

## Year 9 Options Information Evening

We will begin the meeting at 6:00pm

### Understanding GCSE Grades

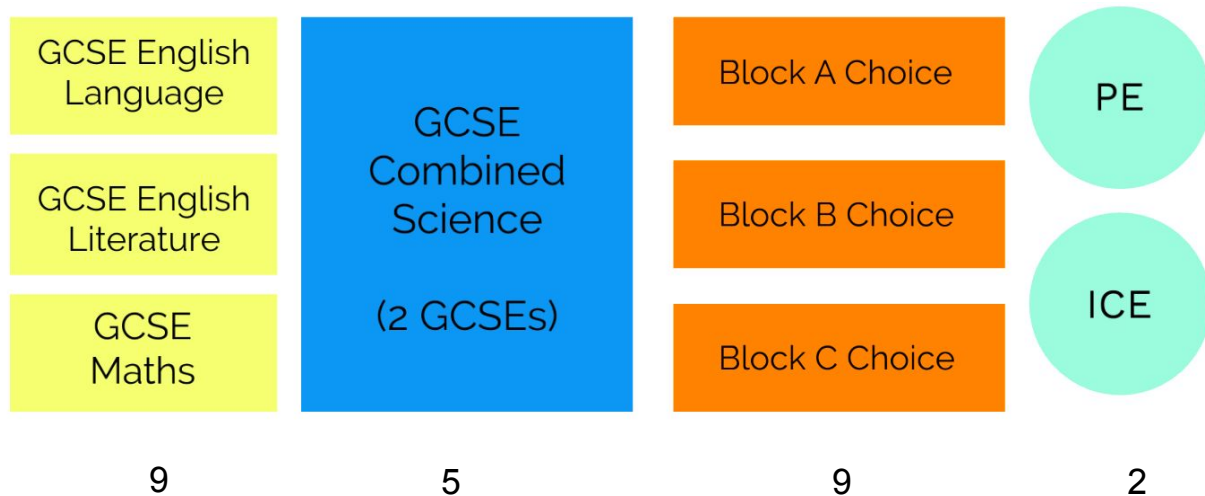
The grade your daughter receives for her subject will depend on the type of course she is taking

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 - History	10B - Business	10C - Food
10A - Computer Science	10B - Geography	10C - Textiles
10A - Triple Science	10B - Product Design	10C - Art
10A - Geography	10B - Music	10C - French
10A - Inclusive Pathway (proposed)	10B - Film	10C - Health & Social Care
	10B - Sport	10C - Performing Arts
	10B - History	10C - Spanish
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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

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

## 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**

## 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*

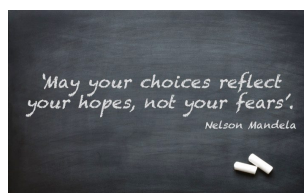
## How Should I Make My Choice?

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	Virtual Information Evening (6pm - 7pm)	To inform parents/carers about options and the process as well as careers information.
25 Feb	Options Assembly	This will launch the process with students
24 Feb - 4 March	Subject Videos in Tutor Time	During this week students will watch videos about each of the option subjects during Form Time
28 Feb	Options booklet	With details of each of the subjects studied at KS4
3rd March	Virtual Parents Evening (4:30pm - 7pm)	Appointments with subject teachers to discuss student progress and suitability for next steps
4 March	Options Letters are given out	Letter will have the the final options blocks to choose from
7 March - 11 March	Options Taster Week	Students will have the chance to experience taster lessons in all the subjects available
14 - 20 March	Virtual Options Drop In	Drop in surgery for students and parents to discuss one to one with Vice Principal ( <i>optional</i> )
Friday 25th March	Deadline for all Options Forms	To be given to Mr Archer by 3pm

## Can I Change My Choices?

- Your option choices are not fixed in until you have completed the form and handed it in by the 25th March.
- Once you have given your form in 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:

### Initial Thoughts

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