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- What are options?
- What do you need to consider?
 - What will happen when?
- What is in my options booklet? How should I use it?





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Year 10 is the start of Key Stage 4



- In year 10 you will start studying for formal qualifications
- These qualifications are very important for your future they will dictate your next steps
- There are two different types of qualification:
 - GCSEs
 - Vocational awards
- There are some subjects you have to take and then you are able to choose 4 further subjects.





What do I have to take?



- The government states that you have to take the following:
 - English Language GCSE and English Literature GCSE
 - Mathematics GCSE
 - Science GCSE (combined which is 2 GCSEs or triple 3 GCSEs)
- You will also have core PE lessons which will not be examined and RE/PSHE.







What can I choose to take?



- You will choose 4 options that you will study alongside the subjects mentioned.
- These options can be all GCSE subjects or a combination of GCSE and vocational qualifications





How will you be assessed?



- When choosing your options, you can pick GCSEs or Vocational Qualifications
- GCSEs are graded from 9-1
- Most GCSE subjects are assessed by 100% examination at the end of the course.
- Vocational qualifications (BTEC or WJEC Vocational awards) are graded from Distinction* to Level 2 Pass, there are also some Level 1 grades.
- They are approximately 60% in lesson coursework and 40% examination
 - They will have a work/industry focus





The English Baccalaureate



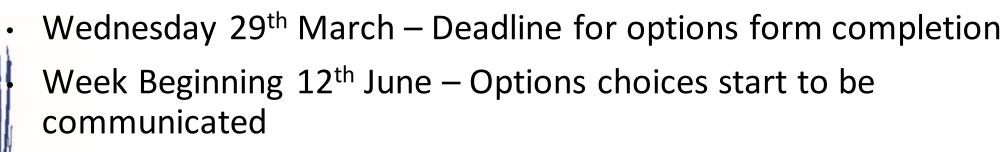
- The EBacc is a set of GCSE subjects that are recognised as the best for enabling you to access university courses in the future.
- They are viewed as being the best academic pathway. You should consider this if you are considering taking A-Levels or going to university after school.
- In order to achieve the EBacc, you will need to study:
 - English Language and English Literature
 - Mathematics
 - Science (your best 2 grades including computer science if you choose it)
 - Geography or History
 - French or Spanish





The key dates from the FLEGG HIGH process

- Wednesday 8th February Year 9 options assembly
- Thursday 9th February Year 9 Progress evening
- Monday 20th February to Friday 3rd March KS4 Taster lessons for all year 9 subjects
- Wednesday 8th March Option blocks confirmed in assembly and options form emailed







What to do



- Read the options booklet in detail at home
- Speak to subject teachers and subject leaders for advice on subject make sure you understand the assessment model
- Speak to your form tutor for advice
- Use links available in options booklet
- Complete options form choose 3 top choices for each block
- Choose subjects that are interesting and that you enjoy.
- Think about future study and career paths.
- Stick to deadlines!
- Pick subjects you like, not what your friend picks
- Do not pick subjects based on your favourite teachers







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The Next steps...

Read your options booklet







Your Options booklet



- It has important information in it:
 - Who to ask for help
 - The options process
 - Overview of the lessons you will have in years 10 & 11
 - The EBacc
 - How to choose your subjects
 - The options blocks
 - The subjects that discount against each other
 - Information on each subject







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Who to talk to



- We are giving you four weeks to have a real think about your options before we open up the options form.
- In this time you will need to talk to your teachers and parents or carers so that you make an informed decision.
- Use progress evening to explore options subjects
- Consider potential onwards study
- If you want to know about:
 - Careers Mr Guy is currently coordinating year 9 careers appointments
 - Subjects your subject teacher or the subject leader
 - The process your form tutor or me.





On 8th March



- The email will contain a link to a Microsoft form for you to fill in your option choices
- This is the **only** way you can fill in the form
- It can **only** be completed using your school account
- It can only be completed once (if you change your mind, you must talk to me)
- Options are not allocated on a first come first served basis so do this in your own time – you do not need complete it immediately
- If you complete your options form after 29th March, your options will be allocated last and you will miss out if a subject is full.





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The options



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We are still working on

You will choose your top 3 subjects in each option block

next year's timetable	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
and	Geography	Art	Art	Drama
therefore,	History	Computer Science	Dance	Geography
these options blocks may change	French	Geography	French	Hospitality & Catering
	nish	Music	GCSE PE	BTEC Sport
You can only study one of:		Religious Studies	History	Travel & Tourism
- GCSE	PE or BTEC Sport	BTEC Sport	Hospitality & Catering	Triple Science
		Spanish		