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KS4 Options

2019-2021

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Key Stage 4 Options Evening

- Timeline
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- New Grading
- Pathways
- Example combinations
- Advice for pupils

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Timeline

14th February

Options Evening

4th March

hand in your form

11th March

interviews commence

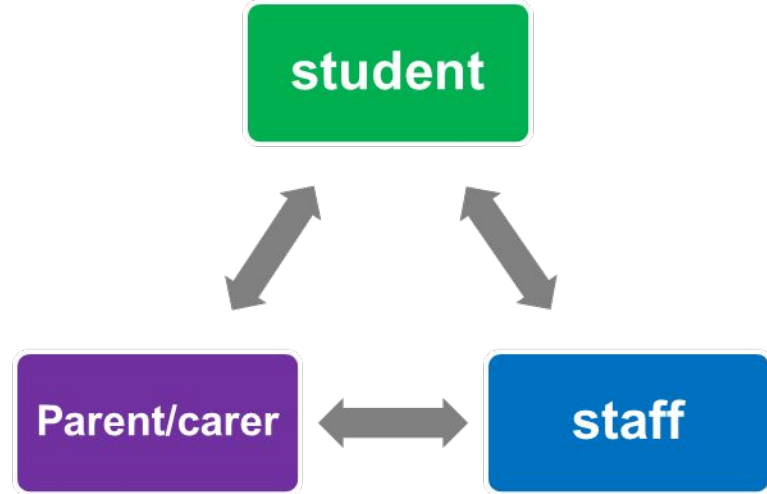
10th May

options confirmed

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Conversations

- Parents/carers
- Tutors
- Head of House
- Careers Advisor
- Subject teachers
- Mr Francis-Black



How do I choose my options?



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consider whether you would prefer..

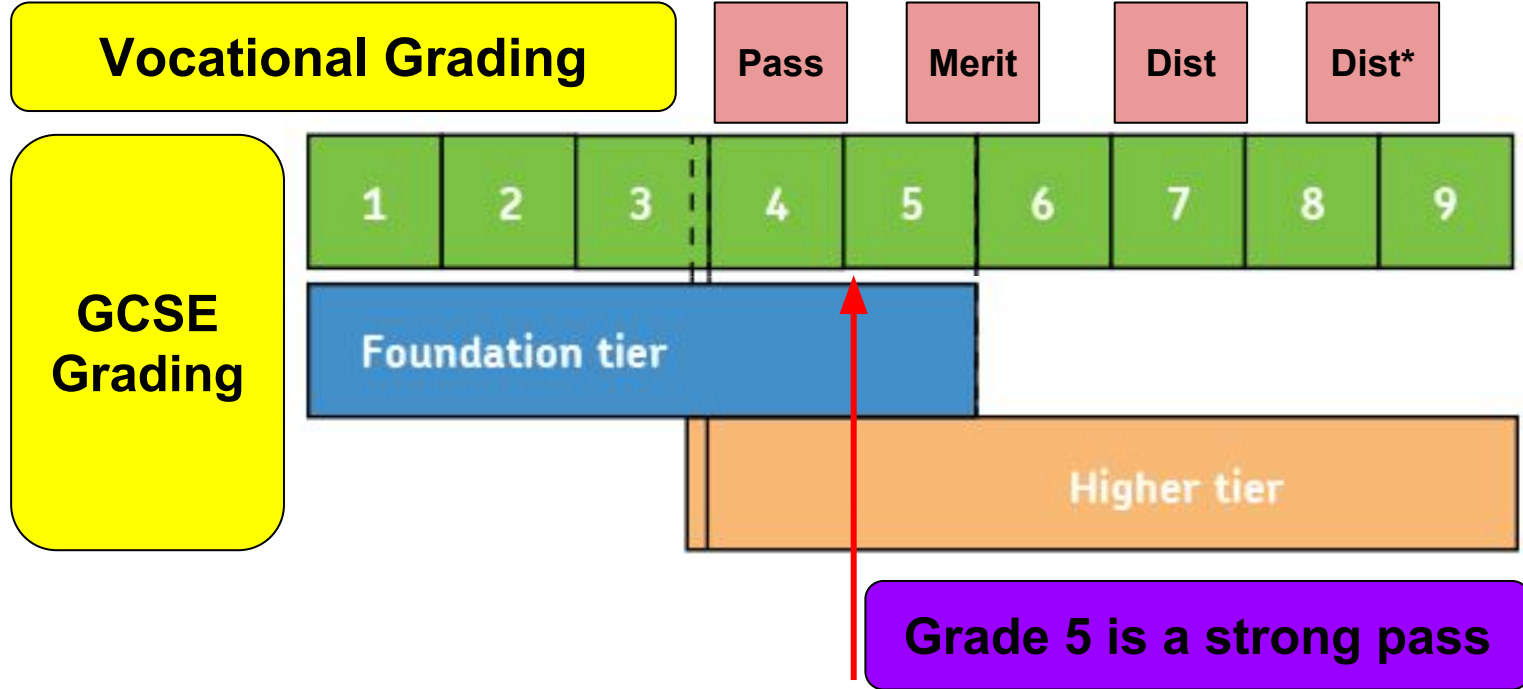
- **GCSEs** – examined at the end of Year 11 with some controlled assessments

or

- **Vocational courses** – portfolio based with coursework completed throughout Year 10 and Year 11 and one exam

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New Grading



Aspirations



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The EBacc

The English Baccalaureate recognises academic achievement across a range of important subjects. **You will achieve the Ebacc if you gain a grade 9-5 in the following GCSE subjects:**

- English language
- Mathematics
- Science
- History or Geography
- French or Spanish

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Compulsory Core Subjects

English Language	English Literature	Mathematics
Science (Combined or Triple)	Core PE	Citizenship

All pupils will study the core subjects

Science staff will guide you on the most suitable option

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Option subjects

- All pupils will choose **five** options in order of preference
 - 1 – the subject you most want to study
 - 2 – the second subject you most want to study
 - 3 –
- You will study **four** of your option subjects
- We will try to allow as many pupils as possible to study their preferred choices although this is not always possible

Option subjects

GCSEs		Vocational
History	Art	Business Studies
Geography	Computer Science	Engineering
French	Drama	Hospitality
Spanish	Film Studies	Performing Arts
	Food Prep & Nutrition	Sport
	Music	
Statistics	Philosophy & Belief	
	Triple Science	

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Advice for pupils

- **Do** select subjects you **enjoy** studying.
- **Do** select subjects at which you are **successful**.
- **Do** ask for advice and **find out about a subject**, as you will be studying it for two years.
- **Do not be influenced by the choices made by your friends.** Their plans for the future, along with their interests and skills, will not necessarily suit you. Instead **you must consider your own future pathway.**
- **Do not** select a subject because you like a teacher. You may have a different teacher.
- *If you have a question, ask.*

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Possible Pathways

GCSE	History or Geography	Choose 3 other GCSE subjects			Those who prefer examination to coursework. Choose subjects suited to your career goals
Vocational	History or Geography	Choose 3 other vocational subjects			Those who prefer coursework to examination. Choose subjects suited to your career goals
EBacc Plus	History or Geography	French or Spanish	Triple Science	Other option	Careers in Science or those aiming for Oxbridge or Russell Group Universities
EBacc	History or Geography	French or Spanish	2 other options		A broad range for all especially if you are unsure of your career goals
Other	Discuss your options with Mr Francis-Black				Those with a particular learning need or a career goal not catered for in other pathways



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The Options Form



Option 1		Option 2		Option 3		Option 4	
French		French		French		French	
Spanish		Spanish		Spanish 😊	4	Spanish	
History 😊	2	Computing 😊	3	Computing		Computing	
Geography		History		History		History	
		Geography		Geography		Geography	
		Triple Science		Triple Science		Triple Science 😊	1
		Art		Art		Art	
		Drama		Drama		Drama	
		Film Studies		Film Studies		Film Studies	
		Food Preparation & Nutrition		Food Preparation & Nutrition		Food Preparation & Nutrition	
		Music		Music		Music	
		Philosophy and Beliefs		Philosophy and Beliefs		Philosophy and Beliefs	
		Business		Business		Business	
		Engineering		Engineering		Engineering	
		Hospitality		Hospitality		Hospitality	
		Performing Arts		Performing Arts		Performing Arts	
		Sport		Sport		Sport	
5 th choice (reserve)		Geography					
GCSE statistics twilight		Select if you are interested in studying statistics as a twilight course in Year 11 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

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Spanish		Spanish		Spanish		Spanish	
History		Computing		Computing		Computing	
Geography 😊	3	History		History		History	
		Geography		Geography		Geography	
		Triple Science		Triple Science		Triple Science 😊	2
		Art		Art		Art	
		Drama		Drama		Drama	
		Film Studies		Film Studies		Film Studies	
		Food Preparation & Nutrition		Food Preparation & Nutrition		Food Preparation & Nutrition	
		Music		Music		Music	
		Philosophy and Beliefs		Philosophy and Beliefs		Philosophy and Beliefs	
		Business 😊	4	Business		Business	
		Engineering		Engineering 😊	1	Engineering	
		Hospitality		Hospitality		Hospitality	
		Performing Arts		Performing Arts		Performing Arts	
		Sport		Sport		Sport	
5 th choice (reserve)		French					
GCSE statistics twilight		Select if you are interested in studying statistics as a twilight course in Year 11 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

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French 😊 4	French	French	French
Spanish	Spanish 😊 3	Spanish	Spanish
History	Computing	Computing	Computing <input type="checkbox"/>
Geography	History	History	History
	Geography	Geography	Geography
	Triple Science	Triple Science	Triple Science
	Art	Art	Art
	Drama	Drama	Drama
	Film Studies	Film Studies	Film Studies
	Food Preparation & Nutrition	Food Preparation & Nutrition	Food Preparation & Nutrition
	Music	Music	Music
	Philosophy and Beliefs	Philosophy and Beliefs	Philosophy and Beliefs
	Business	Business 😊 2	Business
	Engineering	Engineering	Engineering
	Hospitality	Hospitality	Hospitality 😊 1
	Performing Arts	Performing Arts	Performing Arts
	Sport	Sport	Sport
5 th choice (reserve)	Geography		
GCSE statistics twilight	Select if you are interested in studying statistics as a twilight course in Year 11 <input type="checkbox"/>		



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Allocating Options

We will make **every effort** to allocate to pupils their preferred option choices. However, there are occasions when this will not be possible. For example:

- too few pupils have selected a particular subject
- in our professional opinion the pupil would not be suited to or successful in the subject selected
- it is simply impossible to timetable all the combinations selected by pupils

If this happens, we will re-interview pupils and help them explore their 5th choice or another choice

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Deadline for returning forms Monday 4th March

Hand in completed forms to the
Student Support Office (SSO)

Replacement booklets and forms can
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**Faculties are waiting to speak to
you....**

**Ask many questions and leave with
the information you need to make
your subject choices**

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