



Year 9 Options Information Evening 2024

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Options Parent Talk will take place at the following times on the **Green Steps**.

5pm

6pm

6:45pm



Assessment

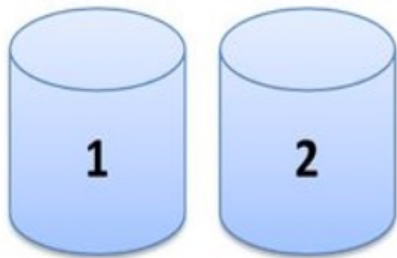
When looking at the new grading system bear in mind that:

- **Grade 5:** A "strong pass"
- **Grade 4:** A "standard pass"
- **Grade 9:** Top % of students nationally
- **Below Grade 4:** still "passes", but not enough to get you onto level 3 courses (e.g. A Levels and Level 3 BTECs/T-Levels).
- Every grade counts as a GCSE.

Level Equivalent	New Grade	Previous Grade
Level 2 equivalent	9	A*
	8	A
	7	B
	6	C
	5 Strong pass 4 Standard pass	
Level 1 equivalent	3	D
	2	E
	1	F
		G
	U	U

Progress 8

Progress 8 measure



English

Double-weighted*

Maths

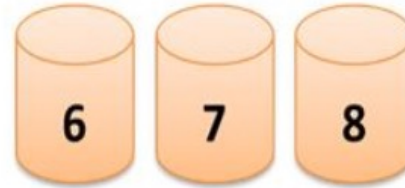
Double-weighted

**Higher score of English Language or English Literature double-weighted if a student has taken both qualifications*



EBacc qualifications

(sciences, computer science, geography, history and languages)



'Open group'

Remaining EBacc qualifications and other approved qualifications

(GCSEs and other approved academic, arts or vocational qualifications)

Option 5 to 8 is for you to choose.

What is EBACC?

EBACC subjects are subjects where they can keep future employment and further education options more open.

French

Geography

History

Spanish

Computer
Science

What is the difference between a GCSE and a BTEC?

GCSE	BTEC
Made up of examinations (could be 2 different papers).	More vocational approach (a focus on careers)
Might have small elements of coursework included in them which make up a small percentage of the GCSE.	Mostly coursework based, completed within assessment windows.
Exams cannot be re-taken.	Opportunities to resubmit assessments in the next assessment window.
Exams are normally taken at the end of year 11.	

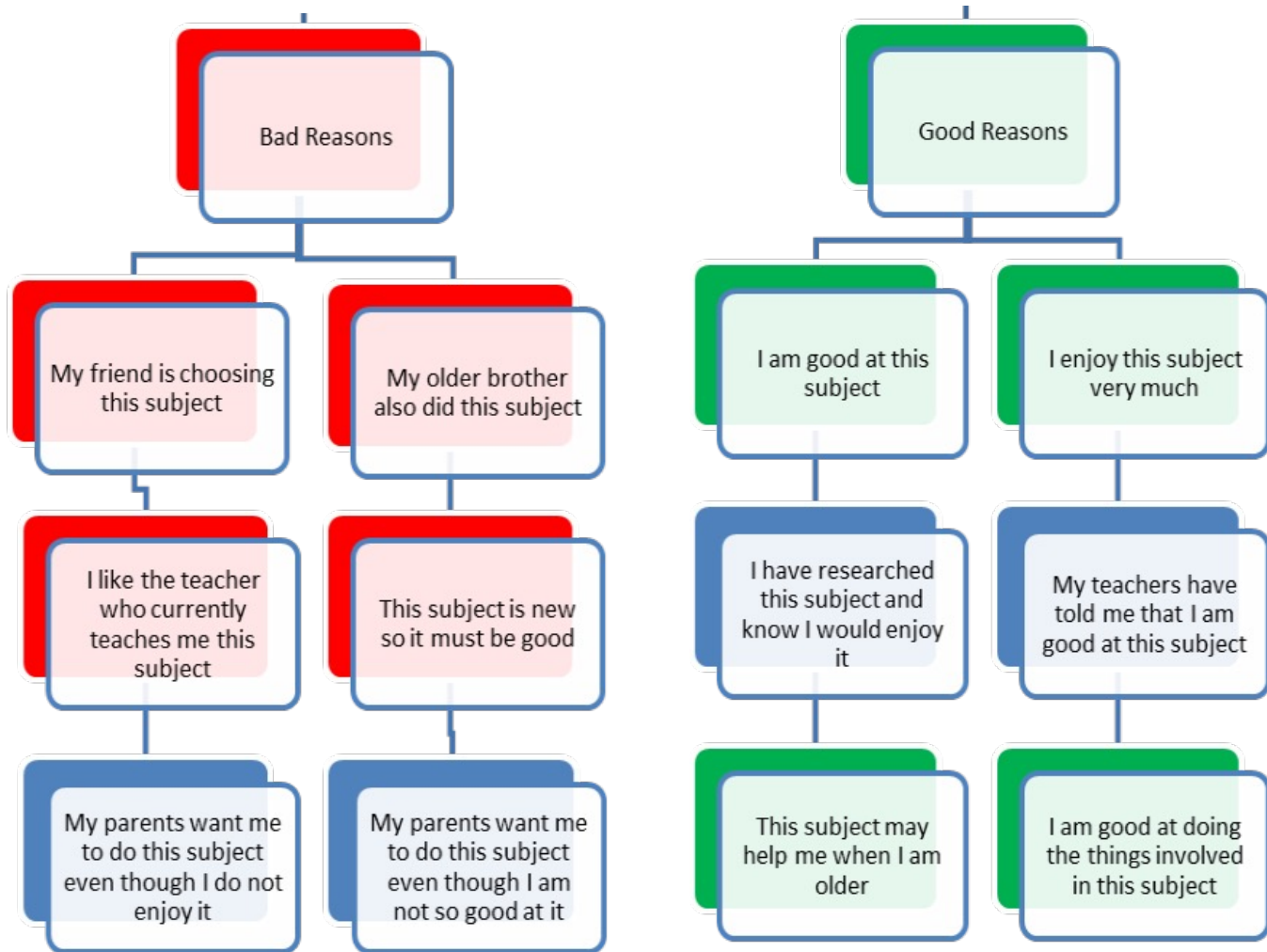
Level / Qualification Grade	Grade Equivalent
Level 2 / Distinction*	8.5
Level 2 / Distinction	7
Level 2 / Merit	5.5
Level 2 / Pass	4
Level 1 / Distinction	3
Level 1 / Merit	2
Level 1 / Pass	1.25

BTEC Results and Success

Subject	Progress 8 Score (2022)
BTEC Dance	0.11
BTEC Health & Social Care	0.61
BTEC Music	1.75
BTEC Sport	1.93
BTEC Travel & Tourism	0.82



Making the Right Choices



The Options Process



Term 3

Options assembly
Week commencing 29th Jan

Mock option choices
Week commencing 5th Feb

Options information evening
Thursday 8th February

Google classroom and video launch –
options shared with students and parents

Y9 mid-year assessments



Term 4

Options experience week
Week commencing 26th Feb

Pathways day
TBC

CLF Year 9 Raising Aspirations Day
Wednesday 6th March

Options form deadline
Friday 22nd March

1:1 meetings with staff

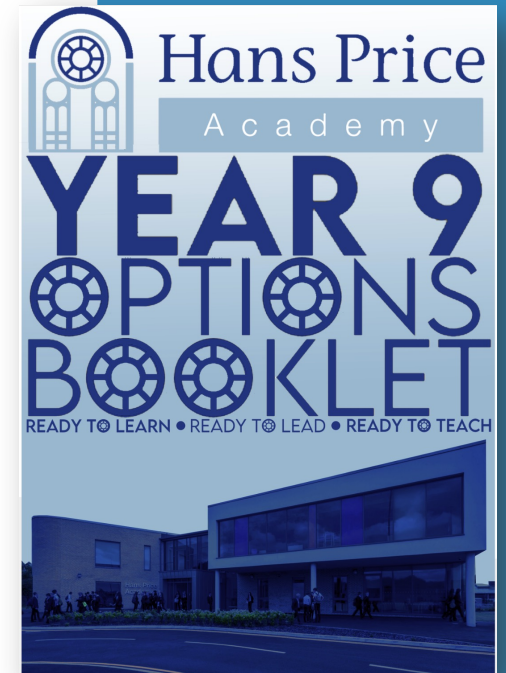


Term 5

Alterations made if necessary

Year 9 parent evening
Thursday 2nd May 2024

Students receive confirmation of option
choices



What subjects are compulsory?

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

English Language + English Literature - 5 lessons a week

Mathematics - 5 lessons a week

Double Science - 5 lessons a week

Core PE - 1 double a week

Option Subjects - 1 double and 1 single lesson a week



What choices are optional?

4 optional subjects:

- At least 1 must be an EBacc.
- At least 1 should be a BTEC.
- Plus 2 other options.
- Plus 2 reserves.

EBACC
Computer Science
History
Geography
Spanish
French

BTEC Option
BTEC Travel and Tourism
BTEC Creative Media
BTEC Dance
BTEC Sport
BTEC Health and Social Care
BTEC Music

2 other options + 2 reserve
Art
BTEC Travel and Tourism
BTEC Creative Media
BTEC Dance
Drama
Religious Studies
BTEC Music
BTEC Sport
BTEC Health and Social Care
Design and Technology
Food Preparation and Nutrition
Statistics
Computer Science
History
Geography
Spanish
French



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How will students select their options?

Students will complete a Google Form asking them to select the following:



Select 1 Ebacc Option	Select 1 BTEC Option	Select your 1st favourite option	Select your 2nd favourite option	Select your 1st reserve option	Select your 2nd reserve option
Computer Science	BTEC Travel and Tourism	Art	Art	Art	Art
History	BTEC Creative Media	BTEC Travel and Tourism	BTEC Travel and Tourism	BTEC Travel and Tourism	BTEC Travel and Tourism
Geography	BTEC Dance	Creative Media	Creative Media	Creative Media	Creative Media
Spanish	BTEC Sport	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance
French	BTEC Health and Social Care	Drama	Drama	Drama	Drama
	BTEC Music	Religious Studies	Religious Studies	Religious Studies	Religious Studies
		Music	Music	Music	Music
		BTEC Sport	BTEC Sport	BTEC Sport	BTEC Sport
		BTEC Health and Social Care	BTEC Health and Social Care	BTEC Health and Social Care	BTEC Health and Social Care
		Design and Technology	Design and Technology	Design and Technology	Design and Technology
		Food Preparation and Nutrition	Food Preparation and Nutrition	Food Preparation and Nutrition	Food Preparation and Nutrition
		Statistics	Statistics	Statistics	Statistics
		Computer science	Computer science	Computer science	Computer science
		History	History	History	History
		Geography	Geography	Geography	Geography
		Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish
		French	French	French	French

Subject Guarantee

We always try to give students their first choices, but it isn't always possible for the following reasons:

- Uptake for that subject
- Staffing
- Other options taken and ensuring a balance in subjects

Timeline - What next?

- Friday 22nd March - options form deadline.
- Monday 25th March - start 1 to 1 meetings with SLT.
- End of April - options will be allocated and alterations made if necessary. Contact will be made to parents if alterations happen.
- In May - parents/carers will receive a letter home informing them of their child's selected options.



How can I support my child?

- Attend today!
- Regular conversations.
- Look through the options booklet.
- Look through Google Classroom for videos etc.

