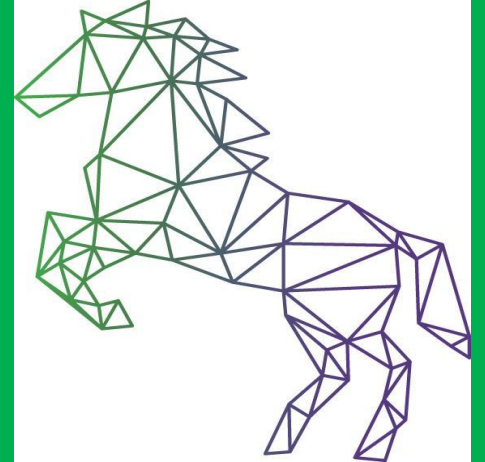


Welcome to our Year 9 into 10 Options Evening

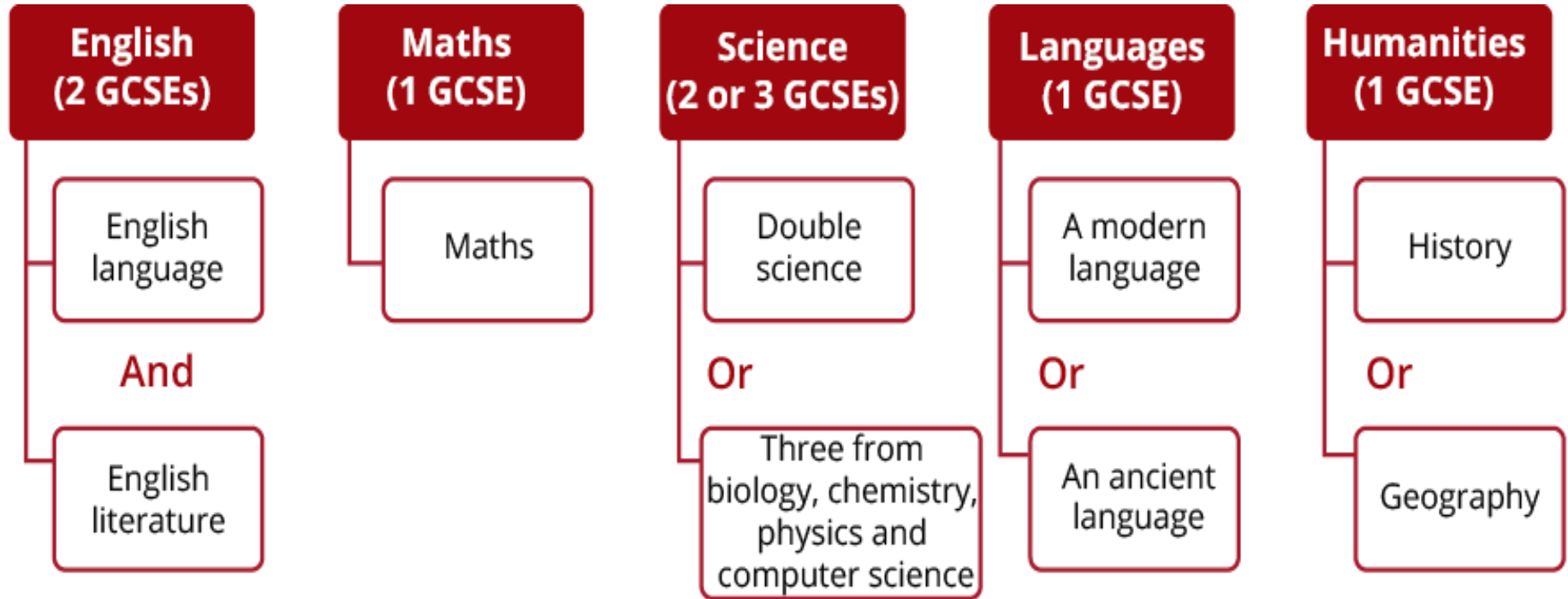
Thursday 13th February 2025
6.45-7.45pm



Why do students pick options for Year 10?

- 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 specialise and dedicate their time to subjects relevant to their chosen pathways.

What is the English Baccalaureate (EBacc)?



In Year 10, most students will continue to study all elements of the eBacc.

What will Students study in Year 10?

All students will continue to study the
Core Curriculum Offer:

- English – Lit and Lang (10 hours)
- Mathematics (8)
- **Science (9)**
- **A language (5)**
- **History or Geography (5)**
- PE core (2)
- PSHCE (1)

All students will also
choose **2 Option
subjects:**

- **Option 1 (5)**
- **Option 2 (5)**

This options process is only about students choosing 2 subjects (plus 1 reserve) from this list to study in Years 10 and 11

Option Subjects on Offer 2025-27

- Art (GCSE)
- Business Studies (GCSE or BTEC)*
- Computer studies (GCSE)
- Drama (GCSE)
- Engineering (BTEC)
- Food Tech (GCSE)
- Health and Social Care (BTEC)
- IT (BTEC)
- Media (GCSE)
- Music (GCSE)
- PE (GCSE or BTEC)*
- Photography (GCSE)
- Religious studies (GCSE)
- Technology (GCSE)
- Triple Science (plus Statistics) (GCSE)

Students choose 2
subjects
(plus 1 reserve)
from this list to study in
Years 10 and 11

* Students should discuss which pathway would best suit their learning and assessment styles with the PE or Business Studies staff.

Both courses allow progression into our Sixth Form to study these subjects at Level 3 / A level.

Which Qualification???

GCSE

- Graded 9-1
- More challenging content – leads to sixth from entry
- Less or no coursework/controlled assessment
- More exams, mostly at the end of the course

BTEC

- Graded Pass / Merit / Distinction
- Recognised by employers and leads to sixth form entry
- More coursework and internal exams
- Fewer external exams at the end of the course

GCSE Grade	1 (G)	2 (F)	3 (E)	4 (D)	5 (C)	6 (B)	7 (A)	8 (A*)	9 (^10%)
BTEC Grade	Level 1 Pass	Level 1 Merit	Level 1 Distinction	Level 2 Pass (4 - 5.5)		Level 2 Merit (5.5 - 7)		Level 2 Distinction (7 - 8.5)	Level 2 D* (8.5)

Science Options in Year 10

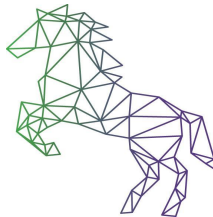
- All Year 10 and 11 students will study for a Combined Science Award and will gain 2 GCSE Science grades.

Unless:

- They select Triple Science (3 GCSEs in; Biology, Chemistry and Physics) as 1 of their 2 option choices

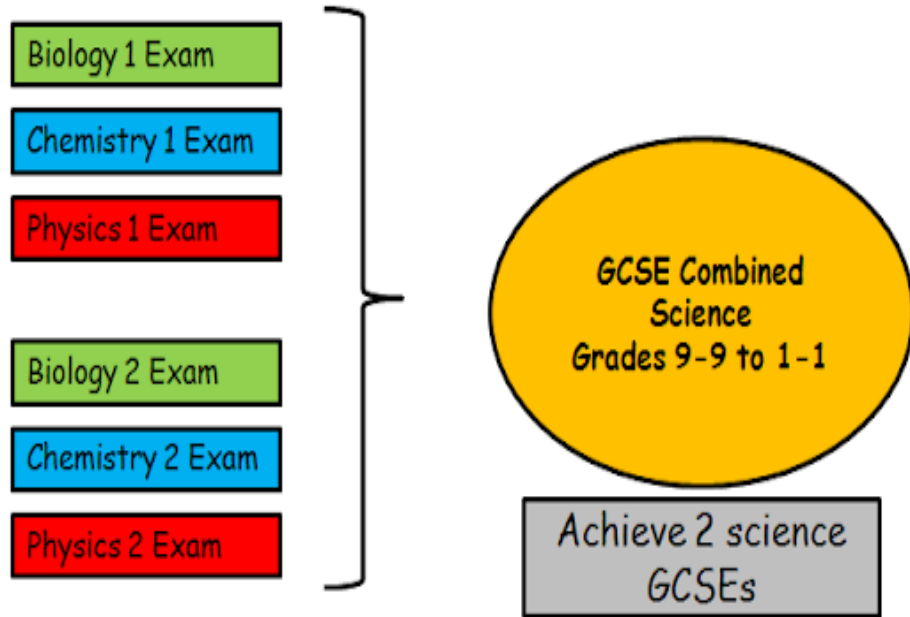
Please note:

- Students choosing this option will have to study for a **GCSE in Statistics in Year 10** and then use the additional time in Year 11 to complete their Triple Science qualification
- Acceptance onto this option course will be determined by prior attainment in Science. **This is a guided option choice.**

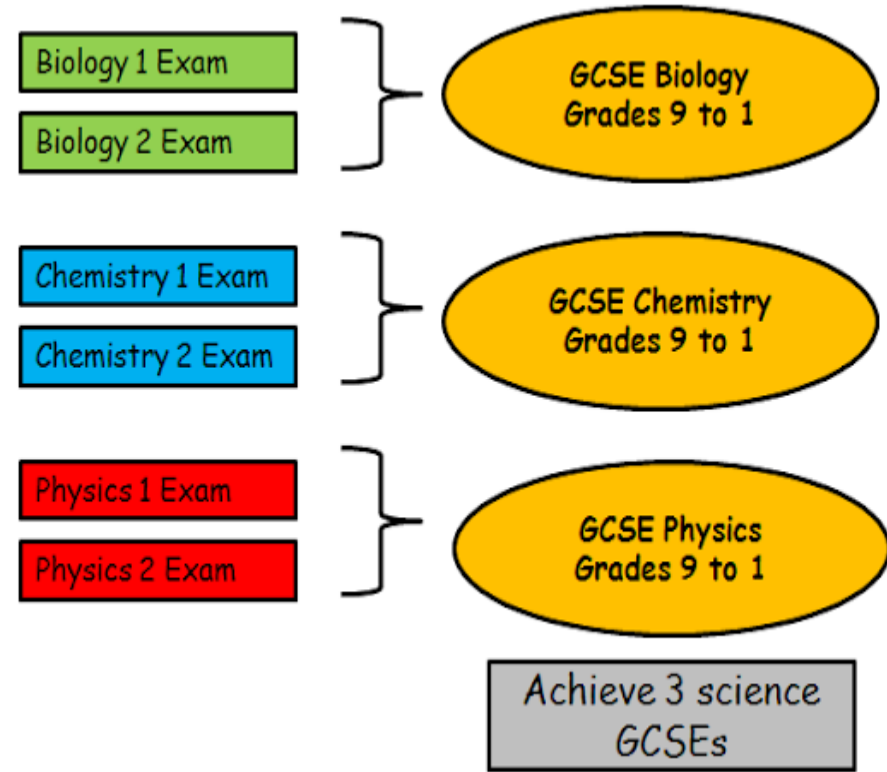


Science Options in Year 10

Combined Science

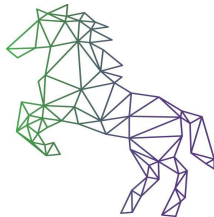


Triple Science



Humanities Options in Year 10

- Most Year 9 students are currently studying one major humanities subject (3 hours) and 1 minor humanities subject (1 hour) – chosen in Year 8
- They must continue with their major (GCSE) subject in Years 10 and 11 and will drop the minor subject completely.
- They do not need to complete an options process to do this.
- A few students chose to continue with both humanities subjects in Year 9
- These students need to complete an extra options choice saying which one they would like to continue with at GCSE.
- If they want to continue with both, they must pick Geography as their humanities option and History as one of their 2 option subject choices.



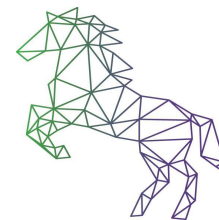
When choosing options, ask them to consider...

- The depth options they are studying.
- Something that we are offering that is new to them*
- Subjects they enjoy and find interesting
- Their favoured learning and assessment styles when selecting either BTEC or GCSE
- Their latest progress review report (ATL etc)

* Some subjects MUST have been studied in Year 9 as a Depth option to choose them in Year 10 – ask at the subject stalls tonight if you want to know more

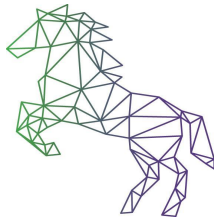
Encourage them not choose options because...

- Their friends are choosing it
- They like a particular teacher
- They think it will be easy



Making Option Choices – Options online

- Most students should be able to access the options online system already (they used it in Year 8 to make Depth choices)
- They have all received an email with a link to the system and guidance on how to make their choices via their school email
- They have also been emailed the options booklet
- All students need to make **2 option choices and 1 reserve.**
- Students can edit choices online until the deadline
(Friday 7 March)
- Tutor time support will be given before the deadline



Making Option Choices – Options online

Option Choice

You have chosen courses and reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Business Studies BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Business Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Comp.St. GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Engineering BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Food Tech. GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	H & S BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Info. Tech BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Media GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Maths Stats GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
P.E. BTEC Award Level 2	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	P.E. GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Photograph GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Religious Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	<input type="button" value="Reserve"/>		

Making Option Choices – Options online

History or Geography

You are currently studying both History and Geography for 3 hours per fortnight. Please indicate below which one you would like to continue with in Years 10 and 11 to GCSE. (If you would like to continue both, select Geography here and History as an option choice below)

You have chosen courses from this list

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

i This course is also available in Options H

Business BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2

Reserve

Computer Science
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Engineering
BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2

Reserve

French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Food Prep and Nutrition
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

i This course is also available in History or Geography

Health and Social Care
BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2

Reserve

Students will only be able to see this section of the on-line form if they opted for both History AND Geography when choosing humanities options in Year 9

Key Dates and Deadlines

Date	Event
Mon 10 – Fri 14 February	Year 9 - 10 options assemblies for students (and Option booklet emailed)
Thursday 13 February (6.45 – 7.45pm)	Year 9 - 10 Options' Support evening
Thursday 27 February	Year 9 Parents' evening (on-line)
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 2 option blocks
- **MOST students will hopefully receive their first 2 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 email **info@horsforthschool.org** marked **FAO Mrs Wright**
- If they can't log on to options online, please email **datateam@horsforthschool.org** for technical support.



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 Maxwell** (Year co-ordinator), **Mr Wilson** (leadership Link for Y9) and **Mrs Warne** (SENDSCO) are available in the main reception / library to give careers and general options advice



Support this evening – Subject Stalls

Subject	Curriculum Leader	Room
Art / Photography (GCSE)	Mr Questa	Paint
Business (BTEC and GCSE)	Mr Green	Business
Computer Studies (GCSE)	Mr Hood	ELC
Drama (GCSE)	Mrs Kendal	Drama Studio 1
Engineering (BTEC)	Mr Dillon	Engineering
Food & Nutrition (GCSE)	Mrs Mayo	FT2
Health & Social Care (BTEC)	Miss Broughton	JB5
IT (BTEC)	Mr Emmet	ELC
Media (GCSE)	Mrs Watkins	JB4
Music (GCSE)	Mr Denson	Mu2
PE (GCSE)	Mr Grannon	G2
Religious Studies (GCSE)	Mrs Gledhill	RE2
Science (Triple) (GCSE)	Mr Weedy	Sc3
Sport (BTEC)	Mr Grannon	G2
Technology (GCSE)	Mr Panther	DT1

