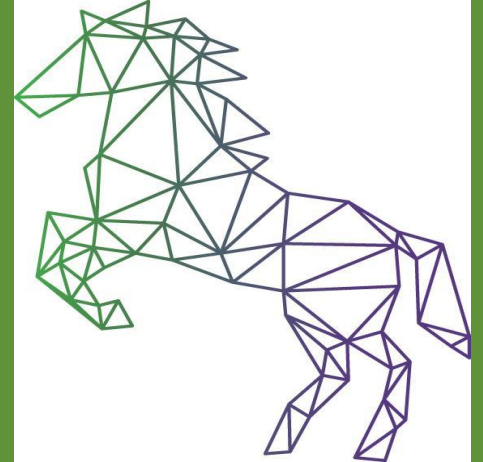


# Welcome to our Year 8 into 9 Options Evening

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
5.30-6.30pm

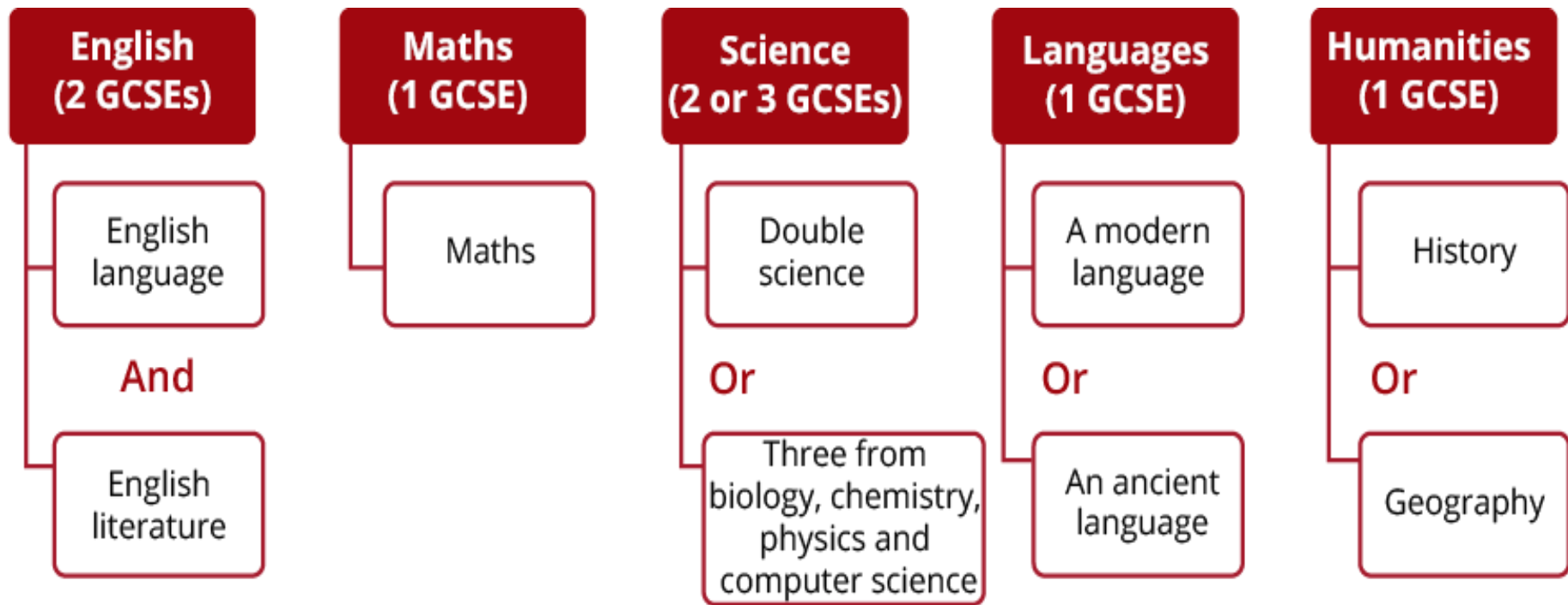


# Why do students pick options for Year 9?

- To enable students to have some say in the curriculum they are taught.
- To ensure that our students select the subjects which will allow them to achieve and progress to the next phase of their education successfully.
- To allow students to continue to study a wide range of subjects, whilst choosing some to focus on in **greater depth**.



# What is the English Baccalaureate (EBacc)?



Most Year 9 students will continue to study all elements of the eBacc.



# What will Students study in Year 9?

All Year 9 students will continue to study the  
**Core Curriculum Offer:**

- English (8 hours)
- Mathematics (8)
- Science (9)
- A language (5)
- History or  
Geography or both

- RS (2)
- PSHCE (1)
- PE (3)
- Core computing (1)

## **Science in Year 9**

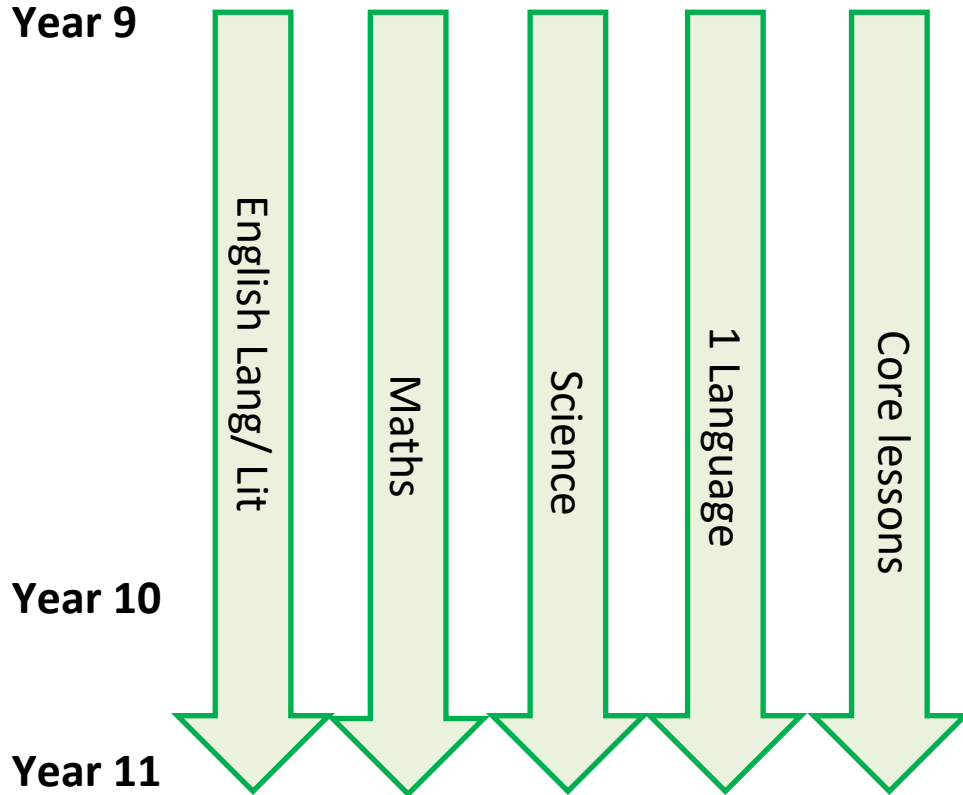
- All students study the same science content in Year 9
- This is taught as separate biology, chemistry and physics lessons
- Students can opt to study separate sciences in Year 10 and 11 (as one of their 2 option choices)

Students then have a number of choices to make.

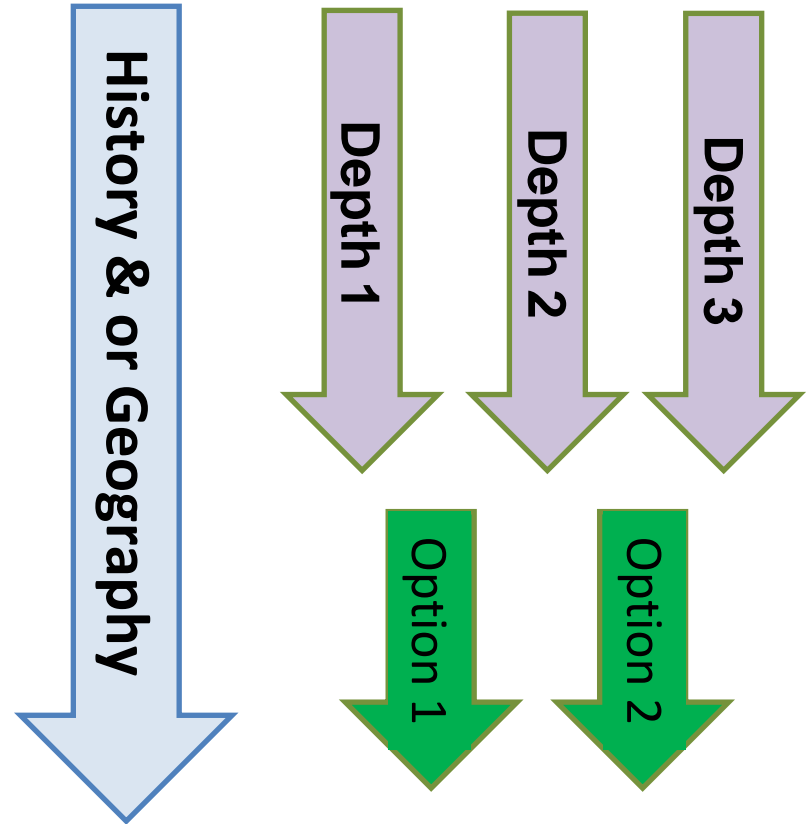


# What will Students study in Year 9?

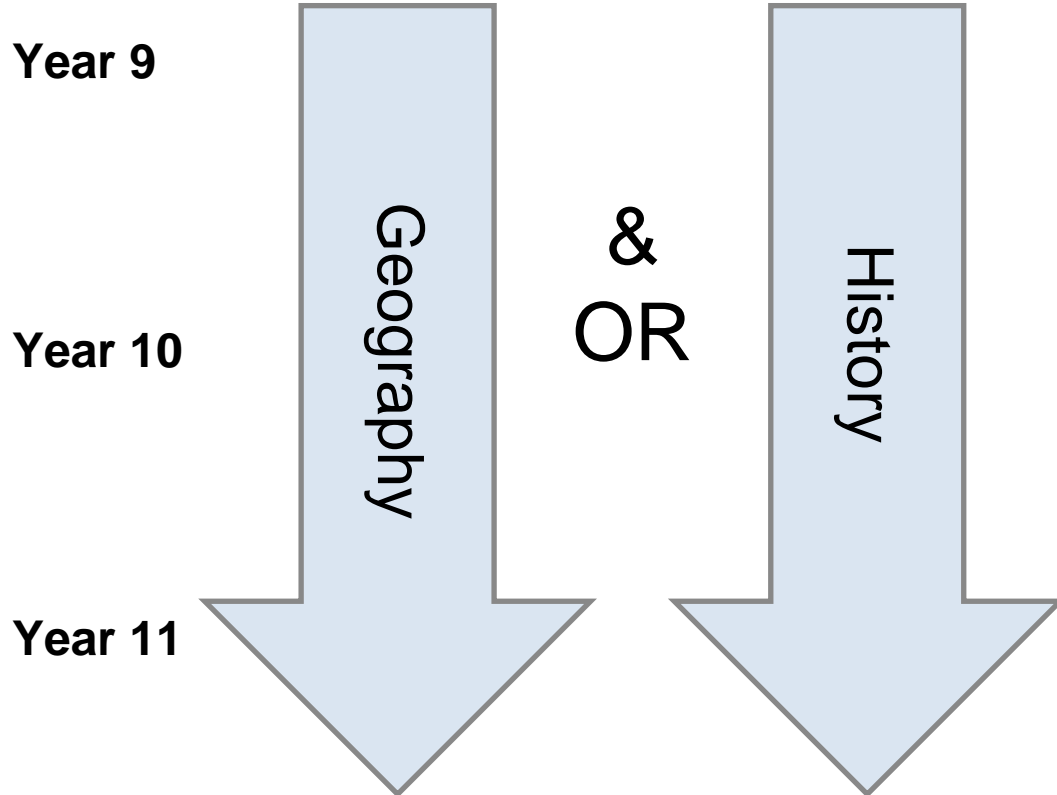
## All students study:-



## Students choose to study:-



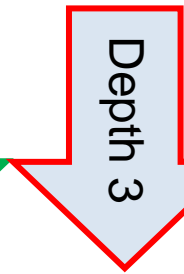
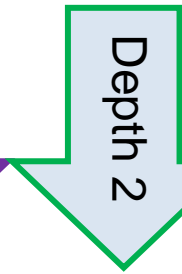
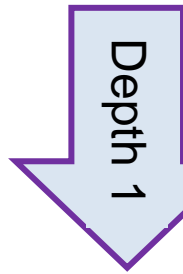
# Choice 1 – The Humanities Option



- Pick either History or Geography to study in more depth in Year 9, for 3 hours per fortnight.
- **All students will continue to study the other subject for one hour per fortnight in Y9 only.**
- If they are considering **both** subjects for GCSE, they must pick Geography as their humanities option and then History as a **depth option**

# Choice 2 – Depth subjects

Students select **3\*** Depth subjects to study next year.  
This will help inform students' final GCSE options chosen whilst in Year 9.



## Depth subjects

Art  
Business  
Computer Science  
Design and Technology  
Drama  
Engineering

## Depth subjects

Food Preparation and Nutrition  
Health and social care  
IT  
Media  
Music

### \* Double Humanities

To allow continuation of both Humanities at GCSE (Geography and history) choose History as a depth option

### \* Mandarin Chinese

Students who take Chinese will only take 2 depth options – Chinese will fill the third option slot



# Examples: Depth options

Student	Humanities & Language	Depth 1	Depth 2	Depth 3	Res
1	History French	Technology	Media	Drama	Food
2	Geography Spanish	History	Business	Engineering	Art
3	History Chinese	Chinese	Computing	Health & Social care	Music

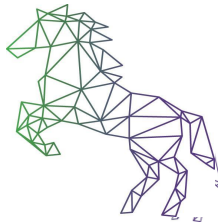




# Supporting them choosing options

## Talk to them – ask them...

- What they currently study and are doing well in
- If they are interested in trying a completely new subject
- Which subjects they currently find enjoyable and interesting
- What their future plans are and if certain subjects will help them get where they want to go...



# Making their Option Choices:

- Check their school email account for emails containing; the options booklet, a guide to accessing Options Online and an individual access code
- Follow the instructions in the email to register with Options Online. <https://www.sims-options.co.uk>
- Choose **1 humanities option** first
- Choose **3 depth subjects + 1 reserve** (Unless they take Chinese – then choose 2 depth + Chinese + 1 reserve)
- Edit their options up until the deadline of **Friday 8th March**



# Options Online – Depth subjects:

You have chosen 1 of 3  courses and 0 of 1  reserves from this list

**Art** Key Stage 3

Reserve

**Chinese** Key Stage 3

Choice

Reserve

**Drama** Key Stage 3

Reserve

**Food Tech.** Key Stage 3

Reserve

**Media** Key Stage 3

Reserve

**Technology** Key Stage 3

Reserve

**Business Studies** Key Stage 3

Reserve

**Comp.St.** Key Stage 3

Reserve

**Engineering** Key Stage 3

Reserve

**History** Key Stage 3

Reserve

**i** This course is also available in Humanitie

**Music** Key Stage 3

Reserve



# Options Online – Dual Humanities:

## Humanities


You will study this choice for three hours per fortnight in Year 9, and continue it into Years 10 and 11. You will still continue with the other humanities subject for one hour per fortnight, but in Year 9 only.

If you would like to continue with both humanities in full at this stage, pick Geography here and select History as a depth option. You can then continue with both in Year 10 if you like, or drop one.

You have chosen 0 of 1  courses from this list

**Geography** Key Stage 3

**History** Key Stage 3

 This course is also available in Depth Subjects



# Options Online – Dual humanities:

## Depth Subjects

You have chosen 0 of 3  courses and 0 of 1  reserves from this list

**Art** Key Stage 3

Reserve

**Business Studies** Key Stage 3

Reserve

**Comp.St.** Key Stage 3

Reserve

**Drama** Key Stage 3

Reserve

**Engineering** Key Stage 3

Reserve

**Food Tech.** Key Stage 3


Reserve

**History** Key Stage 3

Reserve

**Media** Key Stage 3

Reserve

 This course is also available in Humanities

**Music** Key Stage 3

Reserve

**Technology** Key Stage 3

Reserve

Please note a dual Humanities offer will only run if sufficient students select it



# Options Online – Mandarin Chinese:

You have chosen 1 of 3  courses and 0 of 1  reserves from this list

Art Key Stage 3

Reserve

Chinese Key Stage 3

Choice

Reserve

Drama Key Stage 3

Reserve

Food Tech. Key Stage 3

Reserve

Media Key Stage 3

Reserve

Technology Key Stage 3

Reserve

Business Studies Key Stage 3

Reserve

Comp.St. Key Stage 3

Reserve

Engineering Key Stage 3

Reserve

History Key Stage 3

Reserve

**i** This course is also available in Humanitie

Music Key Stage 3

Reserve



# Key Dates and Deadlines

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Mon 3 – Fri 7 February	Year 8 - 9 options assemblies for students (and Option booklet emailed home)
Thursday 6 February	Year 8 Parents' evening (on-line)
Thursday 13 February (5.30 – 6.30pm)	Year 8-9 Options' Support evening
Friday 7 March	Option choices deadline



# Finalising Option Choices:

- **Option choices are NOT on a first come, first served basis.**
- Once all students have input their choices we will construct the 3 depth option blocks
- **MOST students will hopefully receive their first 3 choices but we cannot guarantee this unfortunately**
- Some students may need their reserve choice allocating – if this is the case, students will be spoken to individually
- All students will receive an email prior to the **Easter holiday** with their final subject allocations
- **If a subject is no longer running we will contact you**





# Support after this evening

- If you have a question regarding option choices, please e-mail **[info@horsforthschool.org](mailto:info@horsforthschool.org)** marked **FAO Mrs Wright**
- If you can't log on to options online, please e-mail **[datateam@horsforthschool.org](mailto:datateam@horsforthschool.org)** for technical support.
- All emails will be sent to the students' school email address – they must use this and their school account to access the Options on-line programme

**Please note:** the options on-line form has a tick box for parental approval at the bottom – this is disabled – you do not need to tick this



# Support this evening

- **Mrs Wright, Mrs Comiskey** will be available in the hall all evening to answer general questions
- **Subject leaders** will be at Subject Stalls to answer questions and give general course information (Please note that they are not available to give individual student progress feedback tonight) – **they will be available until 6.30pm**
- **Mr Wilson** (Assistant Headteacher), **Mr Maxwell** (Year co-ordinator – Y9) and **Mrs Warne** (SENDSCO) are available in the main entrance / library to give careers and general options advice



# Support this evening – Subject Stalls

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Curriculum Leader</b>	<b>Room</b>
<b>Art</b>	Mr Questa	Paint
<b>Business</b>	Mr Green	Business
<b>Computer Studies</b>	Mr Hood	ELC
<b>Drama</b>	Mrs Kendal	Drama Studio 1
<b>Engineering</b>	Mr Dillon	Engineering
<b>Food</b>	Mrs Mayo	FT2
<b>Geography</b>	Mr Heaton	G2
<b>Health &amp; Social Care</b>	Miss Broughton	JB5
<b>History</b>	Mr Miles	H2
<b>Information Technology</b>	Mr Emmet	ELC
<b>Media</b>	Mrs Watkins	JB4
<b>Music</b>	Mr Denson	Mu2
<b>Technology</b>	Mr Panther	DT1

