

# **Year 9 Options Evening 2026 – 2028**



# 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

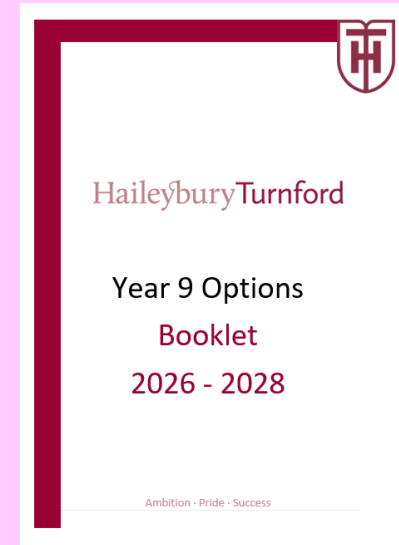
## Options Evening

Marketplace of subjects

## Options Handbook

Published on our website

Hard copies handed out tonight



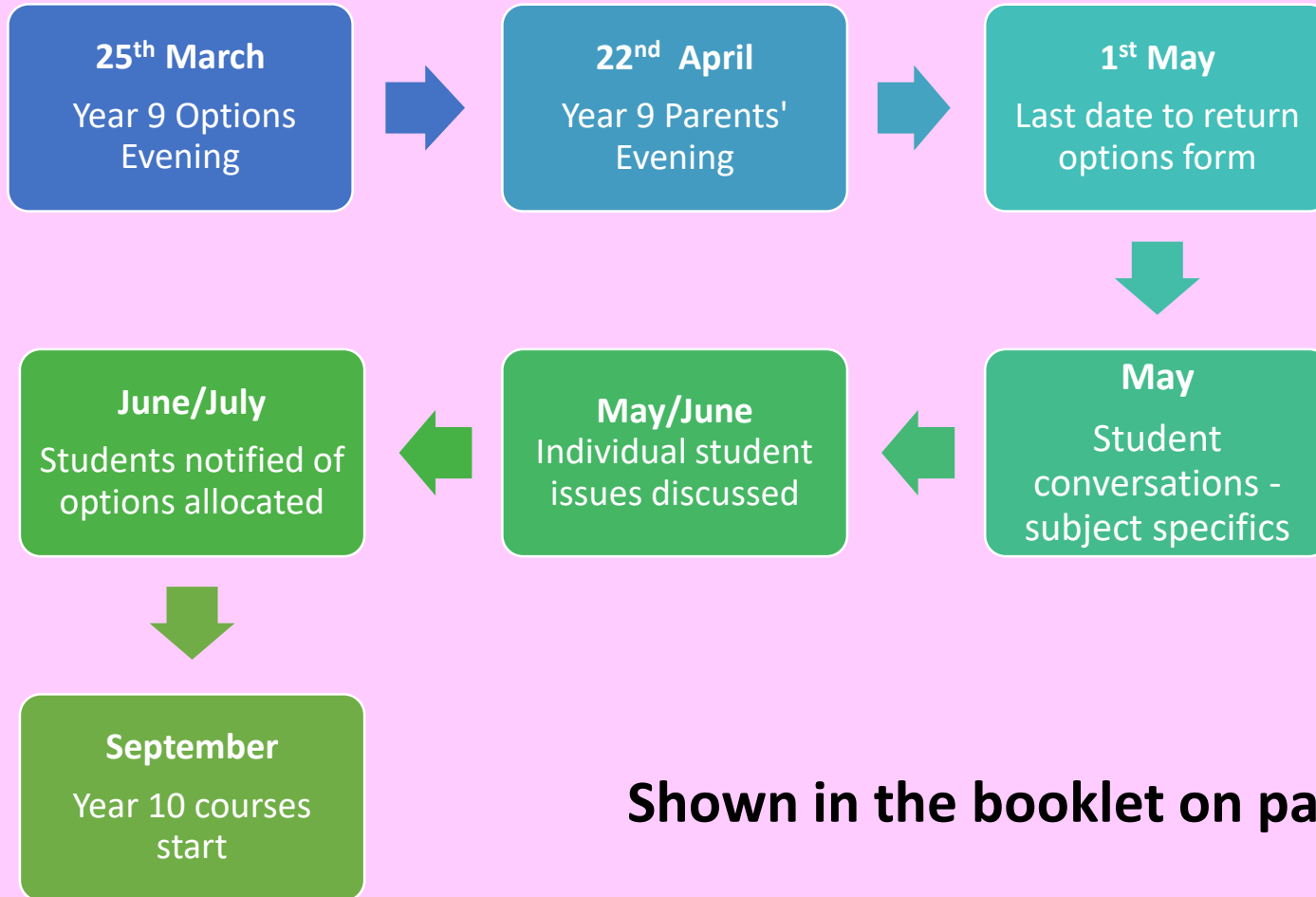
## Parents' Evening

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</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

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



# Option Forms

- Individualised to each student
  - Your personalised option form is in your pack
- Depends on what route you are allocated
  - Routes are tailored to each specific student
  - All students who are not on the main route will have received communications around this



Each student must pick at least one of the following:

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

Taken from Option form



Each student must pick at least one vocational option from Section 2:

<b><u>Section 2</u> - Pick 1</b> from the following list			
Child Development		Dance	
Drama		Engineering Design	
Hospitality & Catering		Digital Information Technology	
Creative iMedia		Music	
Sports Studies		Sports Science	

\* Triple Science students form is different

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## Free choice for remaining subject areas:

<b>Section 3 - Pick 2</b> more from the following list			
Art		Business Studies	
Child Development		Computing Science	
Dance		Drama	
Design & Technology		Engineering	
Hospitality & Catering		Geography	
History		Digital Information Technology	
Creative iMedia		Music	
Photography			
Religious Studies		Spanish	
Sports Studies		Sport Science	

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# Haileybury Turnford

## Year 9 Options form

Please complete this form indicating your choices for the subjects you wish to study from September 2026.

<b>Student Name</b>		<b>Form</b>	
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<b>Section 1 - Pick 1 from the following list</b>			
Geography		History	
		Spanish	

<b>Section 2 - Pick 1 from the following list</b>			
Child Development		Dance	
Drama		Engineering Design	
Hospitality & Catering		Digital Information Technology	
Creative iMedia		Music	
Sports Science		Sport Studies	

Do not pick any of the same choices below that you have picked above.

<b>Section 3 - Pick 2 more from the following list</b>			
Art		Business Studies	
Child Development		Computing Science	
Dance		Drama	
Design & Technology		Engineering	
Hospitality & Catering		Digital Information Technology	
Creative iMedia		Music	
Photography		Religious Studies	
Spanish		Sport Science	
Sports Studies			

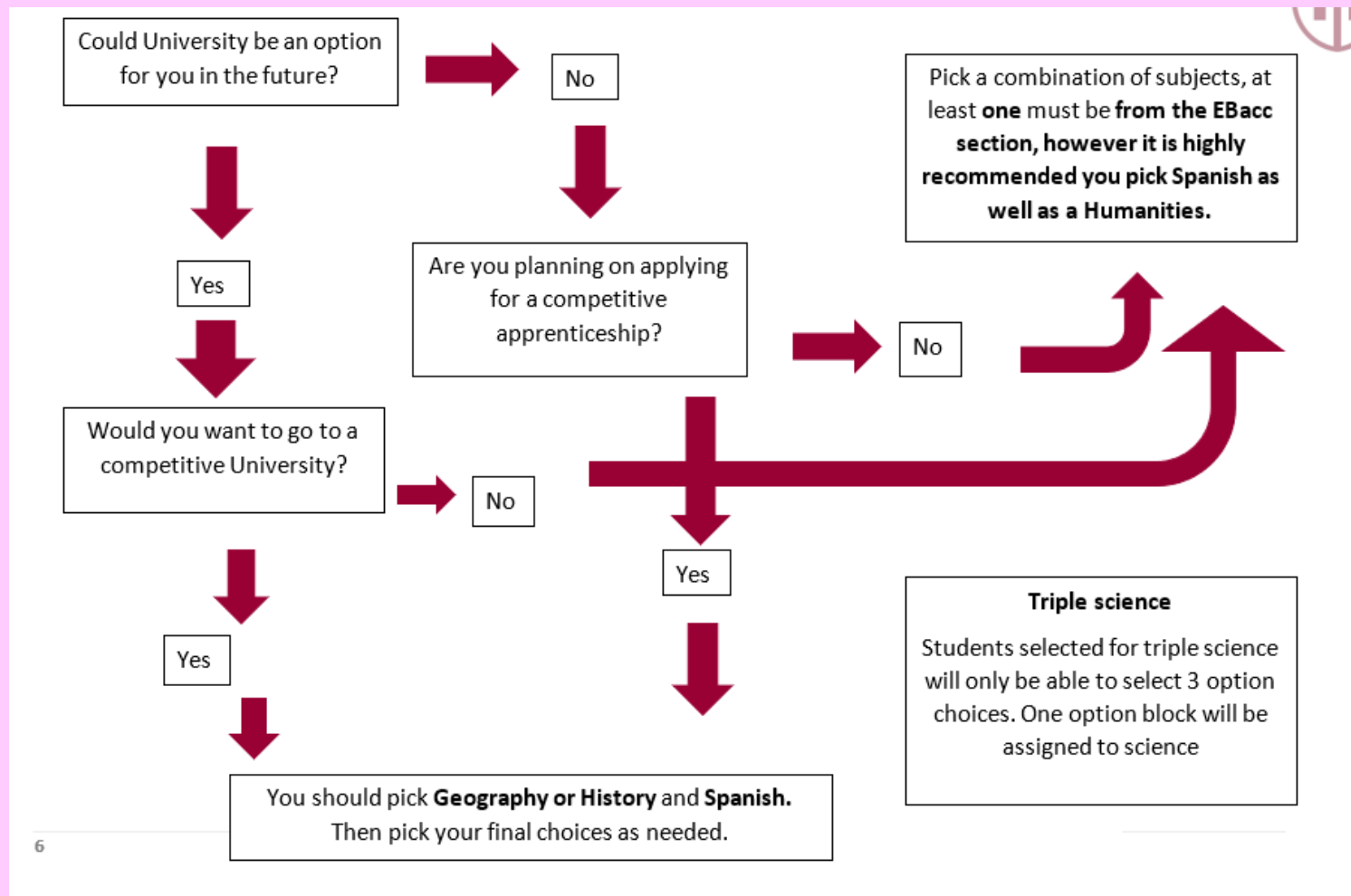
\* Students are **unable** to study both Engineering Design **and** Design & Technology

\* Students are **unable** to study both Sport Science **and** Sports Studies

This form is to be returned to reception by  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Don't select the same subject twice!

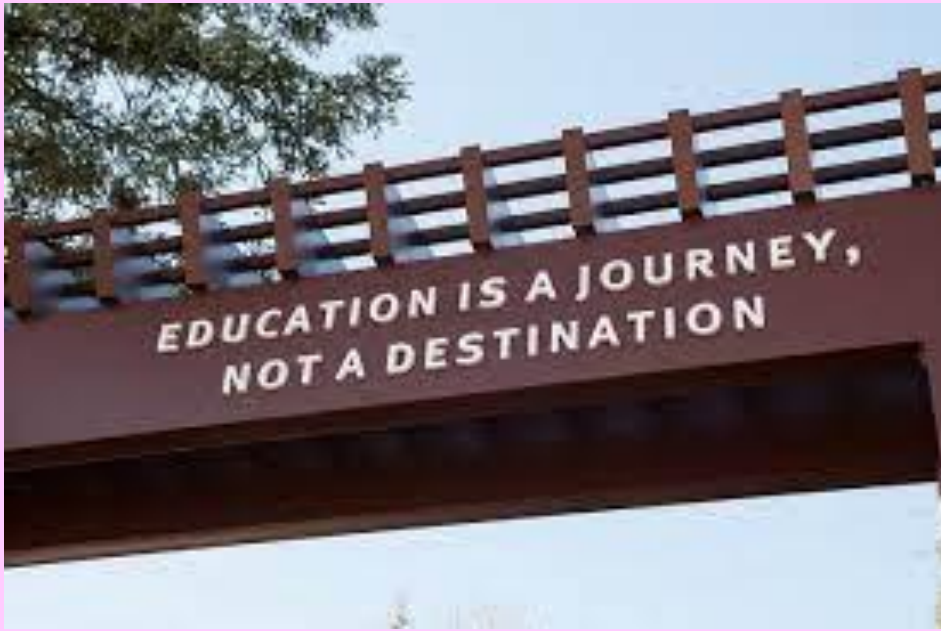




## Competitive university or apprenticeship?

Think about the EBacc suite





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





# Picking your Options

- No rush
- **Not a** first come first served process
- Wait until after Parents' Evening
- Students have a personalised options form in your envelopes
- Must meet the deadline – **Friday 1<sup>st</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 SIMS Options software
- 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

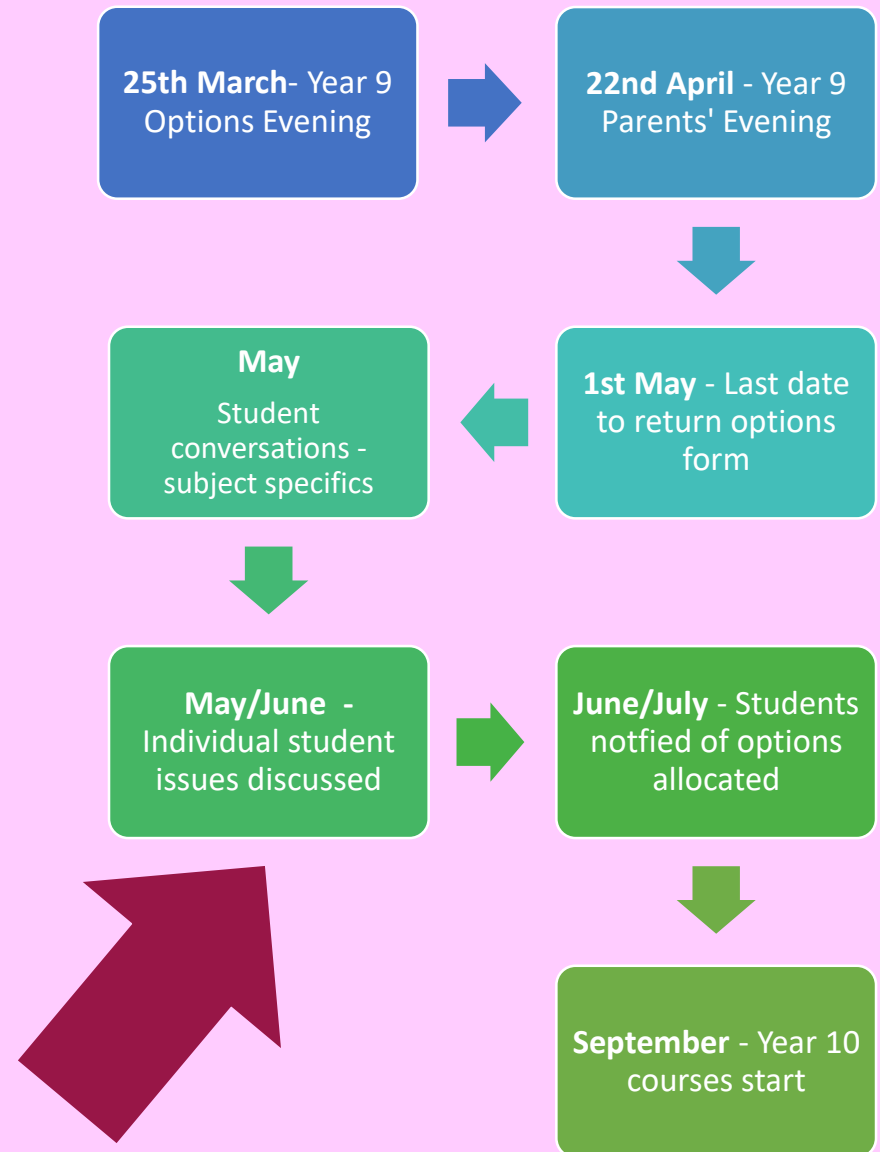


# Interview

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?

Not really!

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 – 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Complete your options forms

Deadline is **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**Return to reception**

