

# Year 9 Options



Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018



# The new GCSEs



- A new grading scale of 9 to 1, with 9 being the top grade.
- Allows greater differentiation between students and distinguishes the new GCSEs from previous versions.
- Assessment mainly by exam
- More demanding content
- Courses are designed for two years of study – no longer modular
- Exams only split into 'foundation tier' and 'higher tier' in Maths and Science

Old KS3 Levels	Old Letter GCSE Grades	New Number Grades
10	A*1	9
9	A*2 A*3	8
8a 8b	A1 A2 A3	7
8c 7a	B1 B2	6
7b 7c	B3 C1	5
6a 6b 6c	C2 C3	4
5a 5b	D1 D2 D3	3
5c 4a 4b	E1 E2 E3	2
4c 3a 3b	F / G	1
3c		



## New Grading System

achieving **more** together

## The 'Core' Subjects



Maths	1 GCSE
English	2 GCSEs
Science	2 or 3 GCSEs
RE	1 GCSE
PE	No qualification (unless you take the GCSE as an option)
PHSCE	No qualification

# ENGLISH BACCALAUREATE



- A set of subjects that the government has prioritised as being the academic foundation subjects
- English, Maths, Science, History and/or Geography and a Foreign Language
- **Why bother?**
  - **Studying a language keeps cognitive development in a particular academic discipline**
  - **Advantage for some universities**
  - **Career routes and opportunities**

# 'CORE PLUS'



You have four choices but you need to do at least one of the following within your four:

- French
- Geography
- History
- Computing
- Spanish



## The Booklet

- Key information on the process
- Contains the key dates and guidance
- Key contacts
- Information about each course available

## YEAR 9 OPTIONS FORM

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

You must choose at least one of the subjects in bold, and you can choose more than one of these. If you want to fulfil the Ebacc criteria, you need to take History and/or Geography plus French or Spanish. Number your choices 1-6 (1 being your priority and 5&6 being your reserves).

SUBJECT	No.	SUBJECT	No.
Art and Design		<b>Geography</b>	
Art Textiles		<b>History</b>	
Business		Media Studies	
CACHE Childcare (Level 2)		Music	
<b>Computer Science</b>		PE	
Drama		Photography	
Engineering		Product Design	
Food		<b>Spanish</b>	
<b>French</b>			
<b>DOUBLE OPTIONS</b>			
These count as two of your four options; label with two numbers (e.g. '1&2'); you can only take one double option.			
BTEC Construction			
Hair & Beauty Studies Level 2			
Vocational Skills Course			



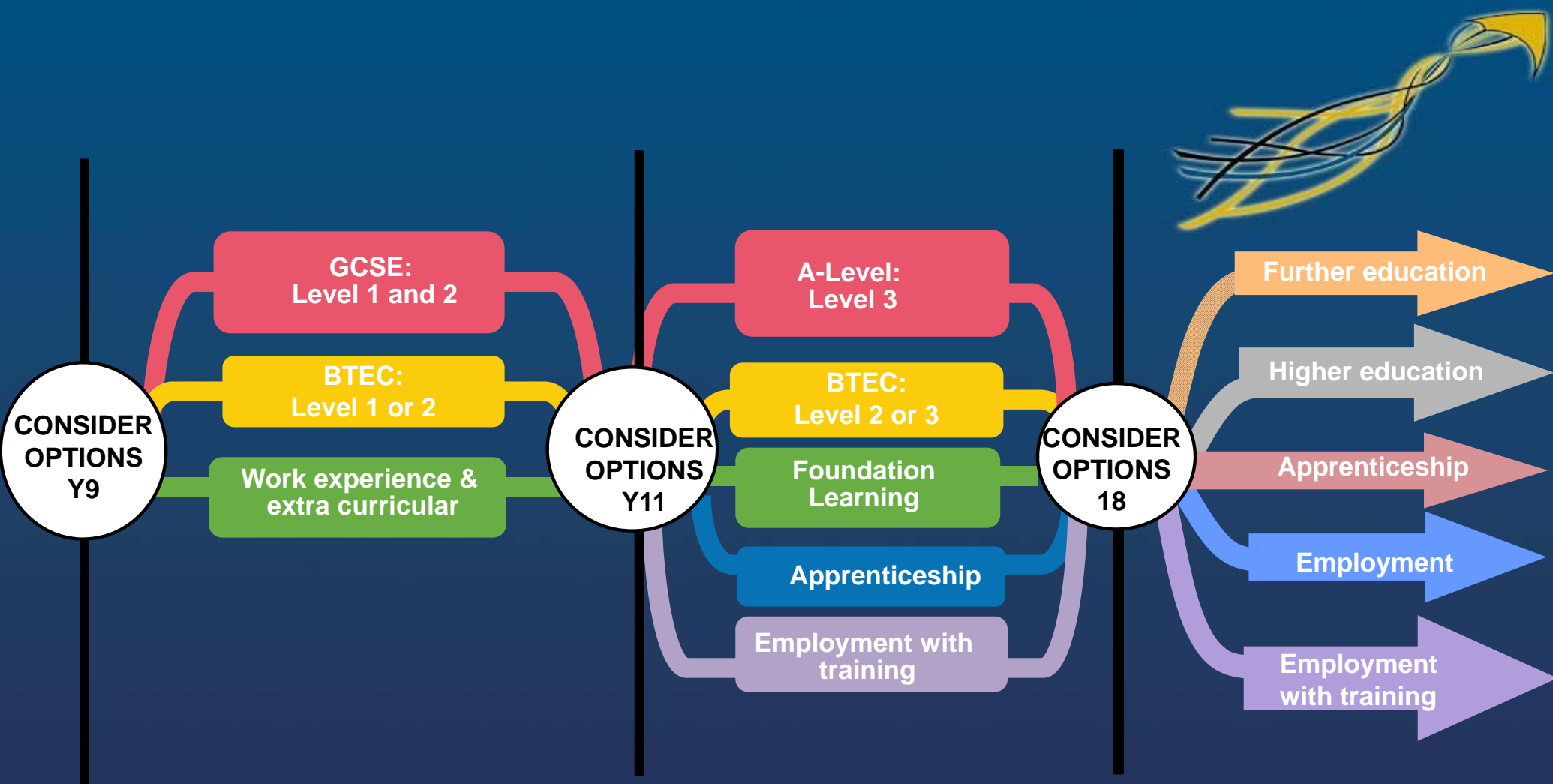




## So, what to pick?

- ✓ Tip 1: What are you good at?
- ✓ Tip 2: What do you enjoy?
- ✓ Tip 3: Do you have an idea of what you want to do or be in the future?
- ✓ Tip 4: How do you prefer to learn and be assessed?

*Don't worry about what your friends are choosing or who the teacher is!*



# Core PE Choices



- Sports leadership and performance:
  - Involves Level 1 JSLA award. Compulsory for those who do GCSE PE
- Healthy Active Lifestyles
  - Involves fitness and developing a healthy, active lifestyle
- Lifelong Sport
  - Suitable for those who enjoy team and individual sports

*Read the booklet and talk to your PE teacher*

# GCSE Science



- Not part of the options process
  - Students have started the GCSE work already and do either the Separate Science (3 GCSEs) or Trilogy Science (2 GCSEs)
- In Years 10 and 11, students doing the Separate Sciences will have one extra lesson a week, running 3.20-4.20
  - This is necessary to cover the course and maintain students breadth and four options

*Do discuss with one of the science team*

## KEY DATES: The Process

Thu 1 FEB:

Year 9 Options Evening

Fri 2 FEB – Fri 23 FEB:

All students attend interview to discuss choices  
Parents are invited to attend if they are available

Mon 26 FEB:

Deadline for Options forms to be handed in

MAR – APR:

Any concerns or issues with choices analysed  
Some students may attend further discussion meetings

JUN:

Letters confirming choices sent home

## What now?

- Book appointment at rear of hall
- Tour subject stands
- Talk to staff and students
- Students confirm their choices at their interview: Parents are more than welcome to attend if they can, but don't have to



*Please get in touch if you are unsure or wish to discuss options further*

# APPOINTMENTS



## SURNAMES BEGIINING WITH:

- A-E: 6.20-6.35
- F-J: 6.35-6.50
- K-N: 6.50-7.05
- M-R: 7.05-7.20
- S-Z: 7.20-7.35

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ROOM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
Art and Design	A1 & A3	Hair & Beauty	E2
Business	G2	History	H2
SENCO Advice	E2	Mathematics	E5
Child Care	E8	Media Studies	E9/Media
Computing	IT4	Music	Mu2
Construction	T3	Photography	A1 + A3
Drama	Drama Studio	Physical Education	E3
Engineering	T3	RE	G1
English	E7	Product Design	T3
Food	T4	Sciences	E5
French	E1	Spanish	E1
Geography	G1	Textiles	T4
		Vocational Skills	G4

