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Year 8 Information Evening



How is examination success currently judged?

Progress 8 Measure



English

Double-weighted*

* Higher score of English Language
English Literature double-weighted if
a pupil has taken both qualifications



Maths

Double-weighted



3

**Facilitating Subjects/
qualifications**

(Sciences, Computer Science,
Geography, History and Languages)



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'Open Group'

**Remaining Facilitating Subjects/
qualifications and other
approved qualifications**

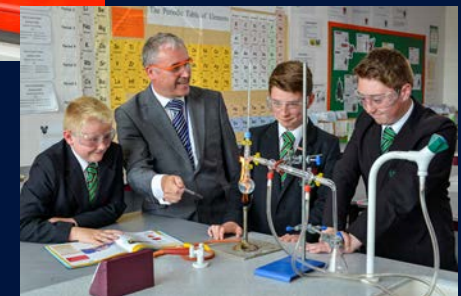
(GCSEs and other approved academic,
arts or vocational qualifications)



Which subjects do I have to take at Key Stage 4?

The **Core Programme** is taken by every student. So you will study:

- English (Language and Literature)
- Mathematics
- Science (2 GCSE equivalent)
- ICT
- PE (Non-examinable)
- RE (Non-examinable)
- Careers (including Citizenship, Work Related Learning & Enterprise Education).





Do I get any choice in my subjects?

Yes, but within some constraints.

All students will have to choose **at least** one subject from the following list to ensure that they meet progress 8 requirements:

- A Modern Foreign Language
- Geography
- History
- Separate Sciences (Topping up to 3 Science GCSEs in total)
- Computer Science



What is the English Baccalaureate?

To achieve the Ebacc, a student must attain **grade 5** or above at GCSE in **all** of the following subjects:

- A Modern Foreign Language
- Geography or History
- Any 2 Sciences (including Computer Science)
- English (Language or Literature)
- Mathematics



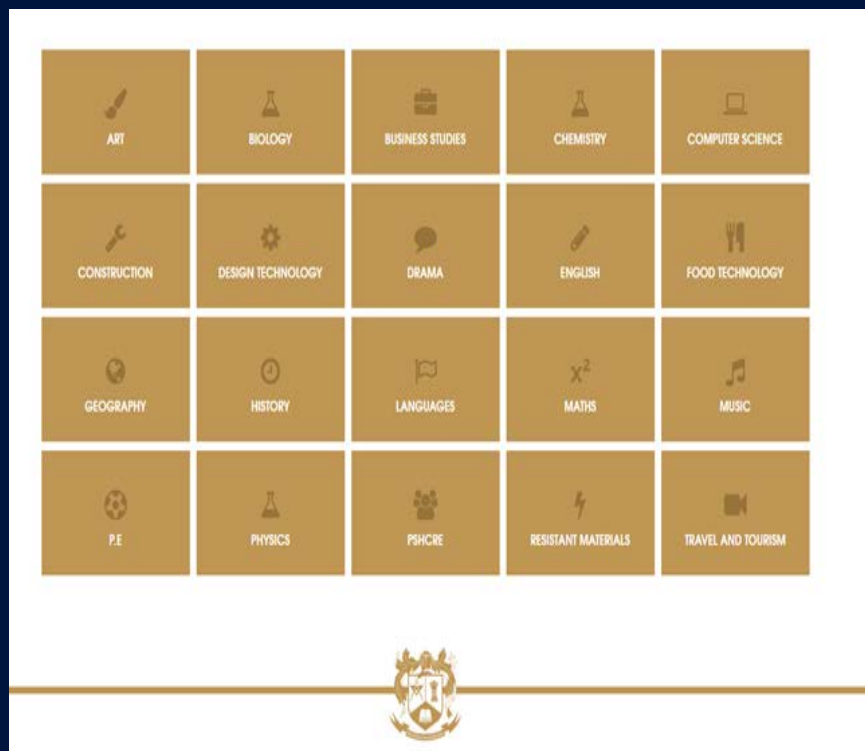


Why am I having to choose my options in Year 8?

In short, to give you more choice.

By starting Key Stage 4 in Year 9, we can allow you **four** option choices instead of three.

This means that you can complete the full Ebacc and still have some freedom of choice.





How will I know which subjects to choose?

NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
U	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

- Advice from subject teachers
- Careers guidance in school
- Progress reports
- Discussion at home



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When do I finalise my choices?

- Initial thoughts before Christmas
- Options evening – Tuesday 23rd January
- Parents evening – Thursday 1st February
- Options form hand in – **Friday 2nd February**

