

Year 9 Options 2024



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*“The secret of success is to be ready
when your opportunity comes”
Benjamin Disraeli*

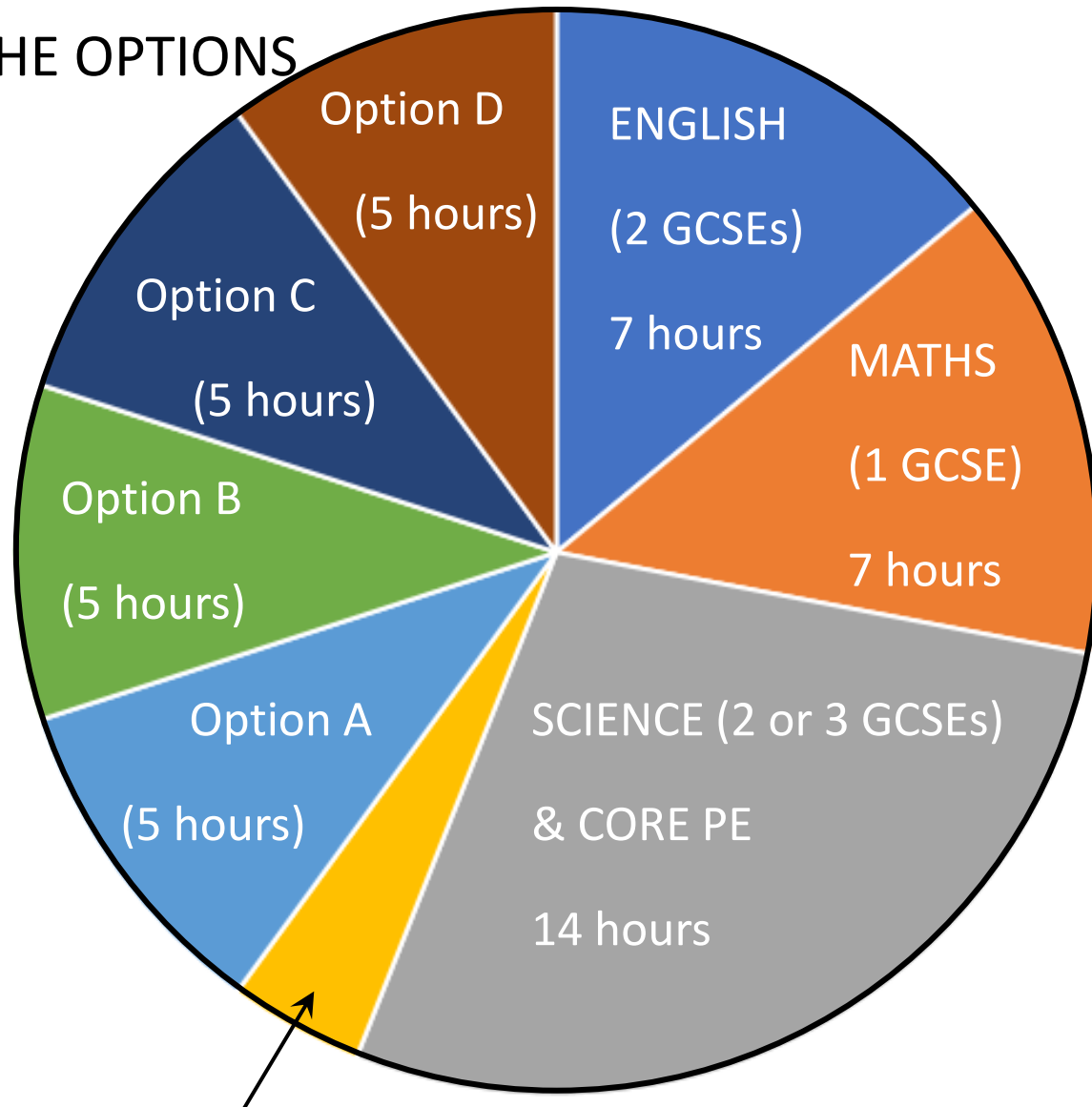


1. Overview of Key Stage 4.
2. Outline the options process, the choices you have to make, and the timeline for completion.
3. Provide advice and guidance on how to make these choices.
4. Identify where to find further information.



1. Overview of Key Stage 4

THE OPTIONS



PSHE and Ethics (not examined) – 2 hours

COMBINED SCIENCE

(2 GCSEs) – 10 hours

CORE PE

(not examined) – 4 hours

or BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS

(3 GCSEs) – 12 hours

CORE PE

(not examined) – 2 hours

The science department make this decision in discussion with you.



Option Subjects from Year 9

Art & Design

Dance

Drama

Music

Computing

Design & Technology

Food Preparation & Nutrition

*Only available if you are
studying it in Year 9*

Other Options

French

Spanish

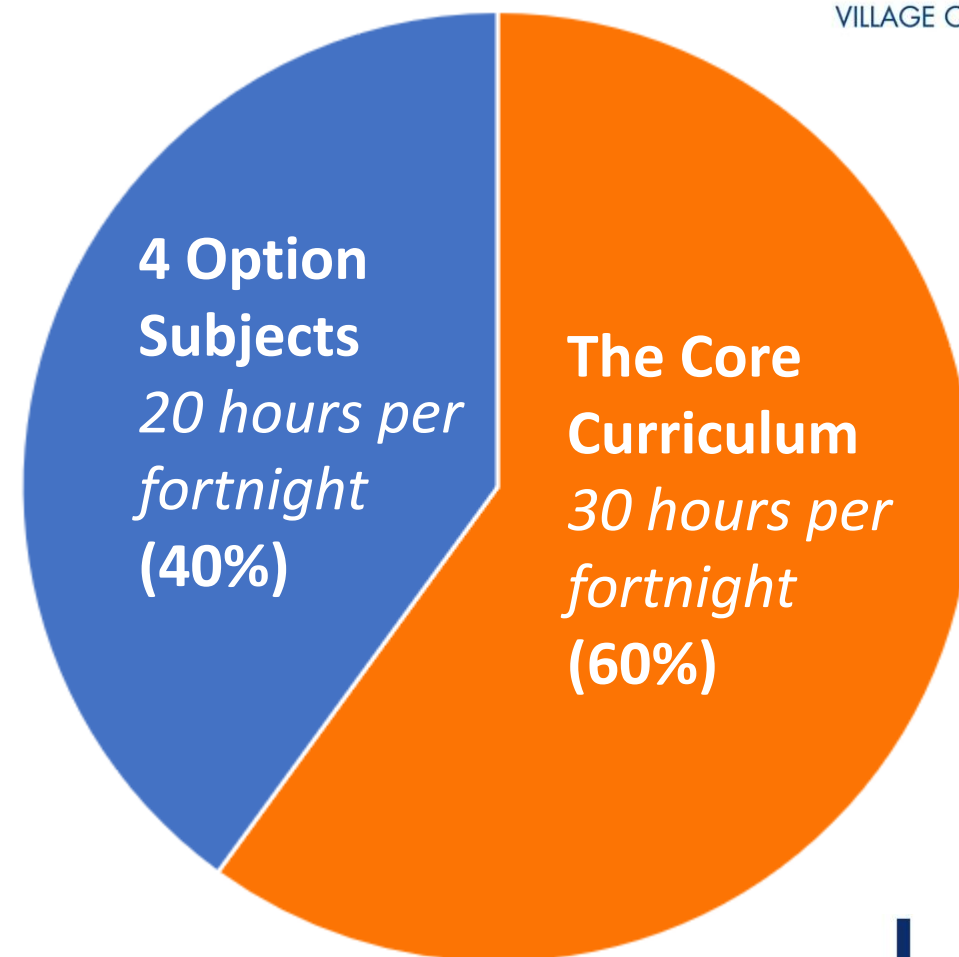
Geography

History

PE

Religious Studies

Statistics



2. The Options Process

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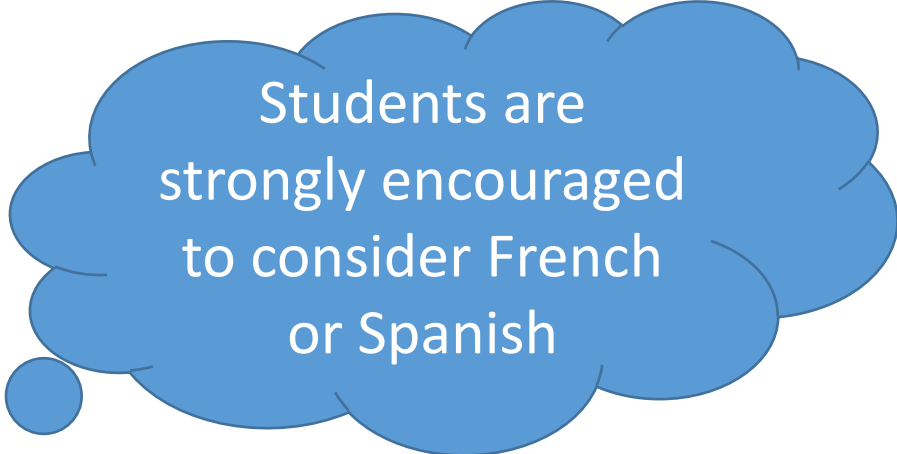
3. Making the Right Choice

- English Baccalaureate (EBacc)
- Subject Requirements
- Life after LVC
- Broad & Balanced?



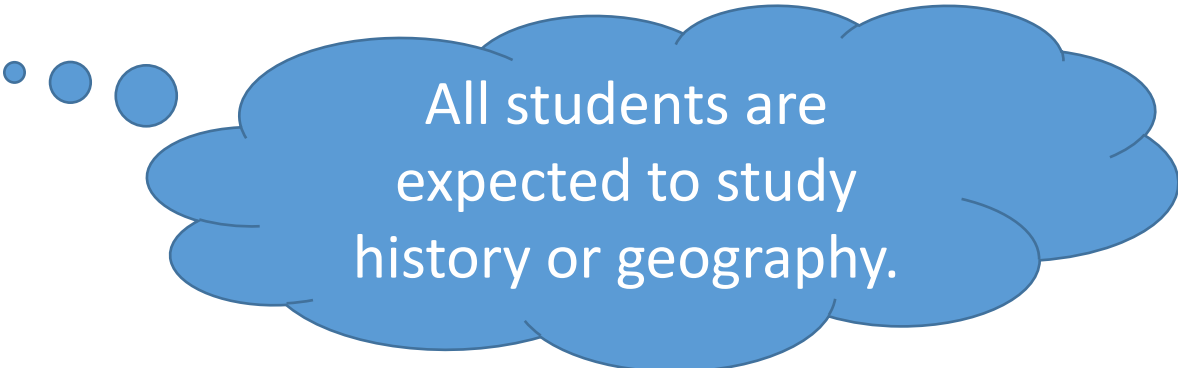
The EBacc is not a qualification.

- English (Language or Literature)
- Maths
- Two Sciences (sciences and/or computing)
- A Humanities subject (History or Geography)
- Modern Foreign Language (French or Spanish)



Students are strongly encouraged to consider French or Spanish

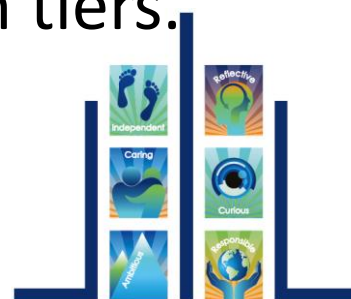
You are required to pass in these 6 GCSEs at Grade 5 or above to achieve the 'English Baccalaureate'.



All students are expected to study history or geography.



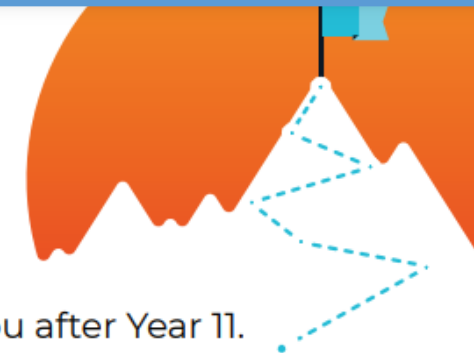
- Many courses still have controlled assessment/coursework, referred to as **Non-Examination Assessments (NEA)**.
- NEAs are carried out under varying levels of control and at various times during the courses.
- All GCSEs have an exam element which is taken in the Summer of Year 11.
- Only Maths, Science, Statistics and MFL have Higher and Foundation tiers.
- All GCSEs are graded on a 1-9 scale.



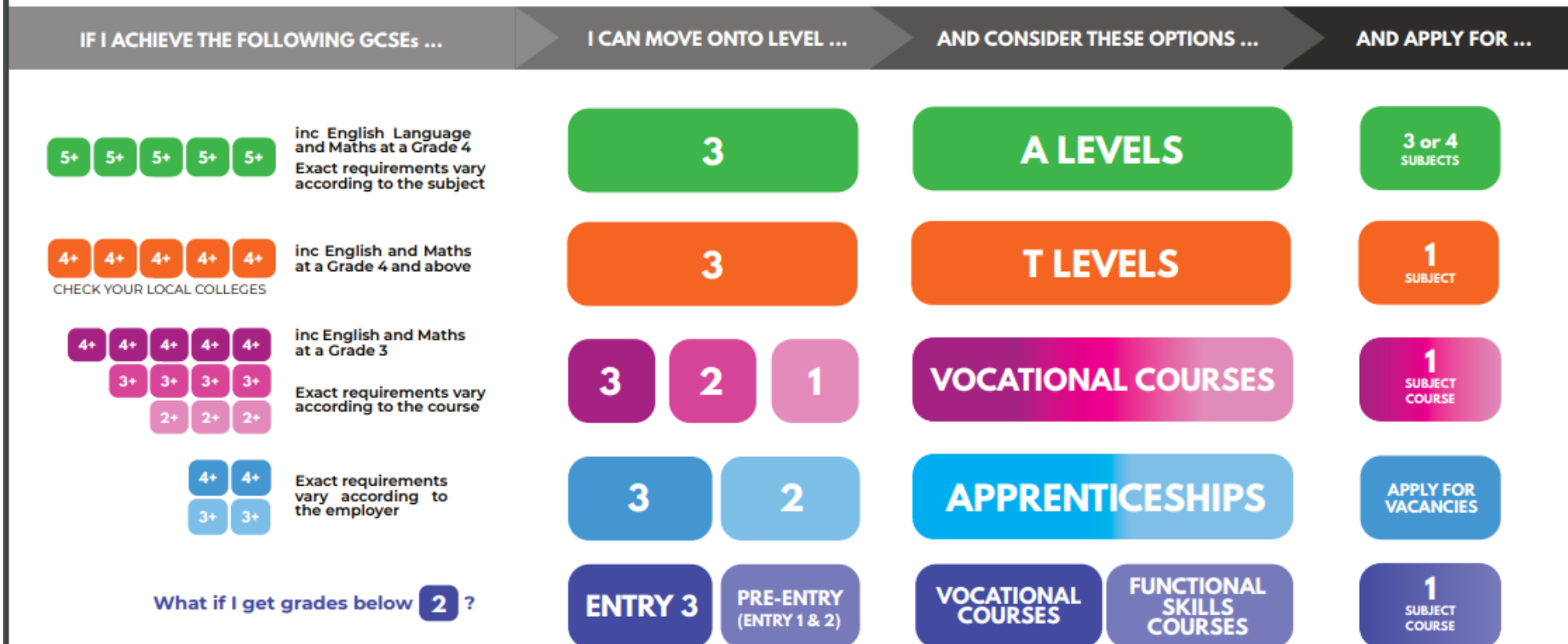
- Computer Science – being confident mathematically is helpful.
- Drama and Dance – you are expected to perform in front of others and work in a group.
- Food Preparation & Nutrition and Design & Technology are all limited in group size for Health & Safety reasons.
- Statistics is worthwhile and available to all students.
- A number of subjects only have one group – **think carefully about the order.**
- It is possible that a subject may not run if there insufficient interest.



POST 16 OPTIONS MADE SIMPLE



Use the information below to help you understand the options available to you after Year 11.



CURRICULUM ▾ PARENTS ▾

Curriculum Rationale

Years 7 and 8

Year 9

Years 10 and 11

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

Please use the links below to access information about post-16 choices for Year 11 students and their parents. If you have any questions about post-16 education and careers, please contact [Ian Simmons](#), Careers Lead & Post-16 Coordinator.

Post 16 Launch Presentation

Aptitude Test: <https://www.whatcareerisrightforme.com>

Careers information: <https://careerpilot.org.uk/>


Information about university options: [Russell Group: Informed Choices](#)

Technical Education and Apprenticeship Providers:

[Youthoria](#) has help and advice on a wide range of issues affecting young people including the transition from LVC to sixth form education and the world of work.

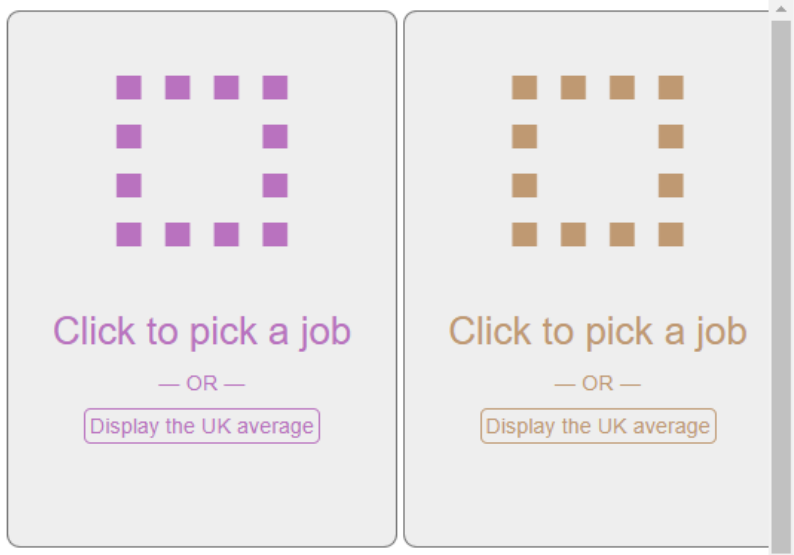
Apprenticeships: [Apprenticeships](#)

'WHAT TYPE OF CAREERS?'



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What is it all about?



Two interactive buttons for job selection. The left button features a purple square grid and the text "Click to pick a job" in purple, with a sub-button "Display the UK average" below it. The right button features a brown square grid and the text "Click to pick a job" in brown, with a sub-button "Display the UK average" below it. Both buttons have "— OR —" between the main text and the sub-button.



- All qualifications are equal.
- No subject is any easier than another.
- You will not be changing courses during Year 10 and are expected to complete all courses you start.
- You can study A Level science with Combined Science or Triple.
- What are the course expectations?
- Attendance
- How do the clubs or groups you are part of outside of College complement your choices?

- Choose the subject not the teacher
- DO NOT select a subject just because your friend is
- Students need to be in education or employment with training until 18
- Consider whether you wish to continue studying your language
- Choose subjects which will keep doors open
- Choose subjects which will develop a range of skills for the future
- Choose subjects which you enjoy
- Select history or geography



Deadline Monday 25th March 2024

Options need to be submitted in priority order.

Remember: History or Geography, followed by your three other choices in priority order.



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