



Options

Key Stage 4 Curriculum



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Evening Objectives

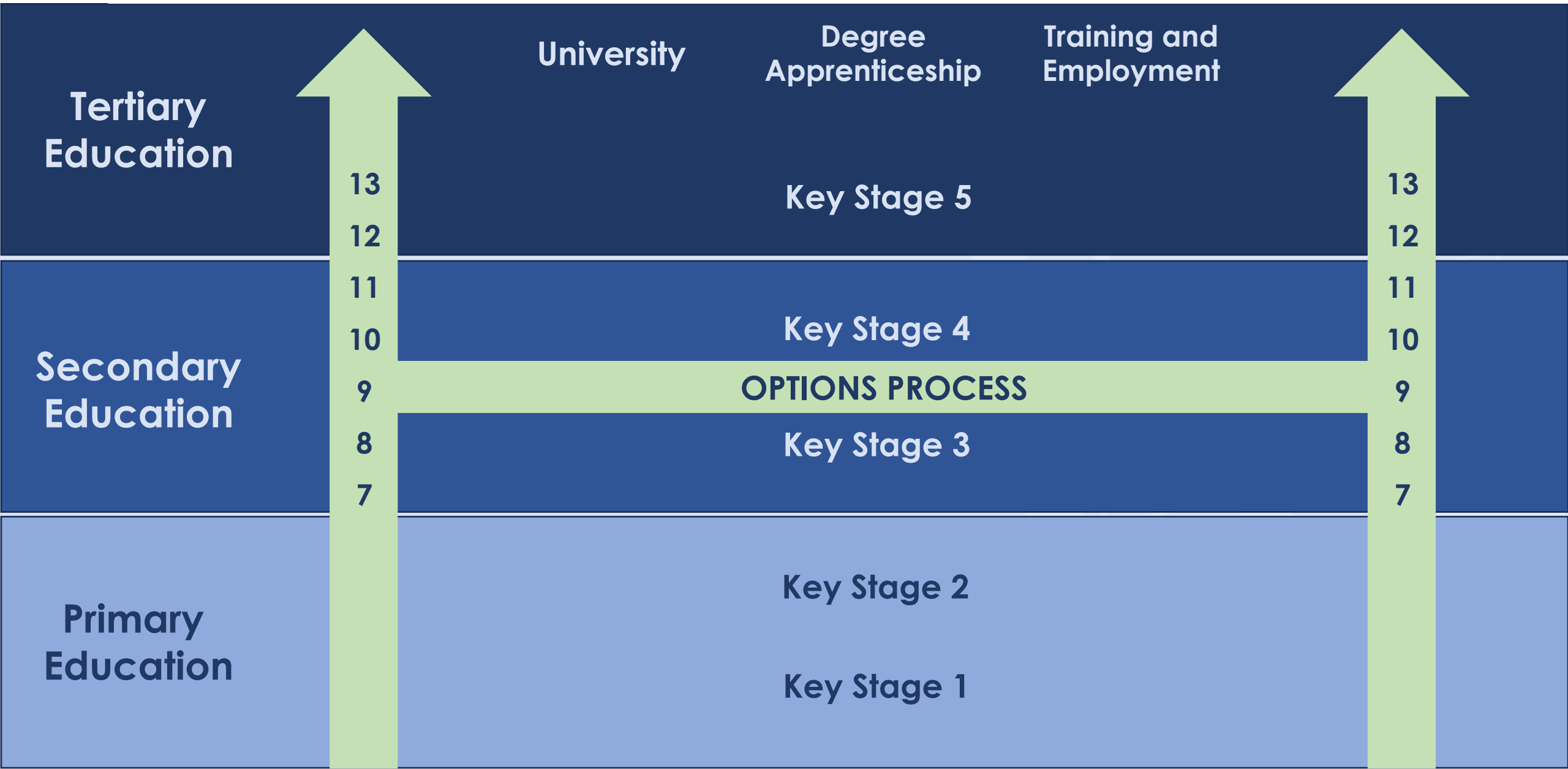
- Understand the options process
- View options available
- Find out how to apply
- Learn more about the courses from Curriculum Leaders
- Look beyond Year 11



Mr Cresswell

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Your Academic Journey



Your Key Stage 4 Curriculum

- **Nine Level 2 GCSE or equivalent Qualifications**
- Personal Development Curriculum
- Physical Education (PE)
- Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PHSE)
- Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)
- Religious Education (RE)
- Enrichment Opportunities
- Careers Advice, Guidance and Work Experience

GCSE – (9-1)

New GCSE Grades	Old GCSE Grade
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	
5	B
4	
3	C
2	
1	D
	E
	F
	G
U	U

BTEC - Vocational

BTEC Grade	GCSE 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
Fail	U

Options Guidance

Step 1 - Core Subjects

All students study:

- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature



Step 2 - Science Pathway

Make one selection:

- GCSE Combined Science (Two GCSEs) or
- GCSE Separate Sciences (Three GCSEs)



Step 3 - Humanities Pathway

Make one selection:

- GCSE Geography
- GCSE History
- GCSE Geography and GCSE History



Step 4 - Languages Pathway

Selection

- GCSE Spanish or
- GCSE French or
- No GCSE Language



Qualification	Maximum 9
GCSE English Language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GCSE English Literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Mathematics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Combined Science	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Combined Science	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Separate Sciences (Biology)	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Separate Sciences (Chemistry)	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Separate Sciences (Physics)	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE History	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE French or	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choice 1 _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choice 2 _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choice 3 _____ <small>(Only available if studying GCSE Combined Science and no languages option)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reserve Choice 1	
Reserve Choice 2	

Step 4 - Guided Subjects Max 3

Arts subjects

You can choose:

- GCSE Art and Design (Art, Design and Craft) or
- GCSE Art and Design (Textiles) or
- GCSE Art and Design (3D Design)

You can also choose

- GCSE Art and Design (Photography)

Performing Arts subjects

You can choose:

- GCSE Drama or
- BTEC Technical - Performing Arts (Dance)

You can also choose

- GCSE Dance
- GCSE Music

Human Sciences

You can choose either:

- GCSE Sociology or
- GCSE Psychology

You can also choose

- GCSE Religious Studies
- BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care
- BTEC Tech Award In Child Development

Professional subjects

You can choose:

- GCSE Economics
- GCSE Statistics
- GCSE Business
- GCSE Media Studies
- Tech Award in Business Enterprise

Technology subjects

- GCSE Design and Technology
- GCSE Food and Nutrition
- GCSE Computer Science

Physical Education subjects

- GCSE Physical Education
- Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Studies

Once you have read through the course guide, you can use this chart to guide through your decision making process.

Work your way through until you have your **nine** GCSE or BTEC qualifications.

Options Guidance

Qualification	Maximum 9
GCSE English Language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GCSE English Literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Mathematics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Combined Science	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Combined Science	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Separate Sciences (Biology)	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Separate Sciences (Chemistry)	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Separate Sciences (Physics)	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE History	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE French or	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choice 1 _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choice 2 _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choice 3 _____ (only available if studying GCSE Combined Science and no languages option)	<input type="checkbox"/>



Step 1 - Core Subjects

- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature





Step 2 - Science Pathway

- GCSE Combined Science (2 GCSEs) **or**
- GCSE Separate Sciences (3 GCSEs)



Step 3 - Humanities Pathway

- GCSE History **or**
- GCSE Geography **or**
- GCSE Geography **and** GCSE History





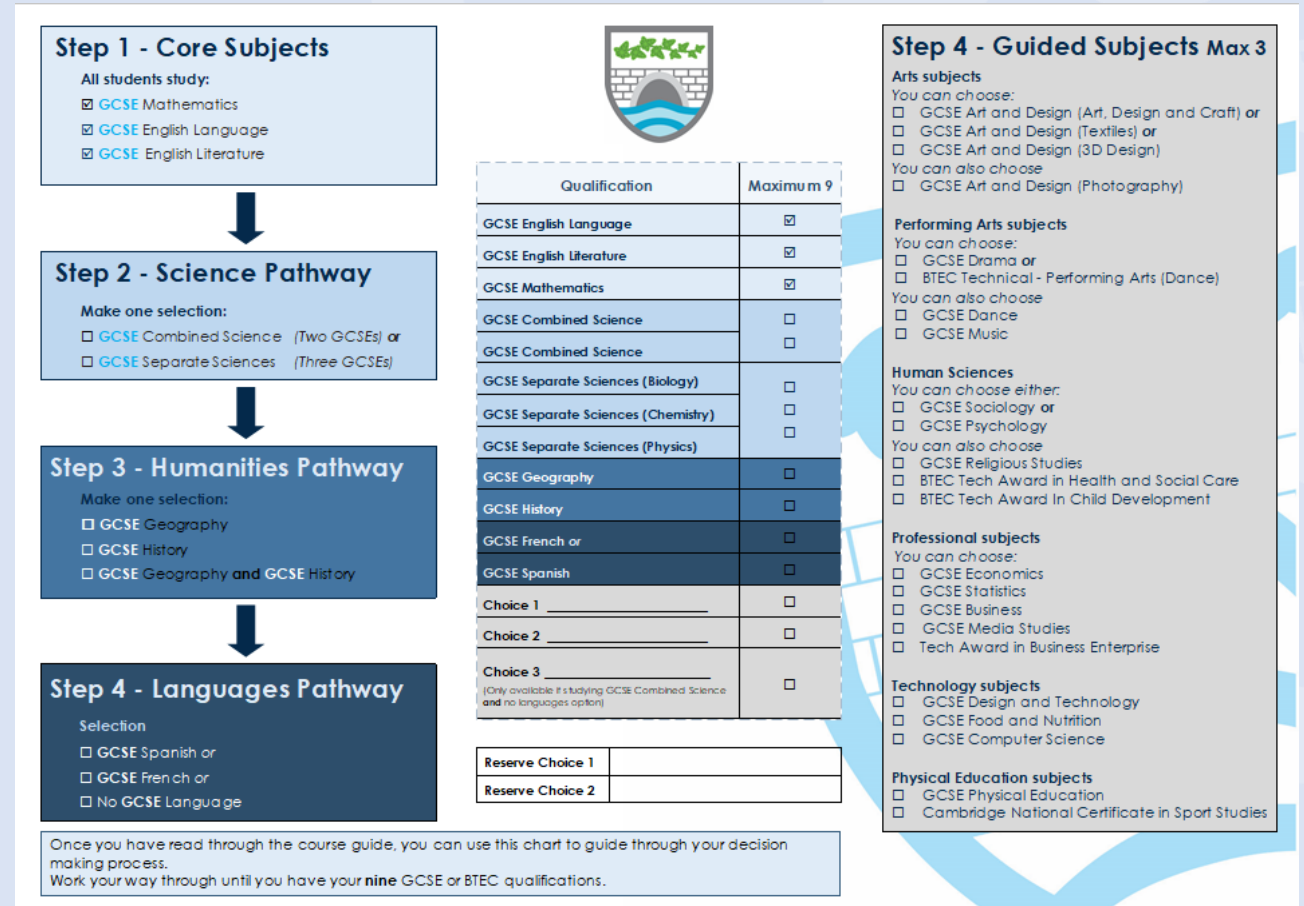
Step 4 - Languages Pathway

- GCSE French **or**
- GCSE Spanish **or**
- No GCSE Language



Full English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Biology
- GCSE Chemistry
- GCSE Physics
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE History
- GCSE French



Full English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

- ✓ GCSE Mathematics
- ✓ GCSE English Language
- ✓ GCSE English Literature
- ✓ GCSE Biology
- ✓ GCSE Chemistry
- ✓ GCSE Physics
- ✓ GCSE Geography
- ✓ GCSE History
- ✓ GCSE French



Step 5 - 23 Guided Subjects

3D Design
Art and Design
Business Studies
Business Enterprise
Child Development
Computer Science
Dance
Design Technology
Drama
Economics
Fashion and Textiles
Food and Nutrition
Health and Social Care
Media Studies
Music
Performing Arts (Dance)
Photography
Physical Education
Psychology
Religious Studies
Sociology
Sports Studies
Statistics

Creative Arts

You can choose either:

- GCSE Art and Design (Art, Design and Craft) **or**
- GCSE Art and Design (Fashion and Textiles) **or**
- GCSE Art and Design (3D Design)

You can also choose:

- GCSE Art and Design (Photography)

Performing Arts

You can choose either:

- GCSE Drama **or**
- BTEC Technical - Performing Arts (Dance)

You can also choose:

- GCSE Dance
- GCSE Music

Human Sciences

You can choose either:

- GCSE Psychology **or**
- GCSE Sociology

You can also choose:

- GCSE Religious Studies
- BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care
- BTEC Tech Award in Child Development

Professional Subjects

You can choose:

- GCSE Business Studies **or**
- BTEC Tech Award in Business Enterprise

You can also choose:

- GCSE Economics
- GCSE Statistics
- GCSE Media Studies

Technology

You can choose:

- GCSE Design and Technology
- GCSE Food and Nutrition
- GCSE Computer Science

Physical Education

You can choose either:

GCSE Physical Education **or**

Cambridge National Certificate in Sports Studies



Mrs Johnson

Director of Transition



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Advice for making your options

- Do what you love
- Do what you're good at
- Do what you think you're going to need
- Do your research
- Don't pick because your friends have
- Don't pick because of the teacher

Helping Your Decision

- Tonight: Year 9 Options Evening.
- Tutor taster sessions every Thursday and Friday after Christmas for: Sociology, Psychology, Media, Health and Social Care, Child Development and Business Studies.
- Languages advice session Friday 5 January.
- Advice and guidance from your subject teachers and tutor.
- Thursday 18 January: 1-1 appointments with a member of the Leadership Team if you need further advice and guidance.

How to Apply

applicaa

- Applicaa Options Online.
- Accessed via a link sent to student's email account.
- Opens Thursday, 18 January 2024
- All choices submitted from Thursday, 18 January to Thursday, 25 January 2024 will be treated in exactly the same way.
- Choices need parental approval (sent to their email address).
- Deadline date for FINAL submittance is SUNDAY, 28 January 2024

Key Dates

- **Thursday 18 January:** Year 9 Parents' Evening. Advice on how to book a 1-1 meeting with a member of the Leadership Team will be sent to you.
- **Thursday 18 January:** Applicaa Online opens
- **Thursday 25 January:** Applicaa Online closes

What to do now?

- Collect options pack
- Visit Subjects of Interest
- Keep an open mind!