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## Welcome to Y9 Options Eve Curriculum Presentation

Dave Rowe,  
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What am I going to talk about?

- *Qualifications Framework*
- *Measuring Achievement*
- *Option Choices*
- *Any Questions?*



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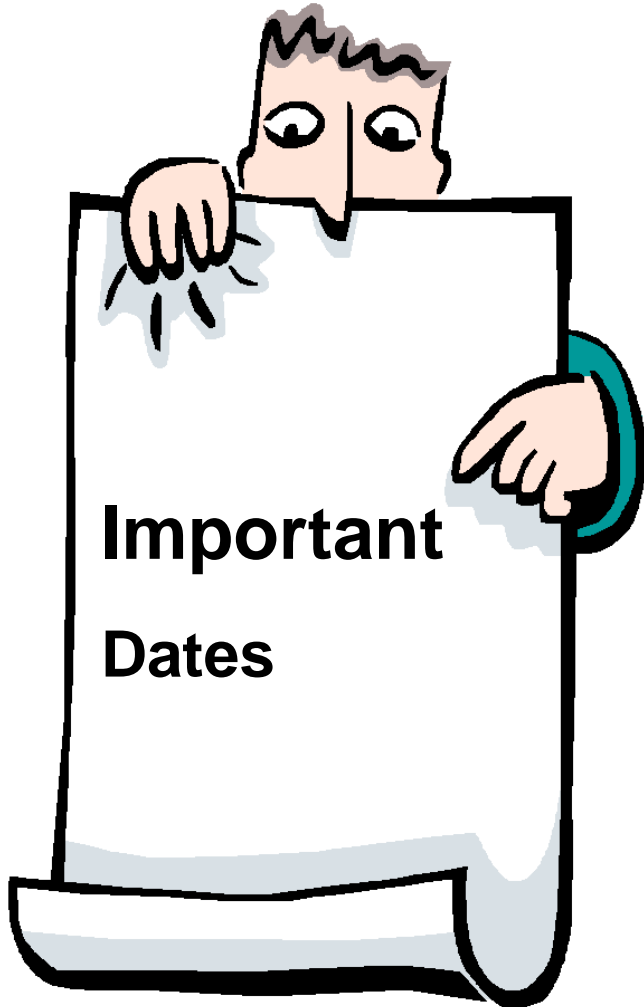




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## Important Dates



7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Options Booklet issued

12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Options Evening

YOUR OPTION FORM MUST BE  
RETURNED TO YOUR TUTOR BY

**Friday 6th March 2020**



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8  
↕  
4

Technical Awards are new!  
What are they?

Technical Awards are broad, high quality level 1 and level 2 qualifications that equip students with applied knowledge and associated practical skills not usually acquired through general education.

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A Level

Technical  
Qualifications

2

GCSE  
Grades 4-9

Technical Awards  
Level 2

1

GCSE  
Grades 1-3

Technical Awards  
Level 1

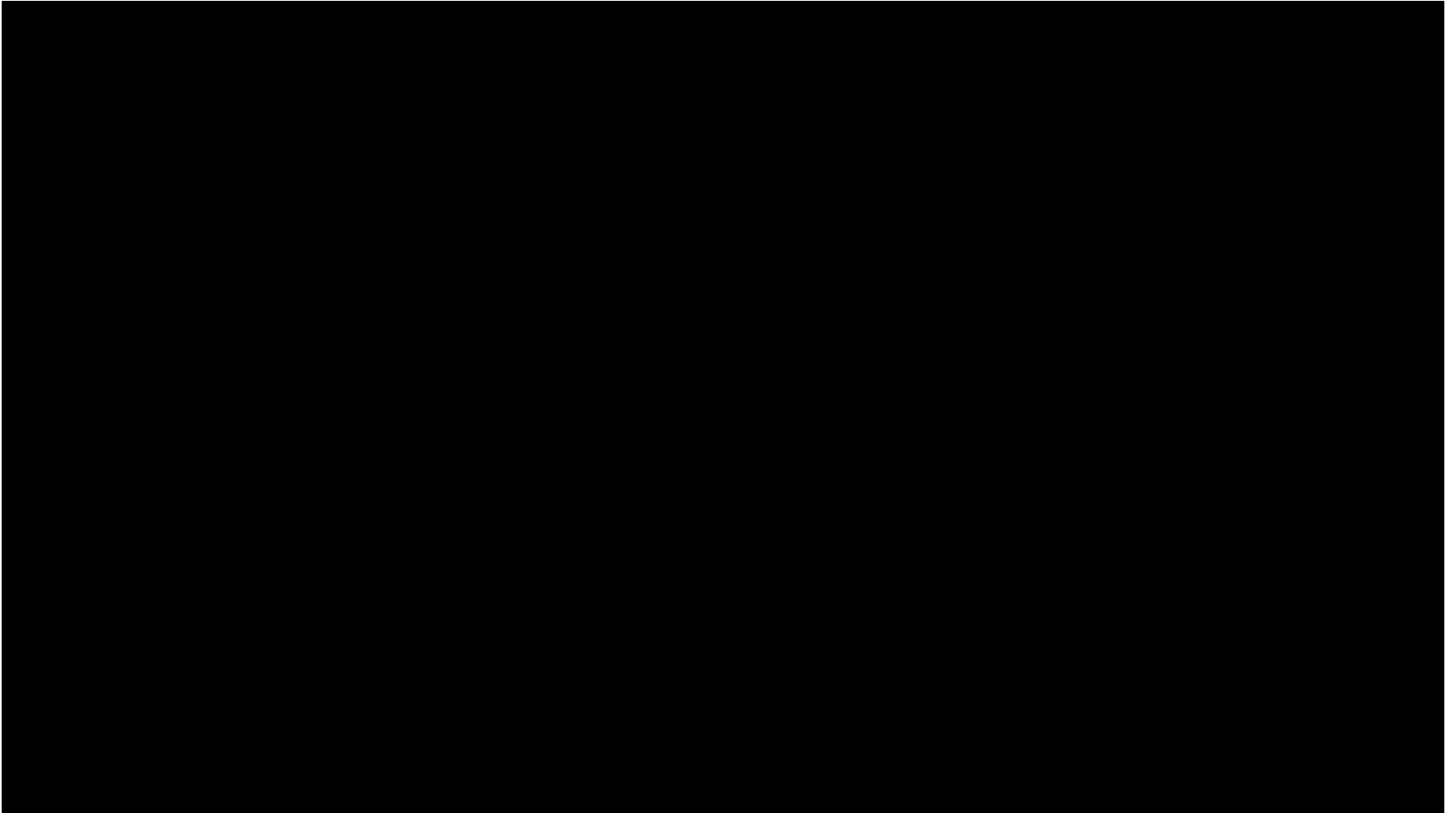
Entry  
Level

Certificates of Educational and  
Vocational Achievement



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## Performance measures

How will my academic achievement be recognised by employers and further/  
higher education institutions, e.g. 6<sup>th</sup> Form College?

Your 16+ qualifications  
are recognised in 4 ways

Qualifications, levels and  
point scores

L2 in English and  
mathematics

English (School)  
Baccalaureate

Attainment 8



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Let's take a closer look at  
each in turn

Qualifications &  
Grades

L2 English & maths

Baccalaureate

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## New GCSE grades

GCSE Grade	Points
<b>9</b>	9
<b>8</b>	8
<b>7</b>	7
<b>6</b>	6
<b>5</b>	5
<b>4</b>	4
<b>3</b>	3
<b>2</b>	2
<b>1</b>	1
<b>U</b>	0





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## New GCSE grades

	GCSE Grade	Points
Level 2 = Grades 9 - 4	<b>9</b>	9
	<b>8</b>	8
	<b>7</b>	7
	<b>6</b>	6
	<b>5</b>	5
	<b>4</b>	4
Level 1 = Grades 3 - 1	<b>3</b>	3
	<b>2</b>	2
	<b>1</b>	1
	<b>U</b>	0



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## New GCSE grades

	GCSE Grade	Points	
Level 2 = Grades 9 - 4	<b>9</b>	9	
	<b>8</b>	8	
	<b>7</b>	7	
	<b>6</b>	6	
	<b>5</b>	5	
	<b>4</b>	4	Standard Pass @ L2
Level 1 = Grades 3 - 1	<b>3</b>	3	
	<b>2</b>	2	
	<b>1</b>	1	
	<b>U</b>	0	



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## New GCSE grades

	GCSE Grade	Points	
Level 2 = Grades 9 - 4	<b>9</b>	9	
	<b>8</b>	8	
	<b>7</b>	7	
	<b>6</b>	6	
	<b>5</b>	5	Strong Pass @ L2
	<b>4</b>	4	Standard Pass @ L2
Level 1 = Grades 3 - 1	<b>3</b>	3	
	<b>2</b>	2	
	<b>1</b>	1	
	<b>U</b>	0	



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## New GCSE grades

	GCSE Grade	Points	
	<b>9</b>	9	
	<b>8</b>	8	<i>High Pass</i>
Level 2 = Grades 9 - 4	<b>7</b>	7	
	<b>6</b>	6	
	<b>5</b>	5	<i>Strong Pass @ L2</i>
	<b>4</b>	4	<i>Standard Pass @ L2</i>
Level 1 = Grades 3 - 1	<b>3</b>	3	
	<b>2</b>	2	
	<b>1</b>	1	
	<b>U</b>	0	

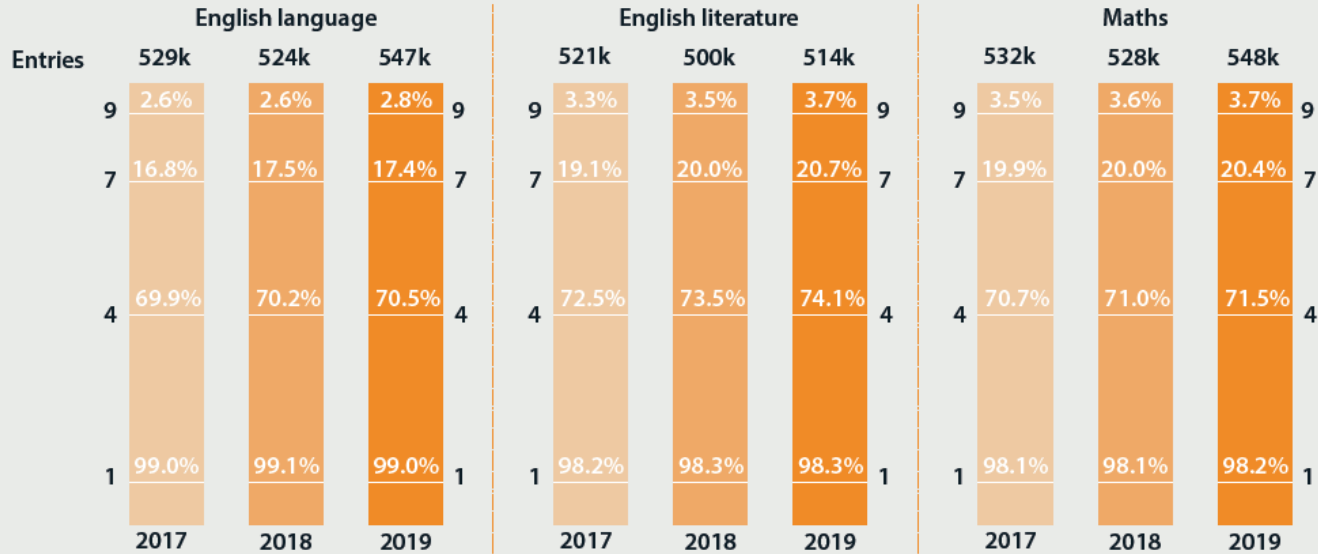


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## GCSEs in 2019, English and maths, England only, 16-year-olds

### Results for 16-year-olds in English language, English literature and maths





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## New GCSE grades

	English	Points
Level 2 = Grades 9 - 4	<b>9</b>	9
	<b>8</b>	8
	<b>7</b>	7
	<b>6</b>	6
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	<b>2</b>	2
	<b>1</b>	1
	<b>U</b>	0



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## New GCSE grades

	<b>English</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>Points</b>
Level 2 = Grades 9 - 4	<b>9</b>	9	<b>9</b>	9
	<b>8</b>	8	<b>8</b>	8
	<b>7</b>	7	<b>7</b>	7
	<b>6</b>	6	<b>6</b>	6
	<b>5</b>	5	<b>5</b>	5
	<b>4</b>	4	<b>4</b>	4
Level 1 = Grades 3 - 1	<b>3</b>	3	<b>3</b>	3
	<b>2</b>	2	<b>2</b>	2
	<b>1</b>	1	<b>1</b>	1
	<b>U</b>	0	<b>U</b>	0



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## New GCSE grades

	English	Points	Maths	Points	French	Points
Level 2 = Grades 9 - 4	9	9	9	9	9	9
	8	8	8	8	8	8
	7	7	7	7	7	7
	6	6	6	6	6	6
	5	5	5	5	5	5
	4	4	4	4	4	4
Level 1 = Grades 3 - 1	3	3	3	3	3	3
	2	2	2	2	2	2
	1	1	1	1	1	1
	U	0	U	0	U	0

**Total  
Points**

**19**





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## 2018 Qualifications

	GCSE Grade	Points
Level 2	<b>9</b>	9
	<b>8</b>	8
	<b>7</b>	7
	<b>6</b>	6
	<b>5</b>	5
	<b>4</b>	4
Level 1	<b>3</b>	3
	<b>2</b>	2
	<b>1</b>	1
	<b>U</b>	0



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## 2018 Qualifications

	GCSE Grade	Points	Level 1 Qualifications	
Level 2	9	9		
	8	8		
	7	7		
	6	6		
	5	5		
	4	4		
Level 1	3	3	Level 1 Pass	1.75
	2	2		
	1	1		
	U	0		



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## 2018 Qualifications

	GCSE Grade	Points	Level 1 Qualifications	Level 1 / 2 Qualifications
Level 2	<b>9</b>	9		L2 Distinction * 8.5
	<b>8</b>	8		L2 Distinction 7
	<b>7</b>	7		L2 Merit 5.5
	<b>6</b>	6		L2 Pass 4
	<b>5</b>	5		
	<b>4</b>	4		
Level 1	<b>3</b>	3	Level 1 Pass 1.75	Level 1 Pass 1.75
	<b>2</b>	2		
	<b>1</b>	1		
	<b>U</b>	0		



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## Non-GCSE Qualifications

Level 1/2 7 Grade Scheme	Level 2 Distinction*	Level 2 Distinction	Level 2 Merit	Level 2 Pass	Level 1 Distinction	Level 1 Merit	Level 1 Pass
	8.5	7	5.5	4	3	2	1.25
Level 1/2 5 Grade Scheme	Level 2 Distinction*	Level 2 Distinction	Level 2 Merit	Level 2 Pass	Level 1 Pass		
	8.5	7	5.5	4	1.75		
Level 2 4 Grade Scheme	Level 2 Distinction*	Level 2 Distinction	Level 2 Merit	Level 2 Pass			
	8.5	7	5.5	4			
Level 1 4 Grade Scheme	Level 1 Distinction*	Level 1 Distinction	Level 1 Merit	Level 1 Pass			
	3	2	1.5	1			
Level 1 Pass Only	Pass						
	1.75						



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English Bacculaureate

## English (School) Baccalaureate

Qualifications &  
Grades

L2 English & maths

Baccalaureate

Attainment 8



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## English Baccalaureate

### The English (School) Baccalaureate

The Government has introduced a national standard for qualifications known as the English (School) Baccalaureate. At present, this is not a qualification in its own right nor a free standing award. It is a recognition that a student has achieved Level 2 (grades 5-9) in five specific GCSE subjects.

These are:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science / Computer Science
- A Modern Foreign Language (French or German)
- Geography or History

Please note that only full GCSE qualifications in these subjects are included.

Qualifications &  
Grades

L2 English & maths

Baccalaureate

Attainment 8



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## English (School) Baccalaureate

Recognition that a student has achieved Level 2 (grades 5-9) in 5 specific GCSE subjects, one from each list below.

### English

English Language –  
but this will only count  
if the student is  
entered for English  
Literature

### Mathematics

### Science

Core + Additional  
Or  
2 from  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Computer Science

### Geography

Or

### History

### French

Or

### German

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Qualifications &  
Grades

L2 English & maths

Baccalaureate

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## Attainment 8

### Attainment 8

Qualifications &  
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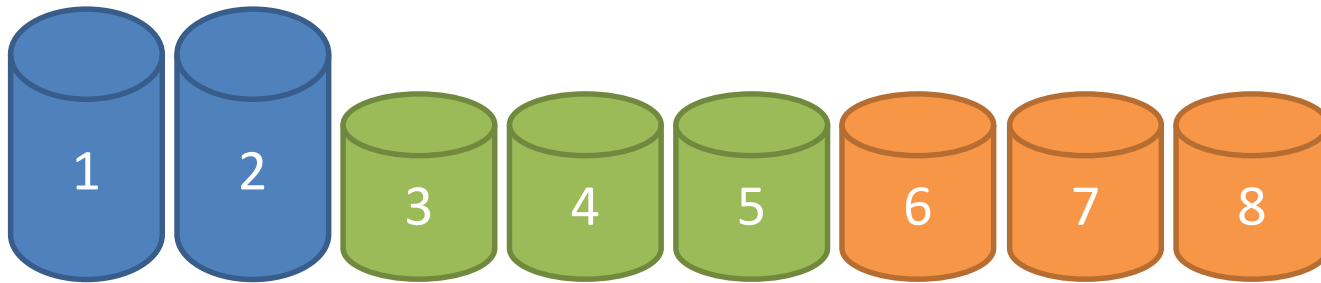
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#### Attainment 8



GCSE  
**English and Mathematics**  
double weighted

*Higher score of English & English Literature if both subjects are taken.*

**EBAC Qualifications**  
GCSEs only

*Sciences, Computer Science, Geography, History and Languages*

**'Open Group'**  
**Remaining EBAC qualifications & other approved qualifications**

*(GCSEs and other approved academic, arts or vocational qualifications)*

Qualifications & Grades

L2 English & maths

Baccalaureate

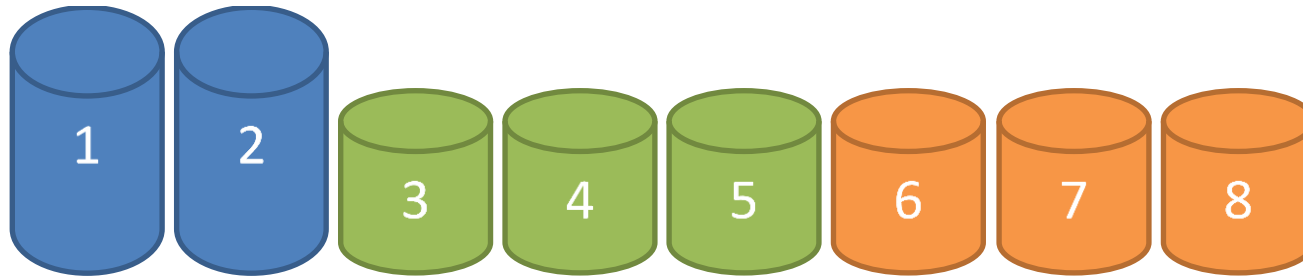
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## Attainment 8



GCSE

EBAC Qualifications

'Open Group'

**English and Mathematics**  
double weighted

GCSEs only

**Remaining EBAC qualifications & other  
approved qualifications**

*Higher score of English & English  
Literature if both subjects are  
taken.*

*Sciences, Computer Science, Geography,  
History and Languages*

*(GCSEs and other approved academic, arts or  
vocational qualifications)*

### Calculating Attainment 8

Each student's Attainment 8 score is calculated by averaging the best 8 qualifying results from each of the 3 groups, remember English & maths are double counted so the average is taken from 10 results.

1. English
2. English double counted
3. Mathematics
4. Mathematics double counted
5. Best EBAC subject
6. 2<sup>nd</sup> best EBAC subject
7. 3<sup>rd</sup> best EBAC subject
8. Best 'Open Group' subject
9. 2<sup>nd</sup> best 'Open Group' subject
10. 3<sup>rd</sup> best 'Open Group' subject

Total points / 10 = Average points  
Attainment 8 = average points expressed  
as the nearest fine grade e.g. B+

Qualifications &  
Grades

L2 English & maths

Baccalaureate

Attainment 8



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## Option Choices 2020

### Broad & Balanced Curriculum

Qualifications &  
Grades

L2 English &  
maths

Baccalaureate

Attainment 8

### Curriculum Design

Compulsory Core

Option Choices

## Pathway 1

Compulsory

Option Choices

**Compulsory Core**

**Option A**

**Option B**

**Option C**

**Option D**

# Pathway 1

Compulsory

Option Choices

**Compulsory Core**

**Option A**

**Option B**

**Option C**

**Option D**

## GCSEs

**English**

**English Literature**

**Combined Science**

(Double Award)

**Mathematics**

**Religious Studies**

## Non GCSEs

**Personal Development**

**Physical Education**

# Pathway 1

Compulsory

Option Choices

**Compulsory Core**

**Option A**

**Option B**

**Option C**

**Option D**

**GCSEs**

**English**  
**English Literature**  
**Combined Science**  
(Double Award)  
**Mathematics**  
**Religious Studies**

**Non GCSEs**

**Personal Development**  
**Physical Education**

# Pathway 1

Compulsory

Option Choices

Compulsory Core

Option A

Option B

Option C

Option D

GCSEs

English  
English Literature

Combined Science  
(Double Award)

Triple  
Science

Mathematics  
Religious Studies

Non GCSEs

Personal Development  
Physical Education

First Decision  
Combined Science or Triple  
Science?

# Pathway 1

Compulsory

Option Choices

Compulsory Core

Option A

Option B

Option C

Option D

GCSEs

English

English Literature

Combined Science

(Double Award)

Mathematics

Religious Studies

Non GCSEs

Personal Development

Physical Education

Second Decision

**Which EBacc subject?**

You must include in any option block a minimum of one EBacc subject.

EBacc subjects are;

T Science, Computer Science, French, German, Geography and History.



## Pathway 1

Compulsory	Option Choices			
Compulsory Core	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
<p><b>GCSEs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li><li>English Literature</li><li>Combined Science (Double Award)</li><li>Mathematics</li><li>Religious Studies</li></ul> <p><b>Non GCSEs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Personal Development</li><li>Physical Education</li></ul>				

**Third Decision**  
**Do I want to qualify for the EBacc?**

If you want to qualify for the EBacc you must include:

**French or German**

And

**Geography or History**

## Pathway 1

Compulsory	Option Choices			
Compulsory Core	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
<p><b>GCSEs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li><li>English Literature</li><li>Combined Science (Double Award)</li><li>Mathematics</li><li>Religious Studies</li></ul> <p><b>Non GCSEs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Personal Development</li><li>Physical Education</li></ul>				

**Fourth Decision**  
**Do I want a blend of GCSE and Non GCSE courses?**

Will I have a balanced curriculum?  
e.g. academic v practical  
Are my choices good preparation for A level / my future career choice?

# Pathway 1

## Option Choices

### Option A

Triple Science  
Geography  
History  
Computer Sci

Art  
Business Studies  
H&SC\*  
PE  
Creative iMedia\*  
Sport Btec\*

### Option B

French  
German

DT: Graphics  
DT: Product Design  
Drama  
Food  
Digital Technology (ICT)\*  
Photography  
Music Technology\*

### Option C

Triple Science  
Geography  
History  
Computer Sci

Art (Textiles)  
Business Studies  
Engineering\*  
Music

### Option D

Triple Science  
French  
German

DT: Graphics  
DT: Product Design  
Drama  
Food  
Digital Technology (ICT)\*  
Photography

## Pathway 2

### Option Choices

#### Option A

Geography  
History  
  
Art  
Business Studies  
H&SC\*  
PE  
Creative iMedia\*  
Sport Btec\*

#### Option B

French  
German  
  
DT: Graphics  
DT: Product Design  
Drama  
Food  
Digital Technology (ICT)\*  
Photography  
Music Technology\*

#### Option C

Geography  
History  
  
Art (Textiles)  
Business Studies  
Engineering\*  
Music

# Year 9 OPTIONS 2020 - Pathway 1

This Option Form must be handed to your tutor by **Friday 6th March 2020.**

Name.....

Form ..... Tutor .....

I know that I will continue to study the compulsory subjects below.

**Rules and instructions:**

- ✓ Fill in your name, Form and Tutor.
- ✓ Tick your favourite choice in each column to show which subjects you would like to select. Add numbers 1 - 4 to show your order of
- ✓ **You must include at least one EBacc subject, these are the subjects underlined.**
- ✓ If you want to achieve the EBacc you must include the following:  
French or German and Geography or History; i.e. one Language and one Humanity subject.
- ✓ Add your two reserve subjects, in preferential order, in the space provided. *These are just in case we cannot offer you any of your*
- ✓ All option subjects lead to a GCSE qualification except those with an asterisk \*. See your options booklet to find their accreditation.
- ✓ Do not select the same subject twice.
- ✓ Share with your parent / guardian. You and your parent / guardian should sign this form, at the bottom, before you hand in to your

Compulsory Core
GCSEs
English
English Literature
Combined Science (Double Award)
Mathematics
Religious Studies
<b>Non GCSEs</b>
Personal Development
Physical Education

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
Triple Science	<u>French</u>	Triple Science	Triple Science
<u>Geography</u>	<u>German</u>	<u>Geography</u>	<u>French</u>
<u>History</u>		<u>History</u>	<u>German</u>
Computer Sci	DT: Graphics	Computer Sci	
Art	DT: Product Design	Art (Textiles)	DT: Graphics
Business Studies	Drama	Business Studies	DT: Product Design
H&SC*	Food	Engineering*	Drama
PE	Digital Tech (ICT)*	Music	Food
Creative iMedia*	Photography		Digital Tech (ICT)*
Sport Btec*	Music Technology*		Photography

**Reserve Choices**

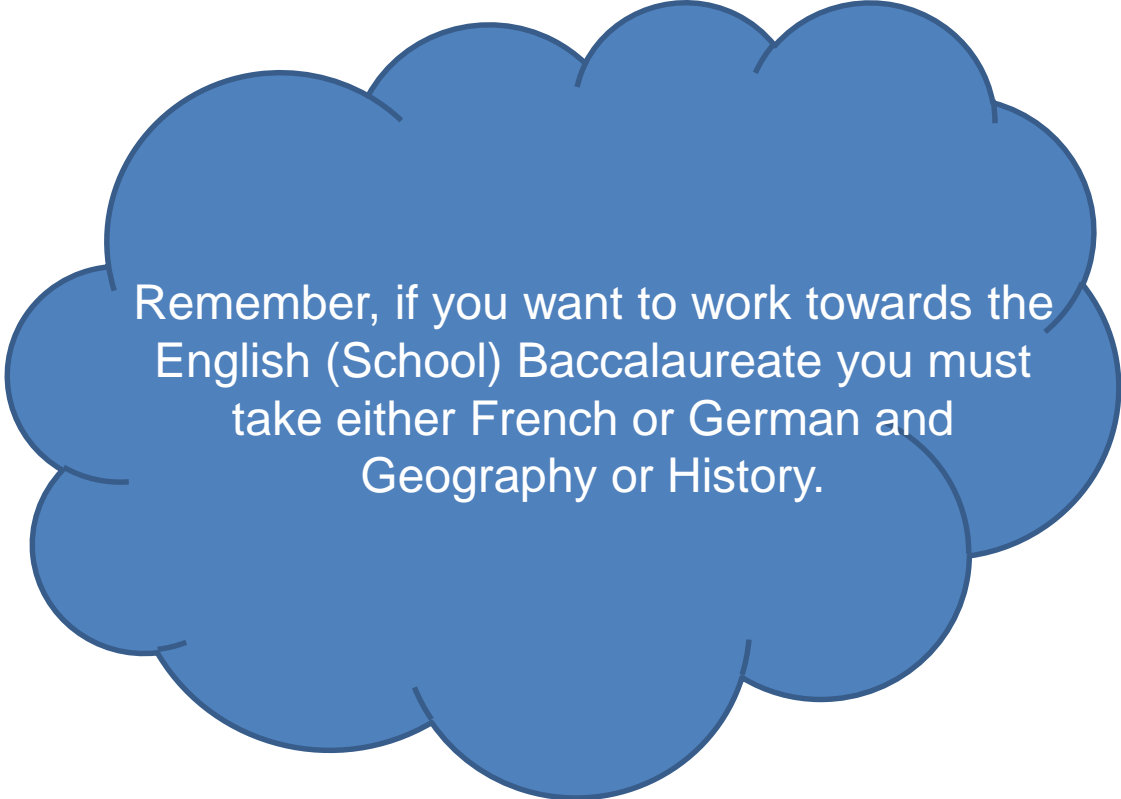
My first reserve choice is \_\_\_\_\_  
 My second reserve choice is \_\_\_\_\_

Remember, if you want to work towards the English (School) Baccalaureate you must take either French or German and Geography or History.

Pupil signature.....

Parent Signature.....

Tutor Signature.....



Remember, if you want to work towards the English (School) Baccalaureate you must take either French or German and Geography or History.



## Common Questions

**Who makes the decision?**

**Will I get all my first choices?**

**When do I make my choices?**

**Will I be able to change my choices?**