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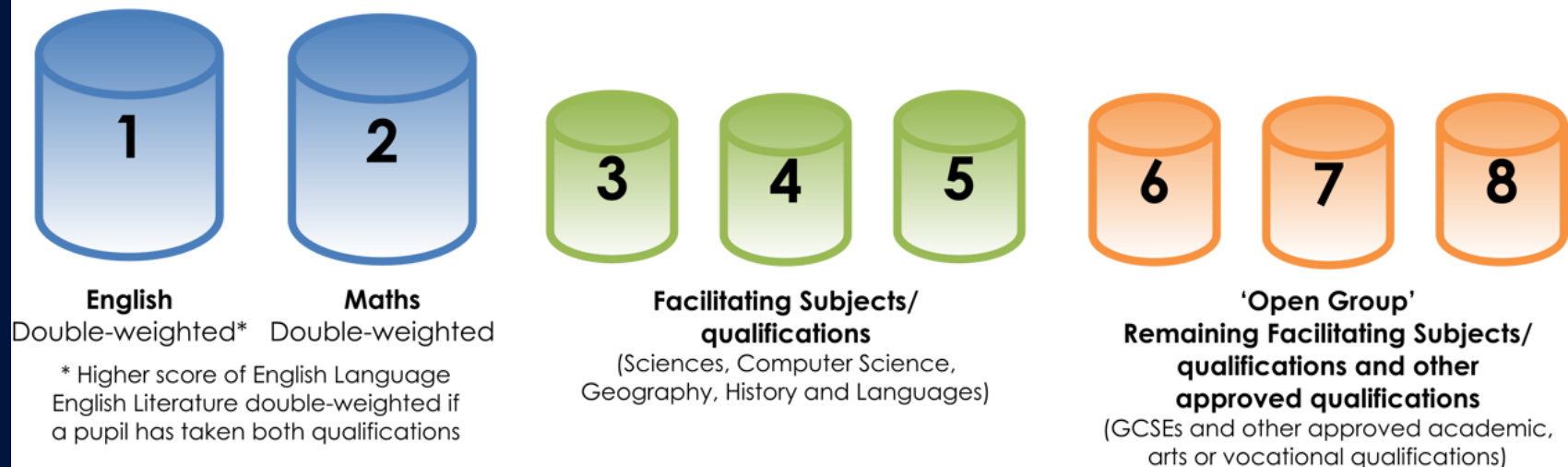
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# Year 8 Information Evening



## How is examination success currently judged?

### Progress 8 Measure





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## 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



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## 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.

 ART	 BIOLOGY	 BUSINESS STUDIES	 CHEMISTRY	 COMPUTER SCIENCE
 CONSTRUCTION	 DESIGN TECHNOLOGY	 DRAMA	 ENGLISH	 FOOD TECHNOLOGY
 GEOGRAPHY	 HISTORY	 LANGUAGES	 MATHS	 MUSIC
 P.E	 PHYSICS	 PSHCRE	 RESISTANT MATERIALS	 TRAVEL AND TOURISM





## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January
- Parents evening – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January
- Options form hand in – **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

