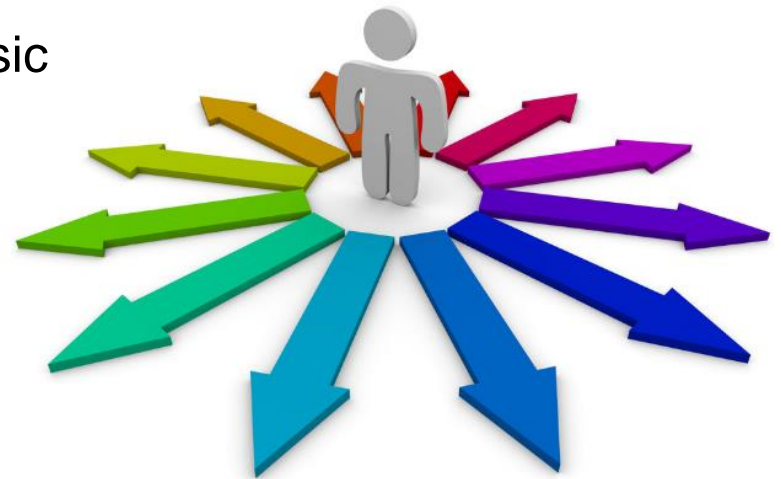


Upstairs

- SF1 ICT Creative iMedia,
- SF2 English, Maths
- SF3 History
- SF4 French, Spanish
- SF5 PE
- SF6 Drama, Performing Arts,
- SF7 Progress
- SF8 Religious Studies
- SF9 Geography

Computer Science

Music



Downstairs

- Study Area Sciences, Art,
 - BC1 Business, Economics
 - BC2 Health & Social Care,
 - BC3 Product Design, Engineering,
- Photography
- Psychology, Sociology
- Hospitality & Catering

There will be a talk about the options process at 6pm



Year 9 Options Evening 2024

Helen Gascoigne

Phil Marshall

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– Deputy Head

– Associate SLT

– Head of Year 9



Aims and Objectives

To introduce the Key Stage 4 curriculum 2024 - 2026

To provide an outline of the options process and key dates

To highlight ways pupils are given support and guidance and explain how additional support can be gained

KEY DATES



11th Jan Options Evening

26th Jan Taster lessons for new subjects
Actual options form given out

5th Feb Options forms handed in

For both students and parents

Head of Department email addresses are on the subject pages of the options booklet.

Form tutor and other email addresses are on page 42 of the options booklet



Curriculum Principles

Breadth

Balance

Relevance

Personalisation

Progression
and Continuity

Ambition





The English Baccalaureate (EBacc) was introduced in 2011 with the aim of keeping young people's options open for further study and careers.

Students achieve the EBacc if they achieve qualifications in:

English (language and literature)

maths

a science

a language

either geography or history

Why is the EBacc important?

The full combination of the Ebacc subjects are considered to be facilitating.

Language exams are being made more accessible to support a stronger grade profile at all ability levels.

Languages is already one of our highest performing subjects and in the top 20% nationally for the last 3 years.



Edgbarrow supports the ambition of the EBacc.

We want to make sure students are in the best possible position for college, apprenticeships, job prospects and university.

By allowing students to take 4 options we are allowing for choice, specialisation and added breadth.



Curriculum Pathways

Lots of models were considered:

- Compulsory Language
- Compulsory pathways
- 3 option blocks
- 3 year key stage
- Blocks fixed by subject (i.e. an all languages block)



We chose a middle route, guided pathways, following our principles that were just discussed

Curriculum Pathways



Path	Path One (Default)	Path Two (By agreement)	Path Three (By agreement)
Student type	Students who wish to follow a more academic path of A-levels followed by university. This pathway maintains access to all career paths.	Students whose career path is supported by vocational options. At the end of key stage 4, they would consider a vocational course or work-related learning.	Students who have additional needs for whom four options may create a work overload.
Options available	Students must pick Geography or History (or both), a language and then have two free choices.	This path must be agreed by the student's Form Tutor. Students must still pick one EBacc subject (geography, history, computer science, triple science or a language), a vocational subject and then have two free choices.	Students are invited to follow this path by our SENCO and Head of Year. Students should aim for one EBacc subject and then have two free choices. The fourth option is supervised study.
Expected uptake	75-90% of the year group	10-20% of the year group	2-3% of the year group

Curriculum Pathways

The majority of our students will follow the academic route of pathway 1.

This means choosing

- History
or Geography
- A language
- 2 others



This keeps all career paths open, including university.
This is called the full EBacc.

Pathway 2

By agreement, students whose career path is supported by vocational options will follow pathway 2.

Students on this pathway must choose **one** of the Ebacc subjects:

- computer science
- geography
- history
- a language
- triple science



Pathway 2

Students on pathway 2 will choose:

- 1 Ebacc subject
- 1 vocational subject
- 2 others

At the end of Key Stage 4, these students would consider a vocational course or work-related learning.

Pathway 3

Some students with additional needs will only take three options.

Pathway 3 is by invitation only

Students on pathway 3 will study

- 1 Ebacc subject
- 2 others
- 1 supervised study





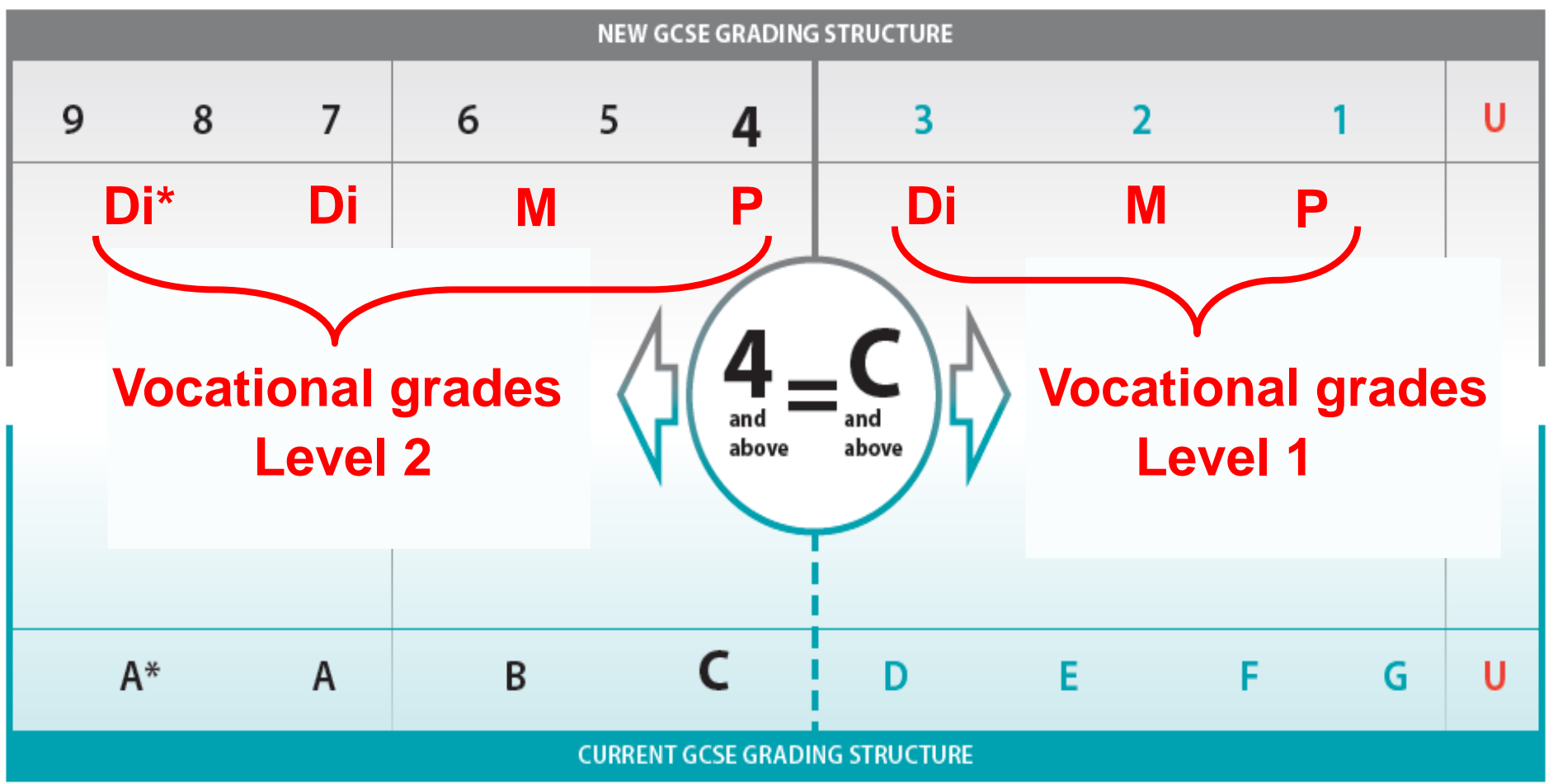
- Assessed through a combination of examinations and controlled assessments
- Graded 1 to 9 for all subjects (9 is the highest, 1 is the lowest)

- Continuous assessment with at least 40% external assessment
- Graded Pass, Merit, Distinction, Distinction*

Grading the New GCSEs in 2017

NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE									
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
			<div><div>“Strong Pass”</div><div><div>4 = C</div><div>and above</div><div>and above</div></div><div><div>■ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above.</div><div>■ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as achieve an A and above.</div><div>■ The bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G.</div></div></div>						

Grading the New GCSEs in 2017



New GCSE Grades	Level	Vocational Grades	Old GCSE Grades
9	Level 2		
		Distinction *	A*
8			
7		Distinction	A
6			
		Merit	B
5			
4		Pass	C
	Level 1		D
3		Distinction	
			E
2		Merit	
			F
1		Pass	
			G

The Key Stage 4 Curriculum

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SCIENCE (2 GCSEs)									
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
ENGLISH (2 GCSEs)								PE	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
MATHS (1 GCSE)							PSHE	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
OPTION 1					OPTION 2				
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
OPTION 3					OPTION 4				

Option Subjects

- Art
- Business
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Modern Foreign Languages (French and Spanish)
- Philosophy, Ethics and Religion
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Product Design (Polymers)
- Psychology
- Sociology



Option Subjects

- Engineering
- Health & Social Care
- Hospitality & Catering
- ICT Creative iMedia
- Music
- Performing Arts



Options Form



Option blocks



Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
Computer Science French Geography History Triple Science Art Business ICT Cambridge Nationals Physical Education	French Geography History Spanish Triple Science Engineering WJEC Award Hospitality and Catering Performing Arts BTEC Philosophy, Ethics and Religion Psychology Sociology	French Geography History Spanish Drama Economics Health and Social Care BTEC Photography Physical Education Psychology	Computer Science Geography History Spanish Art Business Engineering WJEC Award ICT Cambridge Nationals Music Product Design

Option blocks - example



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Options for Double Linguists

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Option blocks – be careful



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Options form

Please choose ONE course from each option block. Path 1 students should choose the full EBacc. Students on paths 2 and 3 must choose at least one EBacc subject.

Option A	
Option B	
Option C	
Option D	

Now take the four options selected above and rank them in order of preference. Number 1 being the choice that is most important to you.

1	
2	
3	
4	

Now choose two reserve options from any block

Reserve 1	
Reserve 2	

If you have been offered path 3 and are choosing to accept it, please tick here.

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If you are able to read, speak and write another language and are planning to take it as an additional GCSE, please write it here.

Selecting Options

One option choice needs to be made from each column

Students on an academic pathway should choose the full EBacc

At least one option must be an EBacc subject

Think carefully about how many subjects are 100% exam in the summer of year 11



Selecting Options



Please read the options booklet carefully about what combinations of subjects are not allowed

Rank your four choices in order of preference

Make two reserve choices which are different to the four you have already chosen

The Options Form

Available from
Friday 26th January

OPTIONS FORM 2024

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
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Student Name		Tutor Group	
Signed - Student			
Signed - Parent/Carer			
Signed - Form Tutor			

Gather good information

- Subject teachers
- Form tutors
- Parents



Pupils should select courses that they will **enjoy** studying

Pupils should be encouraged to follow a **broad and balanced** curriculum

Pupils should choose subjects that are important or essential for a **future career**

Pupils should **opt for the course not the teacher or because of friends**



- Why not have free options rather than four option blocks?
- What if I don't like anything in one of the blocks?
- Why put the same subjects in certain blocks e.g. Computing GCSE alongside Creative iMedia?
- Do pupils have to do what the school recommends?
- Will I get all of my options?
- What will happen if I don't?

What next...?

All options information is on the website under Curriculum, Key Stage 3






Please use the email addresses that are in the booklet to get in touch if you need further help

Students – please bring your options booklets to school tomorrow for PSHE

Year 9 GCSE Options 2024-2026

Our Year 9 Options Evening 2024 will take place on **11th January 5-7pm**.

Please use the links below for further Options information.

-  [GCSE Options Booklet](#)
-  [Curriculum Pathways](#)
-  [English Baccalaureate \(EBACC\)](#)
-  [GCSE Certificate](#)
-  [Vocational Qualifications](#)
- [GCSE Information](#)