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## Year 9 Options Information Evening

We will begin the meeting at 5:30pm

# Understanding GCSE Grades

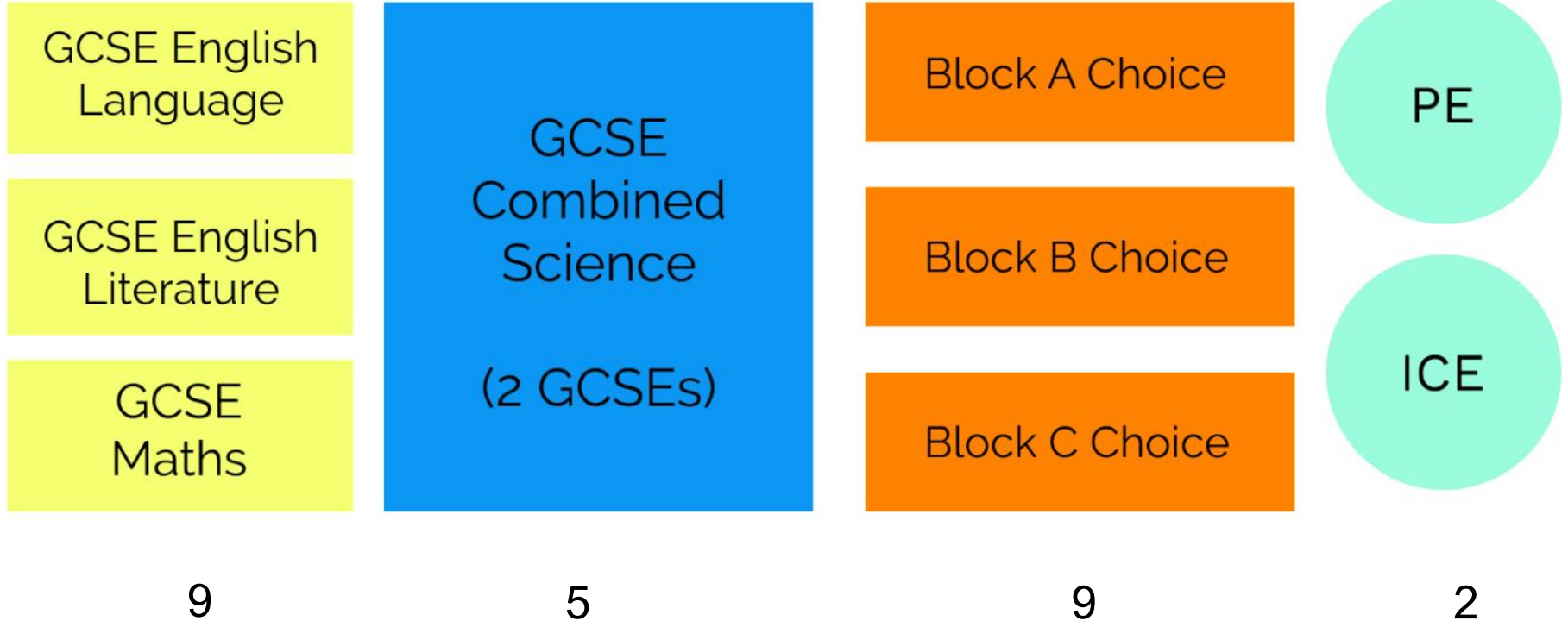
The grade your daughter receives for her subject will depend on the type of course she is taking

Old grades	New grades
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
	5 STRONG PASS
	4 STANDARD PASS
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

Level / Qualification Grade	Grade Equivalent
Level 2 / Distinction*	8.5
Level 2 / Distinction	7
Level 2 / Merit	5.5
Level 2 / Pass	4
Level 1 / Distinction	3
Level 1 / Merit	2
Level 1 / Pass	1.25

BTEC Numbers are rounded up

# Year 10 Curriculum



# Current Option Blocks

10A - Spanish	10B - Business	10C - Food
10A - Computer Science	10B - Geography	10C - Textiles
10A - French	10B - French	10C - Art
10A - History	10B - Music	10C - Product Design
10A - Geography 1	10B - Film	10C - Health & Social Care
10A - Geography 2	10B - Sport	10C - Performing Arts
10A - Triple Science	10B - History	10C - Spanish

Proposal =

Student consultation to see if we need to move any subjects to ensure that students get the right combination

# Combined Science vs Triple Science

## Combined Science = Trilogy

- 2 GCSE grades that are **linked on a scale of 0-0 to 9-9**
- 6 Exams - 2 in each Science **1hr 15 minutes each**
- Content is divided equally amongst the 3 disciplines

## Triple Science

- 3 separate GCSEs in Science that are **separately graded 1-9**
- 6 Exams - 2 in each Science - **1hr 45 minutes each**
- Content is divided equally amongst the 3 disciplines

Both courses are tiered

**Combined Science is two thirds of the content of triple science**

BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS	COMBINED SCIENCE
9	9-9
	9-8
8	8-8
	8-7
7	7-7
	7-6
6	6-6
	6-5
5	5-5
	5-4
4	4-4
	4-3
3	3-3
	3-2
2	2-2
	2-1
1	1-1
U	U

# Key Terms You May Hear

## Attainment 8 / Progress 8

These are school measures and they are used to compare performance of the school against the data of students for KS2

The Government does not use these to measure an individual students performance



**Attainment** - the actual grades your daughter is performing at

**Progress** - how well your daughter is performing against her target grades

**Grade Point Average** - the average grade across all your daughter's subjects

# What is the EBacc?

A group of subjects that when studied together make up the Government definition of the English Baccalaureate

Subjects are:

- English and Maths
- A language (French / Spanish)
- Geography / History
- 2 Sciences (or Triple Science)

There is no separate certification or guarantee of success by fulfilling the EBacc

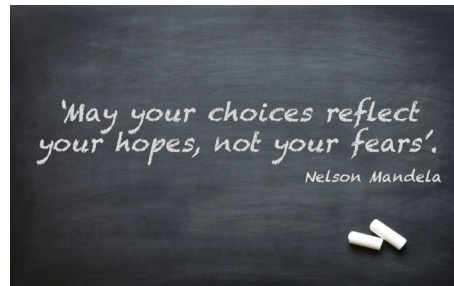
*Research suggests that studying these subjects increases the opportunities available in further education*



# How Should I Make My Choice?

## Most Successful Reasons:

- Enjoy the subject
- Interested in the subject
- Feel you can succeed
- Links to ideas about future career pathways



## Less Successful Reasons:

- Don't know what else to do
- Based on the current teacher
- My friends have picked it
- Personal opinion about how 'easy' or 'difficult' the subject is
- Feeling of superiority



# The Process



Date	Activity	Notes
22 Feb - 26 Feb	Options Consultation - Step 1	Students complete a short survey to help us to determine popularity of subjects and option blocks
1 March	Virtual Parents Evening	Appointments with subject teachers to discuss student progress and suitability for next steps
2 March	Options Letters & School Cloud window opens	Letter will have the the final options blocks to choose from and times for appointments for the individual consultation interviews
9 March - 19 March	Virtual Year 9 Progression Interviews - Step 2	These are individual appointments to discuss the final choices that you have made

# What Will Happen After I Have Made My Choice?

## Step 1 - Options Consultation

We will be putting together the option blocks to look at which subjects go well together and which subjects students want to pick as combinations. Nothing is confirmed at this point.



## Step 2 - After the Progression Interviews

After you have made your choices we will be putting together the timetable with the class lists and making sure we can run all of the options.

# Can I Change My Choices?

- Your option choices are not fixed in until you have completed your progression interview.
- Once you have completed your progression interview your choices are fixed. Your choices may be changed by us if there are too many students that want to study a particular subject and we don't have space.
- Changes after your timetable has been finalised will only be possible when there are very extenuating circumstances.



## Next Steps:

### Options Consultation

Go through the subjects with your daughter and help her to identify her top 3 subjects and 2 reserves

### Parents Evening

When School Cloud opens - book your appointments and discuss the subject with subject teachers