



# Options

## Key Stage 4 Curriculum



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# College Vision

We are a College that strives for  
**academic excellence,**  
**develops character** and provides  
**exceptional opportunities**  
for all.



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# Objectives

- Understand the options process
- View options available
- Find out how to apply
- Look beyond Year 11





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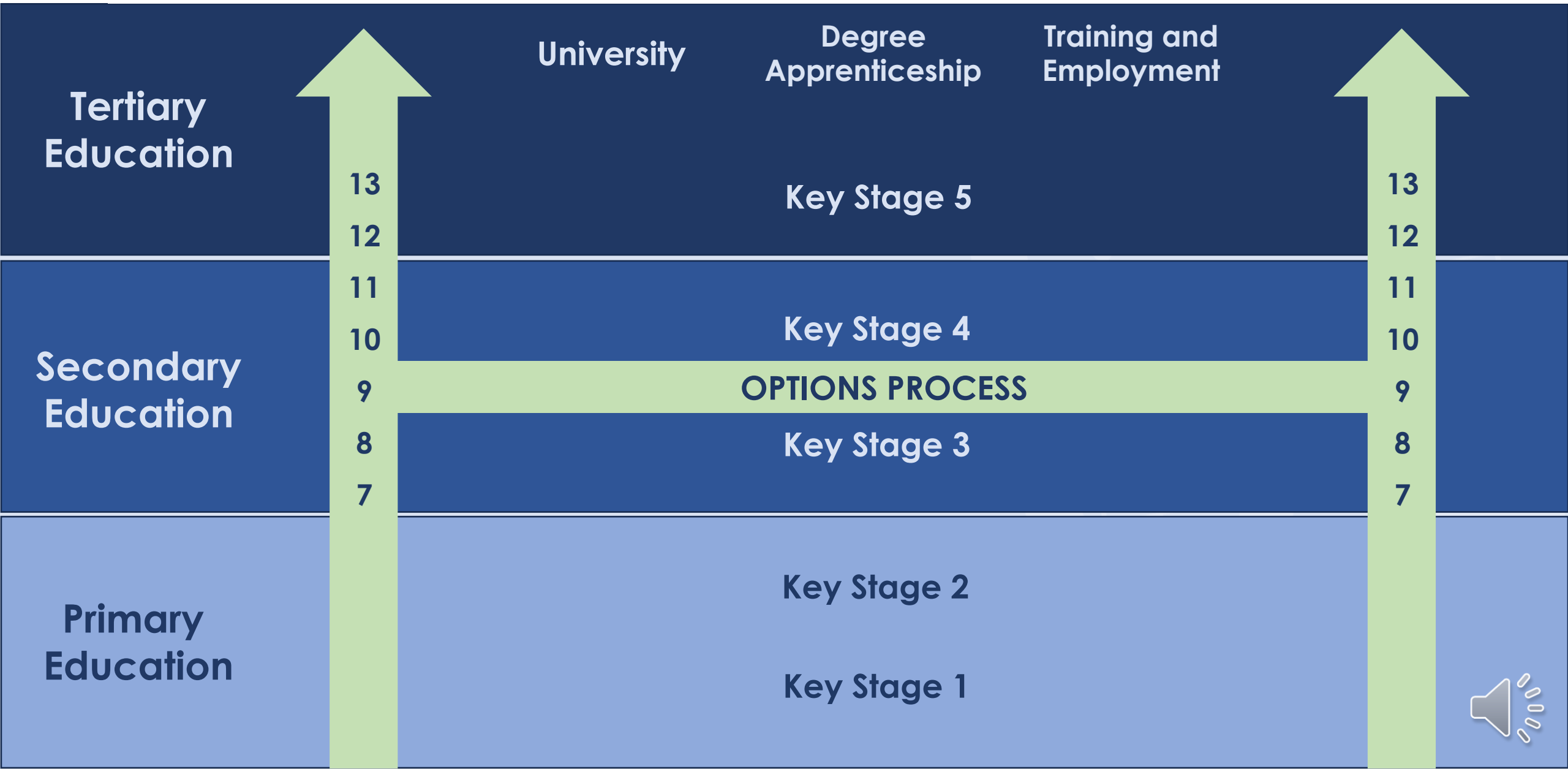
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# Your Academic Journey



# Your Key Stage 4 Curriculum

- **Nine Level 2 GCSE or equivalent Qualifications**
- Personal Development Curriculum
- Physical Education (PE)
- Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PHSE)
- Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)
- Religious Education (RE)
- Enrichment Opportunities
- Careers Advice, Guidance and Work Experience



# GCSE – (9-1)

New GCSE Grades	Old GCSE Grade
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	
5	B
4	
3	C
2	
1	D
	E
	F
	G
U	U



# BTEC - Vocational

BTEC Grade	GCSE Grade Equivalent
Level 2 Distinction *	8.5
Level 2 Distinction	7
Level 2 Merit	5.5
Level 2 Pass	4
Level 1 Distinction	3
Level 1 Merit	2
Level 1 Pass	1.25
Fail	U





# Year 9 Options Process - 3 Stages

1. **Decision** - Which options you would like?
2. **Selection** - Applica online
3. **Allocation** – Informed by College of your allocations



# Stage 1 - Decide

## Step 1 - Core Subjects

All students study:

- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature



## Step 2 - Science Pathway

Make one selection:

- GCSE Combined Science (two GCSEs) or
- GCSE Separate Sciences (three GCSEs)

*(Assessments during Year 9 will inform the selection process for separate science allocation.)*



## Step 3 - Humanities Pathway

Make one selection:

- GCSE Geography
- GCSE History
- GCSE Geography and GCSE History



## Step 4 - Languages Pathway

Make one selection

- GCSE Spanish or
- GCSE French or
- No GCSE Language



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Choice 3 _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choice 4 (reserve) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Step 5 - Guided Subjects

Select up to 5.

- Creative Arts**
- GCSE Art and Design (Art, Design and Craft) or
  - GCSE Art and Design (Fashion and Textiles) or
  - GCSE Art and Design (3D Design)
- You can also choose:
- GCSE Art and Design (Photography)

### Performing Arts

- GCSE Drama or
  - BTEC Tech Award - Performing Arts (Dance)
- You can also choose:
- GCSE Dance
  - GCSE Music

### Human Sciences

- GCSE Sociology or
  - GCSE Psychology
- You can also choose:
- GCSE Religious Studies
  - BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care
  - BTEC Tech Award In Child Development

### Professional Subjects

- GCSE Business or
  - BTEC Tech Award in Business Enterprise
- You can also choose:
- GCSE Economics
  - GCSE Statistics
  - GCSE Media Studies

### Technology

- GCSE Design and Technology
- GCSE Food and Nutrition
- GCSE Computer Science

### Physical Education

- GCSE Physical Education or
- Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Studies





# Step 1 - Core Subjects

- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature





# Step 2 - Science Pathway

- GCSE Combined Science (2 GCSEs) **or**
- GCSE Separate Sciences (3 GCSEs)



# Science - Combined vs Separate?

- Lead to Science Advanced Level Pathways
  - (Grade 6 required)
- Separate Science available to engaged students only
  - Students' Year 9 assessments
  - Educake completion and attainment
  - End of Unit tests
  - Progress reports



# Science - Combined vs Separate?

Combined Science	Separate Science
Worth 2 GCSEs	Worth 3 GCSEs
Can select 4 other qualifications	Can select 3 other qualifications
2 GCSE Grades <i>e.g. 6-7; 6-6; 4-5</i>	3 Grades <i>e.g. Biology 8; Chem 7; Physics 9</i>
9 Hours per fortnight	14 Hours per fortnight
Specialist Teachers	Specialist Teachers
Available to all	Available to those selected based on assessment and commitment





# Step 3 - Humanities Pathway

- GCSE History **or**
- GCSE Geography **or**
- GCSE Geography **and** GCSE History





# Step 4 - Languages Pathway

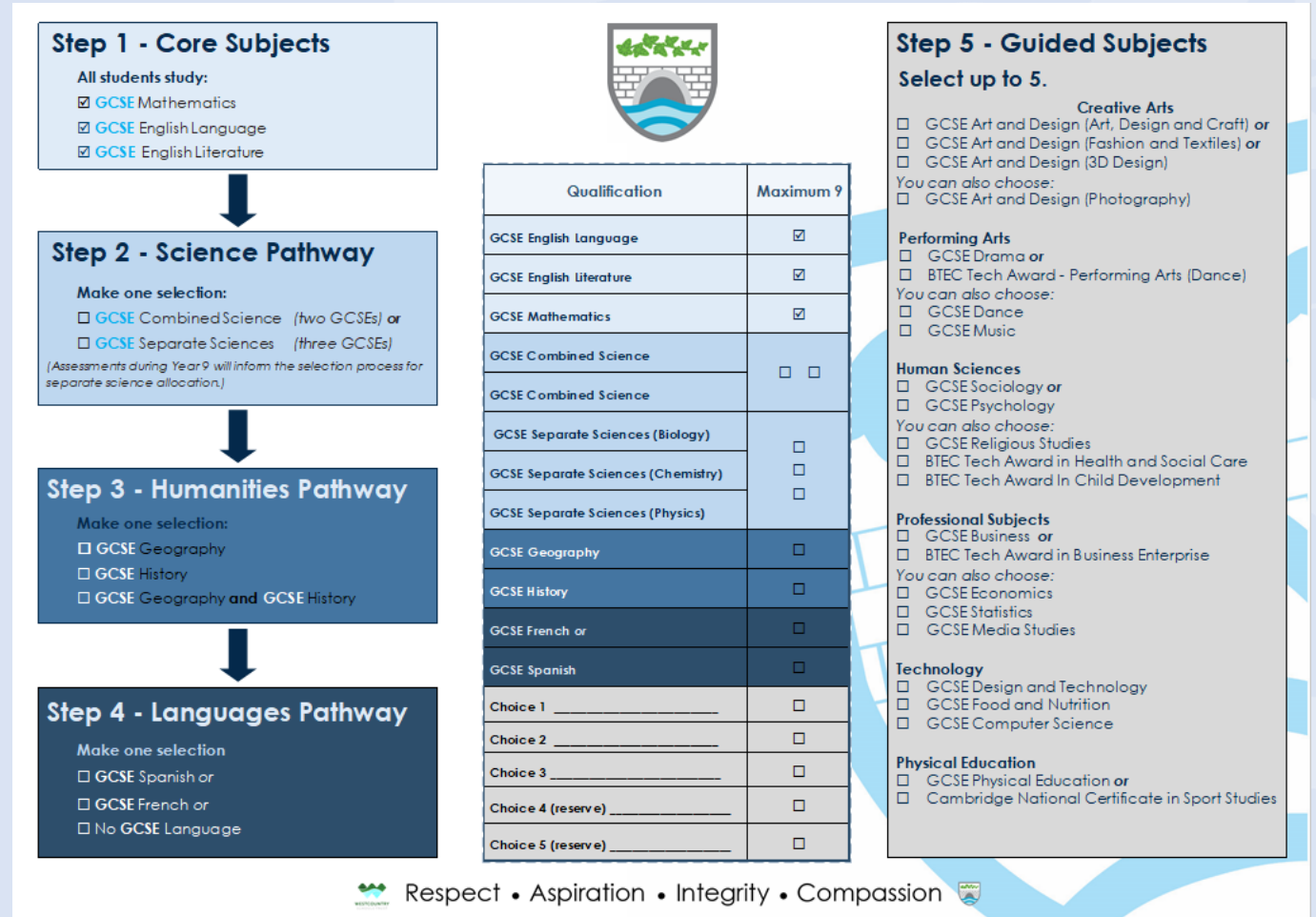
- GCSE French **or**
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# Full English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Biology
- GCSE Chemistry
- GCSE Physics
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE History
- GCSE French



# Step 5 - 23 Guided Subjects

3D Design  
Art and Design  
Business Studies  
Business Enterprise  
Child Development  
Computer Science  
Dance  
Design Technology  
Drama  
Economics  
Fashion and Textiles  
Food and Nutrition  
Health and Social Care  
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Psychology  
Religious Studies  
Sociology  
Sports Studies  
Statistics



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- BTEC Child Development
- GCSE Psychology
- GCSE Art and Design (Fashion and Textiles)
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- GCSE Mathematics
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- GCSE Separate Science - Chemistry
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- GCSE Economics
- GCSE Business Studies
- BTEC Health and Social Care



# Student C

- GCSE Mathematics
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  - GCSE English Literature
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# Student D

- GCSE Mathematics
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- GCSE Media Studies
- GCSE Music
- GCSE Dance



# Student E

- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Combined Science
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- GCSE Photography
- GCSE Art & Design (Art, Design and Craft)
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# Advice for making your options

- Do what you love
- Do what you're good at
- Do what you think you're going to need
- Do your research
- Don't pick because your friends have
- Don't pick because of the teacher





# Helping Your Decision

- Year 9 Options Evening
- Tutor Taster Sessions
  - Sociology/Psychology
  - Media
  - Health and Social Care
  - Child Development
  - Business Studies/ Economics
- Languages advice session
- Subject Teacher
- Tutor
- If required – 1-2-1 IAG with Senior Leader



# Key Dates - Selection

- **Thursday 23 January:** Year 9 Parents' Evening. Advice on how to book a 1-1 meeting with a member of the Leadership Team will be sent to you.
- **Thursday 23 January:** Applicaa Online opens
- **Thursday 30 January:** Applicaa Online closes

