

# **Year 9 Options Evening 2024 – 2026**



# Welcome from Mr Newman



# Welcome from Mr Megaw





## Your educational journey

### **Aim of the evening:**

- Opportunity to speak to staff about the subjects available
- Understand the options process and what takes place
- Know the deadline for submitting options





# Support

## **Options Evening**

Marketplace of subjects

## **Options Handbook**

Published on Class Charts

Hard copies handed out tonight



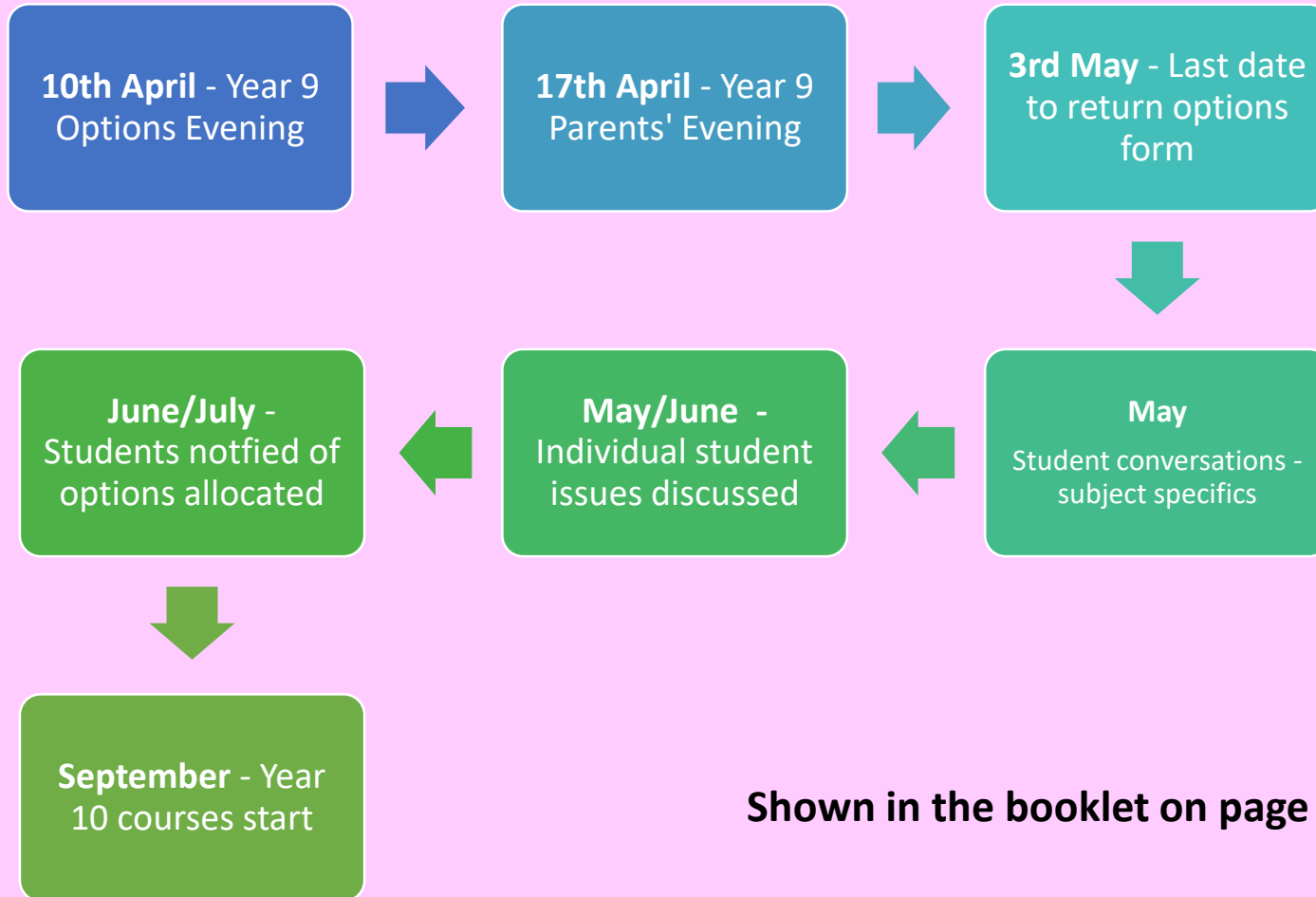
## **Parents' Evening**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Face to face



# Timeline



**Shown in the booklet on page 3**



# What is the Key Stage 4 Curriculum?

## Core Subjects

English – 9 hours

Maths - 9 hours

Science – 9 hours

Physical Education – 2 hours

Personal & Social Development (PSD) – 1 hour

## Option subjects

4 x 5 hour blocks





# Science



## Triple Science

- Pre-selected class
- Data, prior attainment, progress and projected outcomes
- Will form one of the option choices – will fit into one of the option blocks

## Combined Science

- Students are still expected to achieve strong grades – 7s and above are possible
- Will not reduce options at the next stage of a student's educational journey



# Option Subjects

Fit into 4 x 5 hour blocks

## Humanities

- History
- Geography

## Language

- Spanish

- Art
- Business Studies
- Child Development
- Computing Science
- Dance
- Design Technology
- Digital Information Technology
- Drama
- Engineering
- Hospitality & Catering
- Media Studies
- Music
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Sports Studies
- Religious Studies



Each student must pick at least one of the following:

<b><u>EBacc</u> - Pick 1</b> from the following list					
Geography		History		Spanish	

Taken from Option form



Each student must pick at least one vocational option:

<b><u>Vocational</u> - Pick 1</b> from the following list			
Child Development		Dance	
Drama		Engineering Design	
Hospitality & Catering		Digital Information Technology	
Creative iMedia		Music	
Sports Studies			

\* Triple Science students form is different

Taken from Option form

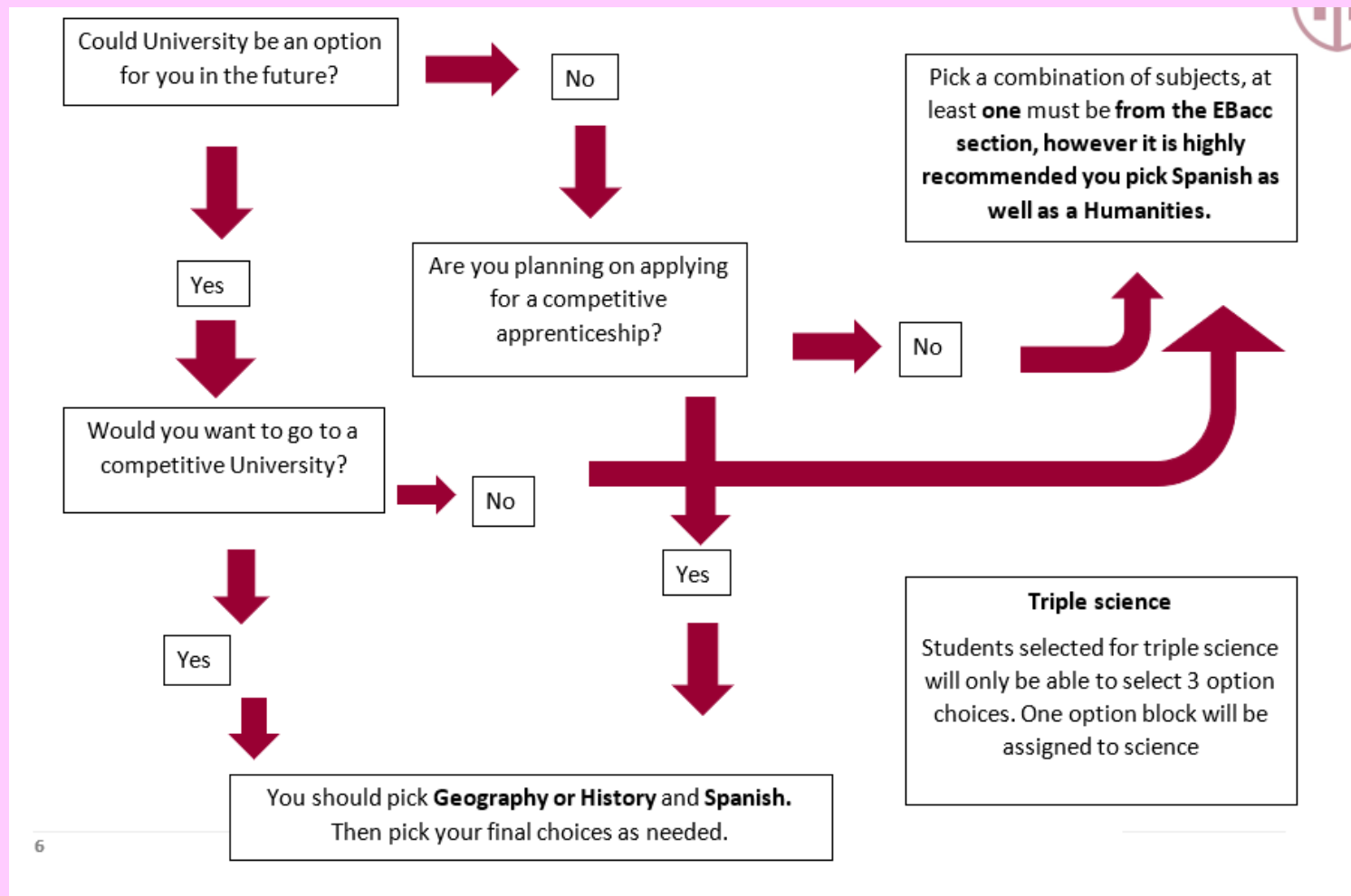


## Free choice for remaining subject areas:

<b><u>Choice</u> - Pick 2 more from the following list</b>			
Art		Business Studies	
Child Development		Computing Science	
Dance		Drama	
Design & Technology		Engineering	
Hospitality & Catering		Geography	
History		Digital Information Technology	
Creative iMedia		Music	
Photography		Physical Education	
Religious Studies		Spanish	
Sports Studies			

Taken from Option form

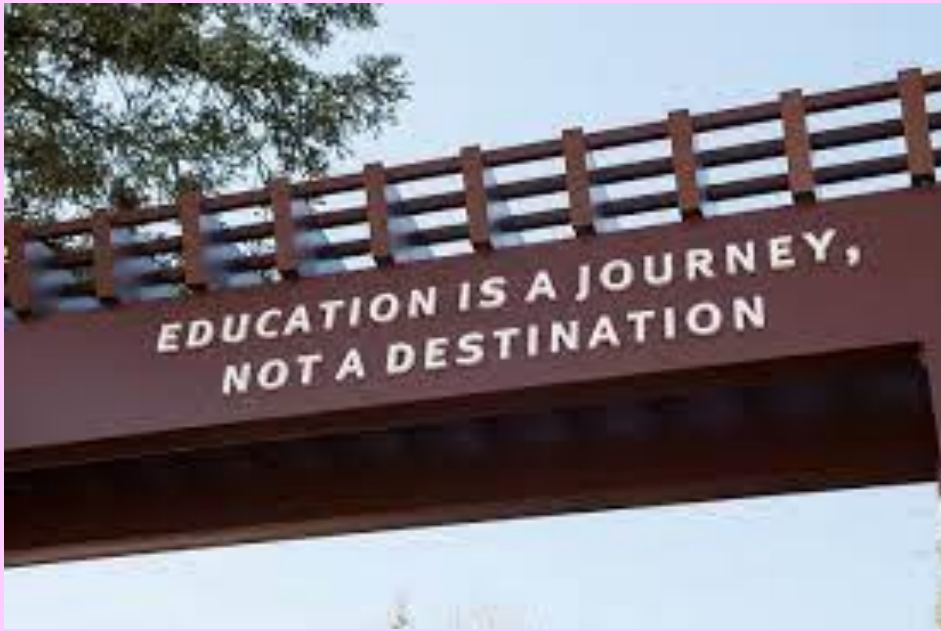




## Competitive university or apprenticeship?

Will need to have the EBacc suite





**Picking the right choices is key for the right journey**







# Picking your Options

- No rush
- No first come first served process
- Wait until after Parents' Evening
- Students have a personalised options form in your envelopes
- Must meet the deadline – **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**
- Form returned to reception



# Class Sizes

We do have a minimum number needed  
to run each subject

We also have a maximum number for  
subjects



# Options software



- All choices are entered onto a data base
- Software looks at the year group as a collective
- Assigns these choices of subjects into 4 option blocks
- Sometimes choices don't fit – students will be spoken to about this

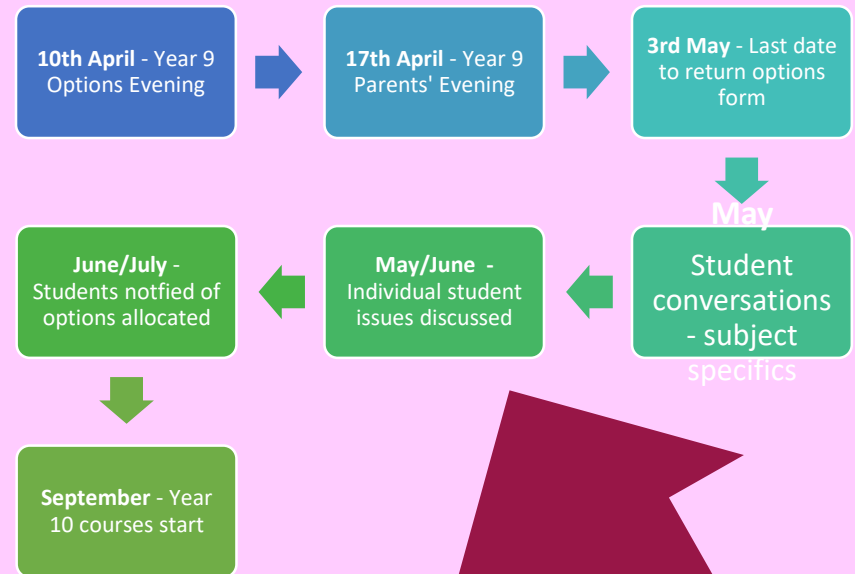


# Interview

Every student will receive an interview:

- Year 9 Pastoral Team
- OR
- Member of the Senior Leadership Team

Discussion around your choices & how they are linked to your future



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## 1. Can I change my Science group?

No. We know what you should be achieving at the end of Year 11.  
We know what is best for you and your future.

## 2. Will I have the same teacher as I have this year?

This cannot be guaranteed.

Do not pick a subject because you like how the teacher delivers the sessions.

## 3. Will I be in the same class as my friends?

Not always.

Do not pick subjects based on what your friends are doing.

## 4. Can I change my options in September?

No.

You have experienced all subjects at KS3 and you should know what they contain.



# Market place



- Staff from each subject available for questions
- Speak to staff about your child's choices



# Thank you for your time this evening

Speak to staff in the Marketplace

Speak to staff at Parents' Evening – 17<sup>th</sup> April

Complete your options forms

**Deadline is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**Return to reception**

