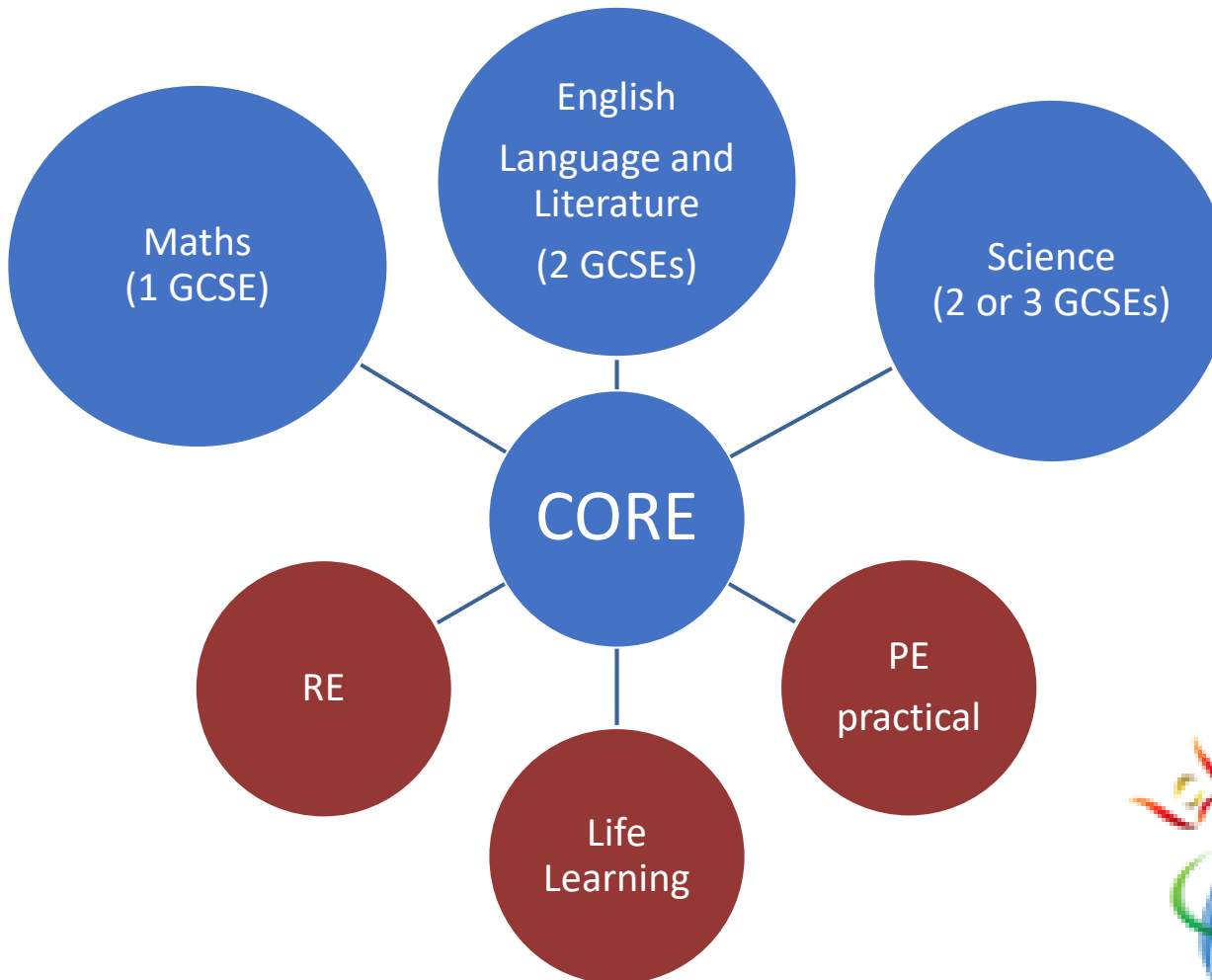
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All students will study the CORE curriculum and then additional subjects will be selected from the option choices.



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The CORE curriculum: All students will continue to study



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- Each student in year 9 has been placed on one of two pathways; The **Ebacc Pathway** or the **Open Pathway**. A Pathway means a combination of subjects, but you will still have lots of choice, regardless of the pathway that you are on.
- Your subject teachers have been looking at the best pathway for you, based on what they know about your abilities and the performance data that we hold. We have selected the best pathway to meet your needs.
- We believe that the appropriate pathway will enable you to attain, achieve and maximise your potential, both in school and beyond.





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## The English Baccalaureate (Ebacc) pathway

- This pathway will be chosen for you if you are achieving well in all your core subjects, humanities and a language. This stands at about 30% of our current year 9 cohort.
- The English Baccalaureate is not a qualification but a group of carefully chosen subjects that are the most sought-after qualifications for university, college and for employers. It is a more academic route and therefore is not the best pathway for everyone.
- Studying the EBacc has been shown to improve grades in all core subjects (Maths, English and Science) as well as making you more likely to succeed at A-Level.



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## The Open Pathway

- This pathway gives an equally wide choice of subjects.
- The Open Pathway will allow for a broad and balanced selection of subjects, with a blend of academic and more practical/vocational options.
- One option choice on the open pathway will be from the EBacc choice of subjects.



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What do Students get to choose?

They choose 3 subjects for your options in year 9

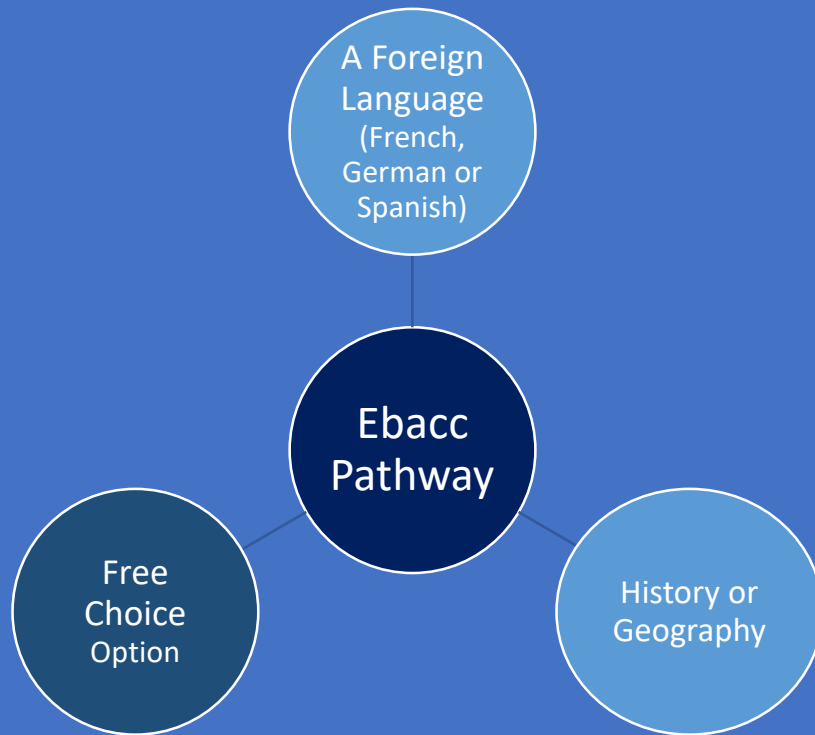
(These will depend on the pathway you have been placed on)

- At least one choice will be an EBacc subject. These choices are an MFL, history, geography or computer science.
- At least one free choice. We encourage students to choose something practical/technical to balance the curriculum.

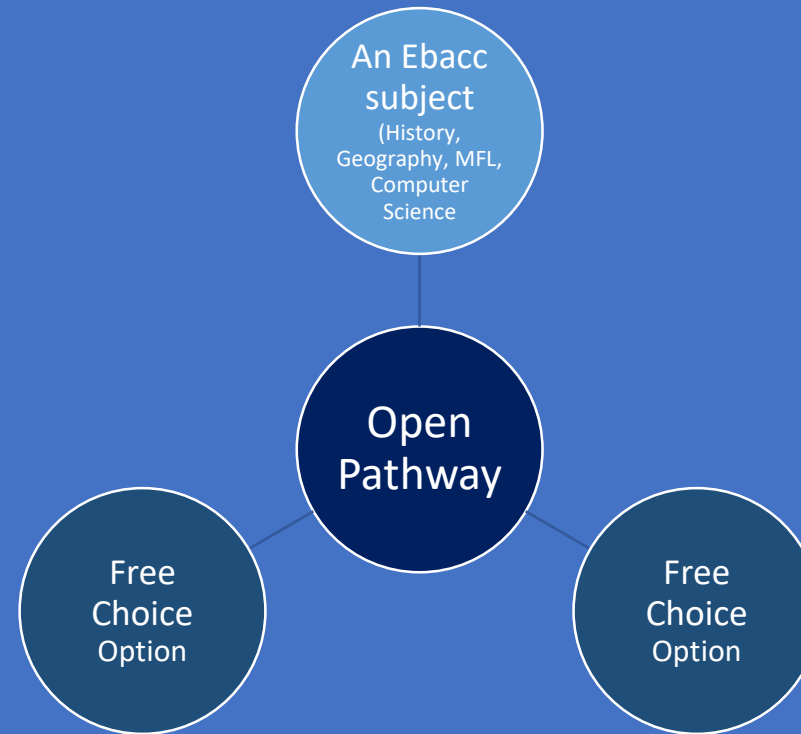


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## The Ebacc pathway



## The Open pathway



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For your free choices you may choose from a vast range of subjects:

Fine art

Graphics

Photography

3-D sculpture

Product design

Technology

Engineering

Catering

Food preparation and Nutrition

Geography

History

French

German

Spanish

Computer Science

Childcare

Construction

Hair and Beauty

Film Studies

Media

Business Studies

Music

PE

Drama

Ethics

Dance

IT



On the Ebacc pathway **one subject** is selected from each option.

Option 1 (Humanities)	Option 2 (MFL)	Option 3
History  Geography	French  Spanish*  German*  <i>*Please note that Spanish and German may only be selected if studied in Year 9</i>	<p><b>GCSE Subjects:</b>            Business Studies            Media Studies            Film Studies            Music            Physical Education            Religious Education            Photography            Graphics            Fine Art            3D Sculpture            Fashion and Textiles            Food Preparation and Nutrition            History            Geography            French            Spanish*            German*            Computer Science</p> <p><b>Vocational Subjects:</b>            Business and Enterprise            Child Development            Dance            Drama            Engineering            Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy            Hospitality and Catering            Interactive Media</p>

Name: «Name», «Form»

Pathway: EBacc

**Option Selections**

Option 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Carer

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What to do now.....

Complete the options form and return by  
**FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> April.**



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## TIMELINE:

- Options booklets and letters taken home. This tells you what pathway students have been placed on.
- Information Assemblies (Business Studies, Film, Media, Childcare, Hair and Beauty)
- 10<sup>th</sup> March- Parents Evening.
- 24<sup>th</sup> March- Options Evening
- 28<sup>th</sup> March- Student Options Fair
- **1<sup>st</sup> April -Options Form deadline for handing in.**



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## Will students always get all of their choices?

- ❑ **No** – but we will do our best. It is very rare that we can not offer a chosen option.

## Possible reasons that you may not get your option choices:

- Too many students may select a subject.
- Too few students may select a subject.
- It will not be possible to study every combination of subjects.





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We encourage students to:

Choose something that they enjoy

Choose subjects/courses where they will succeed.

Choose subjects where they will fully take part

- PE -do you bring your kit?
- Food Preparation & Nutrition– do you usually bring ingredients?



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We discourage students from:

- Choosing a subject because their friend has chosen it!
- Choosing a subject the because they like the teacher....they will not necessarily get that teacher next year!



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Before students choose their Options they should:

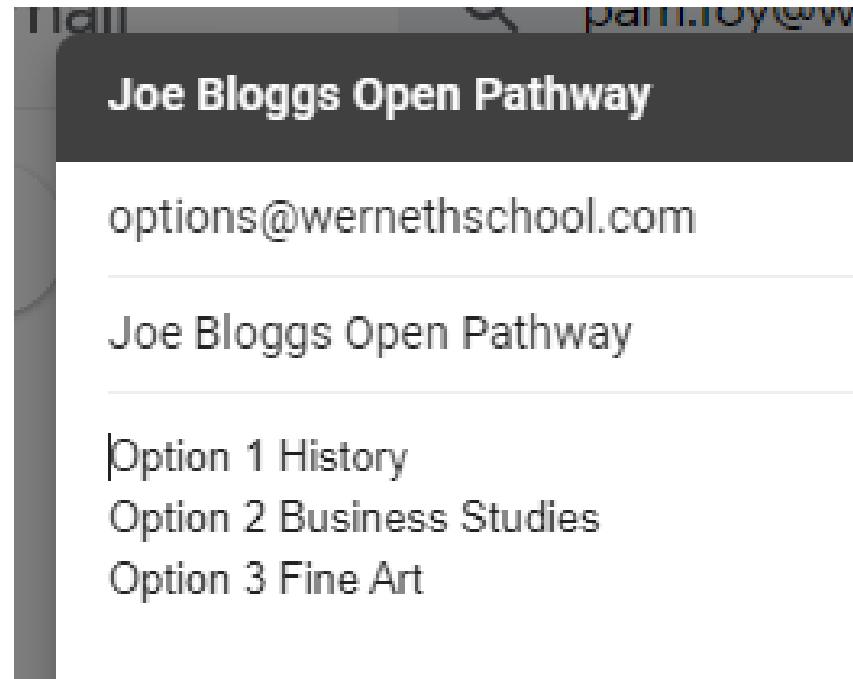
- **READ** the options booklet carefully
- **TALK**
  - to subject teachers
  - to their form tutor
  - to pupils in Years 10 & 11
  - Careers staff, colleges etc.
- **Find out** about post 16 courses and training that you might want to do
- **ASK:** everyone will try to help and advise you



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Please return Option Choices by completing the form OR email your choices to [option@wernethschool.com](mailto:option@wernethschool.com)

Please put the name of the student and Pathway as the subject of the email and list the option choices in the body of the email as shown in the example below



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If you have any questions please ask or email our direct Options Email address:

[options@wernethschool.com](mailto:options@wernethschool.com)

