

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 subjects.
Once you are happy with your choices, you are ready to make your **online application using your unique log in via the Applica Website**

Step 1 - Core Subjects

All students study:

- ☒ **GCSE** English Language
- ☒ **GCSE** English Literature
- ☒ **GCSE** Mathematics



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 <i>or</i>	<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"/>
**Choice 4 _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
**Choice 5 _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

Professional subjects

You can choose:

- ☐ GCSE Statistics
- ☐ GCSE Business
- ☐ GCSE Media Studies
- ☐ BTEC Tech Award in Business Enterprise

Technology subjects

- ☐ GCSE Design and Technology
- ☐ BTEC Tech Award in Hospitality and Catering
- ☐ GCSE Computer Science

Physical Education subjects

- ☐ GCSE Physical Education
- ☐ Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Studies

At Ivybridge Community College, all students study nine Level 2 qualifications. This is a combination of mostly GCSEs and BTEC qualifications.

Core Subjects

Mathematics and English

All students are required to study Mathematics, English Language and English Literature GCSE.

Science

Science will be studied as either:

- **Combined Science** (equivalent to two GCSE qualifications, covering all three Science disciplines).
- **Separate Sciences** (equivalent to three GCSE qualifications, where you study each Science in greater depth, achieving a qualification in each discipline). (Limited Spaces)

Humanities

All students will select at least one Humanities subject - GCSE Geography or GCSE History. You are able to select both.

Languages

All students are strongly encouraged to select a language from Spanish or French.

Please note, you will only be able to select the language you have studied so far throughout Key Stage 3.

The English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

Many students at Ivybridge CC study a combination of subjects to make up The English Baccalaureate (EBacc).

These subjects maintain a strong academic core that focus on the most traditional GCSE qualifications. Studying this collection of qualifications is recognised and held in high regard by some universities such as Oxbridge and The Russell Group Universities.

In order to achieve the EBacc, you will need to gain grade 5-9 passes in **Mathematics, English and Science** as well as a **Modern Foreign Language** (French or Spanish) and a **Humanities** subject (Geography or History).

The recommendation to select subjects to achieve the EBacc should be based on current levels of progress, as well as current effort grades in these subjects.

Guided Subjects

We are proud of the breadth of options that you are able to select from in the Guided Subjects section. These subjects complement your **Core Subjects** and to allow you to focus on the areas which you enjoy and are interested in the most.

Through your **Guided Subjects**, you will have the opportunity to acquire a broad and deep knowledge base from a wide range of qualifications that will suite your interests, expertise and needs and support your futures.

Most students study two or three Guided Subjects. The number of guided subjects you may study depends on the options you have made in science and languages. (See over).

Some subjects are **GCSE** qualifications and others are called '**Vocational**' options. These are equally regarded to GCSEs and are equivalent in value however generally have a larger coursework and lesser final examination elements.

*Students will be able to select this choice if they have NOT selected Separate sciences and a language.

Students will be allocated Choice 4 or 5 in the event that the combination of other options is not available. Students will be informed of this at the **Allocation phase.



IVYBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE Options Guide

Welcome to your options selection guide!

This document is designed to guide you through the process of selecting your Key Stage 4 curriculum to ensure you have the qualifications, skill, knowledge and experiences that you need for your future.

Read through the information in the subject guide thoroughly. If you need any assistance with either the process, the qualifications you can study please book an appointment to see one of our expert Information and guidance team.

We are very proud to be able offer an exceptionally broad curriculum which enables you to have the best possible experience through Key Stage 4, achieving the highest grade qualifications possible. It can feel daunting to make decisions about your future in Year 9, but there are some well established points that you should consider.

Select your options subjects based on...

1. Your **academic strengths** and where you attain well.
2. What you are **interested in**, and enjoy learning
3. What you may need for your **future career**, employment or further education ambitions.
4. Advice and opinions of your parents/carers, tutor, and your subject teachers.
Tell them about your ideas and listen to theirs.
5. Spending time researching the subjects you have not yet studied—these will be introduced to you over the coming weeks.

We have a brilliant selection and know there will be something for everyone.

Things you **should not base your decisions** on...

1. What your friends are doing.
2. Who your favourite teacher is - you may not be in their class in Year 10 or 11.

We know that through partnership with your parents/carers and your teachers, you will arrive at a really exciting program of study that will maximise your future potential, and help realise your future aspirations.

Best wishes,

Tim Cresswell
Deputy Principal



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