



Which way next?

## Choices Timeline

27<sup>th</sup> February - Information booklet emailed to students and parents/carers



11<sup>th</sup> March – Options assembly presented by Mr Homard-Roy



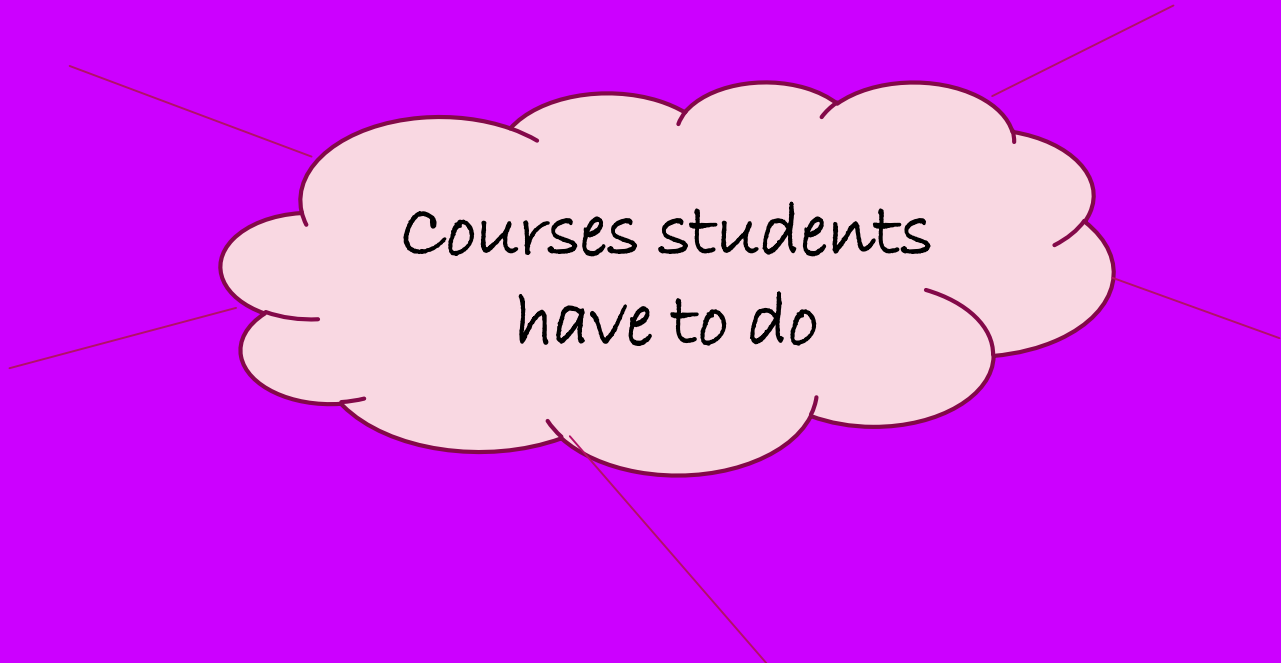
14<sup>th</sup> March – KS3 → KS4 Options Evening



25<sup>th</sup> March  
Deadline for handing Options forms in

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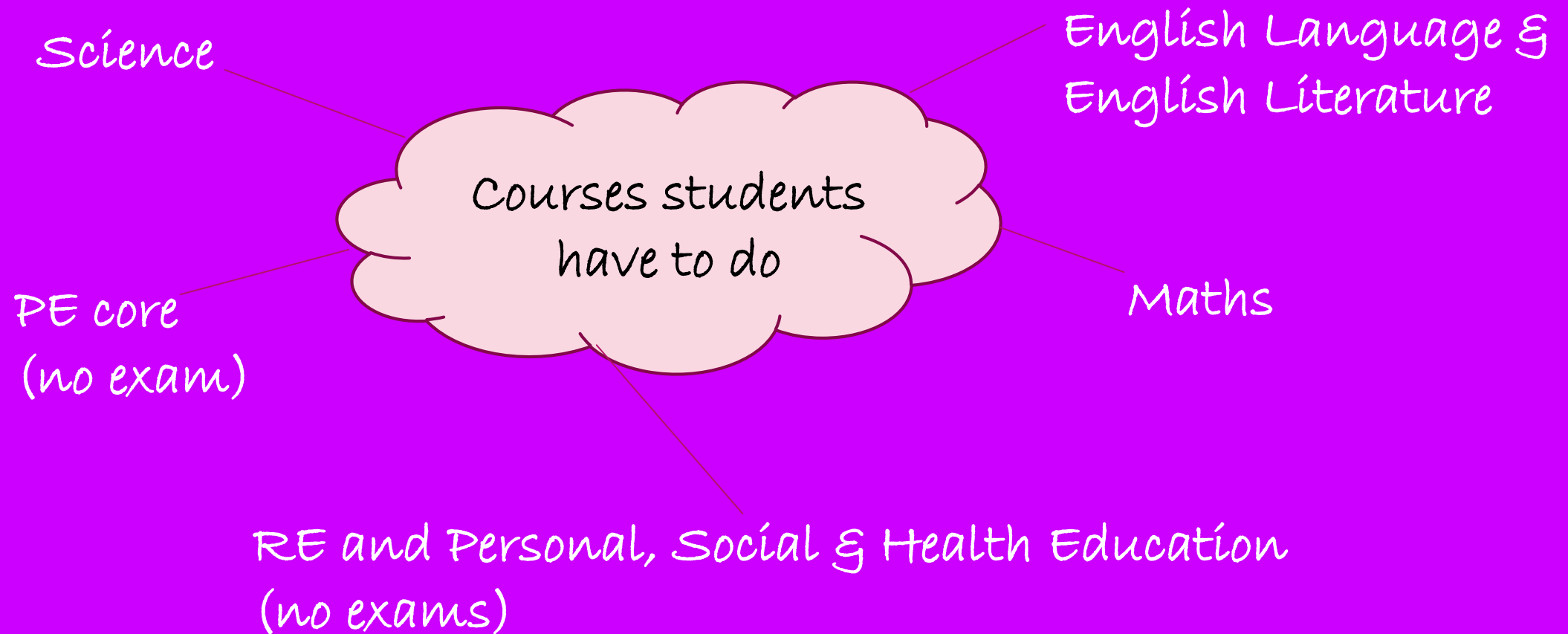
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# Double Science and Triple Science

- ▶ All students will study at least 'Double Science' which covers aspects of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. They get two GCSE grades for this.
- ▶ The students in the top two or three sets will study 'Triple Science' which results in 3 GCSEs: one in Biology, one in Chemistry, and one in Physics. Three separate grades.
- ▶ This allows all students to choose four additional subjects so that those doing Triple Science attain an **extra** GCSE and do not have to sacrifice one of their options in order to do Triple Science.

# Types of qualifications

- ▶ GCSE : level 2 course taken over 2 years – mainly exams at the end of the course in Year 11
- ▶ BTEC: a level 2 course taken over 2 years – mainly continual assessment throughout the duration of the course in Years 10 and 11
- ▶ Both progress to level 3 courses post-16, and higher education opportunities post-18.

# How many qualifications will students get?

Most students	Most able Scientists	Student who would benefit from additional support
English Language	English Language	English Language
English Literature	English Literature	English Literature
Maths	Maths	Maths
Combined Science	Biology	Combined Science
Combined Science	Chemistry	Combined Science
Option 1	Physics	Option 1 / support/ short/ASDAN
Option 2	Option 1	Option 2/ support/ short/ASDAN
Option 3	Option 2	Option 3 / support/ short/ASDAN
Option 4	Option 3	Option 4
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Total: 9 GCSEs or equivalent	Total: 10 GCSEs or equivalent	Total: 6 - 8 GCSEs or equivalent

# What are your choices?

You must choose **one** from list A:

**Computer Science**

**French**

**German**

**History**

**Geography**

**ASDAN**

**Work related and PSHE short courses**

**Support**

with approval from the SENDCo



## and three from list B:

Art	Enterprise and Marketing	Music
ASDAN (with approval of SENDCo)	Engineering	Music Technology
Business Studies	Food and Nutrition	Physical Education
Computer Science	French or German	Religious Studies
Dance	Geography	Sociology
Design	History	Support (with approval of SENDCo)
Drama	Information Technology	Short courses (with approval of SENDCo)

# Filling in the form

- ▶ Your name
- ▶ Tutor group
- ▶ 1 choice from list A
- ▶ 3 choices from list B
- ▶ A reserve choice
- ▶ Hand in the form to your tutor by 25<sup>th</sup> March

Year 9 Options - Starting KS4 September 2019

Name		Tutor Group	
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In Year 10 students will follow GCSE courses in Mathematics, English Literature and English Language, and Science. Students will undertake the statutory requirements for Religious Studies and Physical Education. Students in the top 2 or 3 sets in Science will all take Triple Science. If students wish to undertake the English Baccalaureate then they will need to choose a language option and either History or Geography in addition to studying the core GCSE subjects of English, Mathematics and Science.

In addition to the above, students should select ONE subject from the list A and THREE further subjects from list B below. Please also select one additional subject as a reserve choice from list B. Please note: all course availability is subject to sufficient demand and the overall requirements of the school curriculum.

LIST A	LIST B
Computer Science	Art
French	ASDAN (with approval from the school's SENDCo)
Geography	Business Studies: GCSE
History	Computer Science: GCSE
German	Dance: GCSE
ASDAN (with approval from the school's SENDCo)	Design Technology: GCSE
Work Related and PSHE short courses (with approval from the school's SENDCo)	Drama: GCSE
Support (with approval from the school's SENDCo)	Enterprise and Marketing: L2 Cambridge National
	Engineering: BTEC
	Food and Nutrition: GCSE
	French OR German: GCSE
	Geography: GCSE
	History: GCSE
	Information Technology: BTEC
	Music: GCSE
	Music Technology: L2 NCFE
	Physical Education: BTEC
	Religious Studies: GCSE
	Sociology: GCSE
	Support (with approval from the school's SENDCo)
	Work Related and PSHE short courses

Subject	1 (from List A)	2 (from List B)	3 (from List B)	4 (from List B)	Reserve Subject

If no Reserve Option is chosen, then the school may allocate a subject based upon numbers and demand.

Please return completed forms to your Form Tutor by Monday 25 March 2019. Forms that are submitted late will be considered after all other option forms have been processed.

Whilst we are looking to accommodate all choices made by students we do recommend that for Computer Science students should have achieved at least a grade 4 in Mathematics in their February Year 9 report in order to access this course at GCSE.

Whilst we intend to offer all of the subjects listed, if there are not enough students choosing any particular subject we may have to withdraw the subject and ask the students who have chosen it to choose a different one.

If you want to do the  
English Baccalaureate

You must do

Either

History or Geography

AND EITHER

French or German

# We cannot guarantee you will get the subjects you choose

- ▶ Free choice enables a larger majority to get their preferred subject combination, but...
- ▶ If numbers are too small some courses may not run
- ▶ If numbers are too big we may have to ask some students to choose a different subject
- ▶ If your choices don't fit with the columns created by the majority you will be asked to choose a different subject
- ▶ It is crucial you put down a reserve choice and be willing to take that subject.

# Taking Control - Tips on how to choose

## Good reasons for choosing a subject

- ▶ You are good at it
- ▶ You enjoy it
- ▶ It leaves your options open for the future
- ▶ You looked it up on the internet and it interests you
- ▶ It links with your career ideas
- ▶ It goes well with your other subjects

## Poor reasons for choosing a subject

- ▶ You think it will be easy
- ▶ Your friend is taking it and can help you
- ▶ Your brother/sister took the course
- ▶ You like your present teacher
- ▶ Lots of girls/boys do the subject

# What to do if you don't have a clue?

Don't panic! Ask for help - parents, teachers, older students

Do research!

[www.cascade.co.uk/kudos](http://www.cascade.co.uk/kudos)

<http://university.which.co.uk/courses>

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



**Follow your heart; keep doing what you enjoy most & what you're best at**