

H E D I N G H A M S C H O O L

**Guided**

**Choice**

*Your future starts here!*

Are you



# The Core Curriculum



GCSE English Literature and GCSE English Language

GCSE Maths

GCSE Combined Science

CNAT Sport Studies or BTEC Dance

Computing, PHSE, RE and Citizenship will be delivered through the wider curriculum



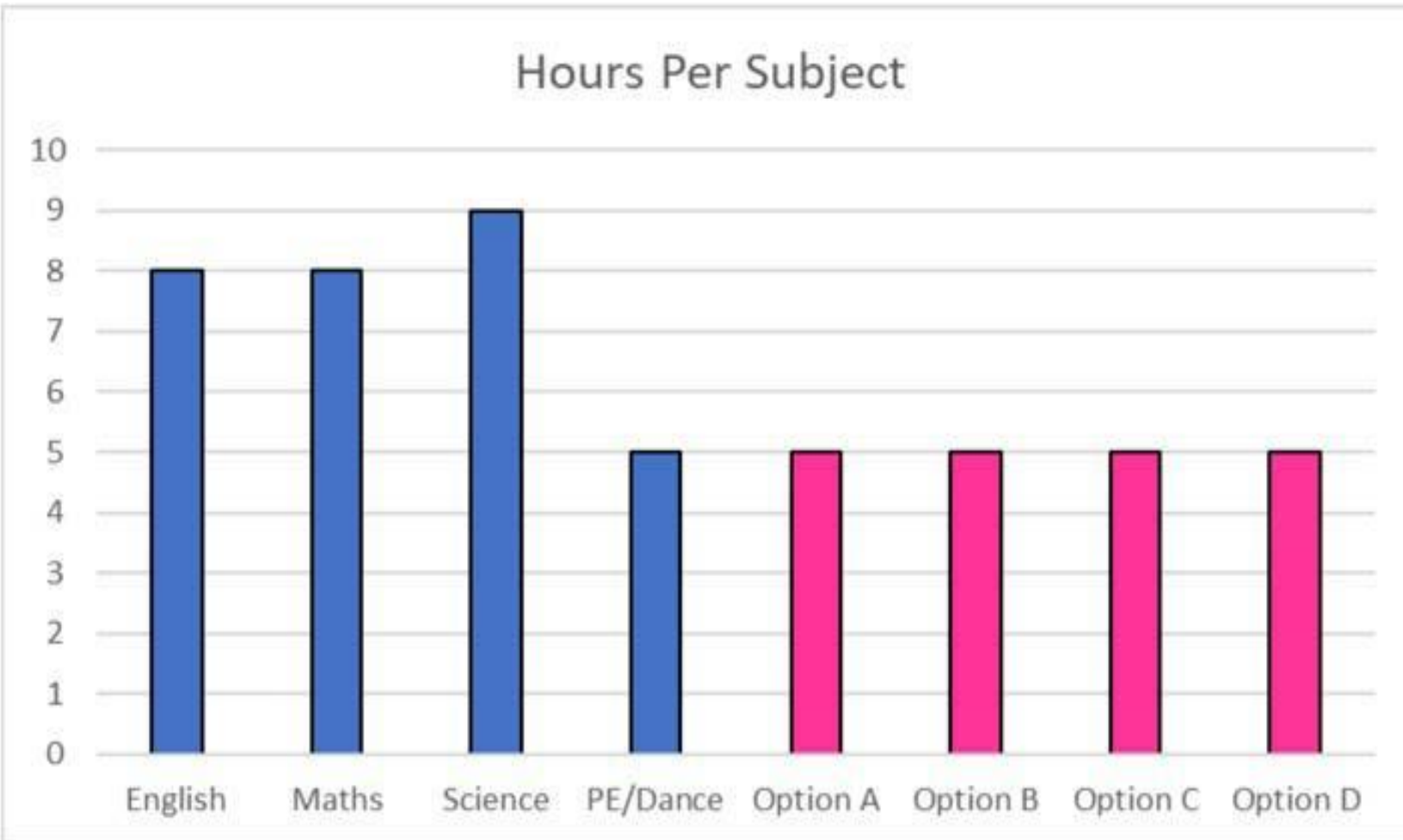
# Core PE



- You will all progress on to an accredited course which is currently one of:
  - Cambridge National in Sport Studies
  - BTEC Tech Award in Dance
- You will not “opt” for a PE course as one will be assigned to you.
- PE staff will direct you to the course best suited to you based on your strengths and interests.
- You will be told which PE course you will follow by your PE teacher in the next few weeks.
- At this point, if you want to change, you can talk to your teacher.



# Number of Hours Per Fortnight



# Option Block A



Option Block A allows you a degree of choice when completing the academic “core” to your curriculum. This will be studied over 5 lessons a fortnight.

**In this Block, you can choose from one of the following subjects:**

GCSE History

GCSE  
Geography

GCSE  
Computer  
Science

GCSE French



# Option Blocks B, C & D



**You then have a choice of three subjects from the below,  
all studied at 5 lessons a fortnight:**

GCSE Art

GCSE Business Studies

CNAT Child Development

GCSE Computer Science

Design and Technology:  
You can only select one  
from Textiles, Graphics  
or 3D Design (all GCSE)

GCSE Drama

GCSE Food Preparation  
& Nutrition

GCSE Geography

GCSE History

CNAT Information  
Technology

GCSE Media Studies

GCSE Music

GCSE Religion, Values  
and Ethics

GCSE Triple Science  
(Biology, Chemistry and  
Physics – 1 GCSE each)

*(you cannot choose the same option here if you have chosen it in Block A)*



# Curriculum Overview – September 2024 to July 2026



8 lessons per fortnight	8 lessons per fortnight	9 lessons per fortnight	5 lessons per fortnight (1 of the below)	Guided Choices Option 1 5 lessons per fortnight (1 of the below)	Guided Choices Option 2, 3 and 4 5 lessons per fortnight (3 of the below)
English	Maths	Science	Sports Studies Dance	History Geography Computer Science French	Art Business Studies Child Development Computer Science Drama Information technology Food Preparation and Nutrition Geography History Media Studies Music Religion, Values and Ethics Triple Science Design Technology (Graphics, Textiles or Three-Dimensional Design)

**Core Curriculum**

**Guided Choices 1, 2, 3 and 4**



# Why are the options choices structured like this?



Balanced range of subjects, each with a distinctive contribution to learning

Opportunity to study courses in:

- The Arts
- Design & Technology
- Humanities
- Modern Languages
- Computer Technology

Flexibility of choice





# What is the English Baccalaureate (EBacc)?



- The EBacc is not a qualification in its own right – it's a combination of GCSE subjects, including a language, that offer an important range of knowledge and skills to young people.
- The Department for Education recommends a collection of core subjects, which make up the English Baccalaureate (EBacc), to help keep options for young people open:

English Language and English Literature

Maths

Science - Combined Science or 3 single sciences from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Computer science

History or Geography

A Language



# Should I opt for the subjects included in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc)?



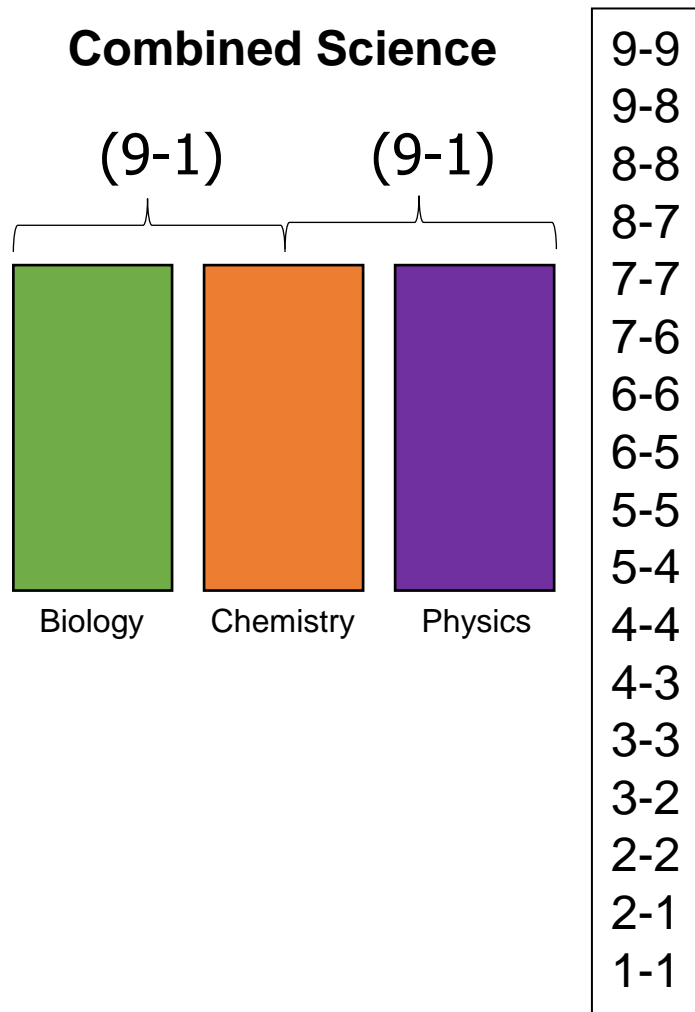
- If you are thinking of going to university, the EBacc is also recommended by Britain's most prestigious universities (Russell Group Universities).
- If you are undecided about your career path, this may help to keep your options broad
- However, it is not suitable for everyone.
- It is not something that we force upon you, if you choose to follow it, that is up to you.
- You must consider whether these are subjects that you want to continue to study and whether these are subjects that you are good at.



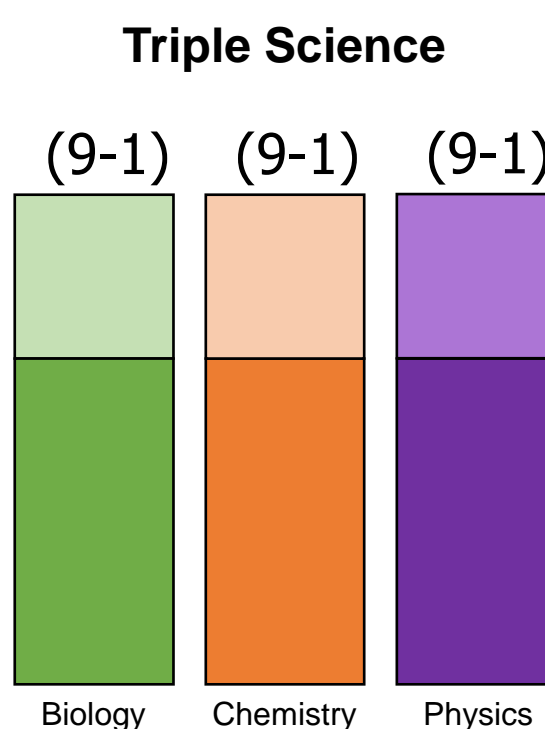
# Combined and Triple Science



## Combined Science



## Triple Science



- Aimed at all students with target of 6+ in Science
- However, if you do not meet this requirement, please discuss with your Science Teacher

**Talk to your science teacher  
for more information**



# Design Technology Choices

- Students are only permitted to study 1 of the 3 Design Technology options:
  - 3D Design - Using tools, machinery and computer-controlled equipment.
  - Graphic Design - Using freehand and CAD software with hand tools.
  - Textiles Design - Using textiles and fabric-based processes and materials.
- **Alongside this, students can also choose to study a separate option in:**
  - **Food Preparation and Nutrition - Designing and making Food products using healthy and Scientific principles.**

# Support



- This week has been targeted to focus on guided choice.
- Your subject teachers will talk about what their courses in Year 10 and 11 look like during lessons this week.
- Subjects that are an option that you have not studied in KS3 have recorded short videos to explain what they are all about.
- These will be available on the Year 9 Guided Choice website (you will be emailed a link to this site)
- Tutors are available to answer your questions each day when you check in every morning



# Consider Carefully

Are there any subjects that are needed for a future career?

Which subjects do I enjoy?

How is the course assessed?  
Does it match your strengths?

Are there any new subjects you would like to study?



# What if I Change My Mind?



- Firstly, think very carefully before making your option choices
- Before the start of Year 10, let Mr Daniels or Mr Pearson know as soon as possible if you have a genuine reason for wanting to change - we will try and do this (if possible).
- Once subjects start in September of Year 10, it is very difficult to change any of your options.
- In cases where you want to change, after timetabling, it is likely that you would have to change another option as well for the change to work.
- Whilst some limited changes may occur at the start of the year, there will be **NO CHANGES** after the first half term of Year 10.
- You will not be able to “drop” subjects at any point during your 2-year KS4 programme.



# Support in Choosing





# Guided Choice Website



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- Guided Choice - Options Form
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MAR 18	Year 9 - Virtual Parents Information Evening Mon, Mar 18, 5:00 PM
MAR 21	Year 9 - Parents' Evening Thu, Mar 21, 4:00 PM





# Guided Choice Website



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**COMPUTER SCIENCE AND IT DEPARTMENT**

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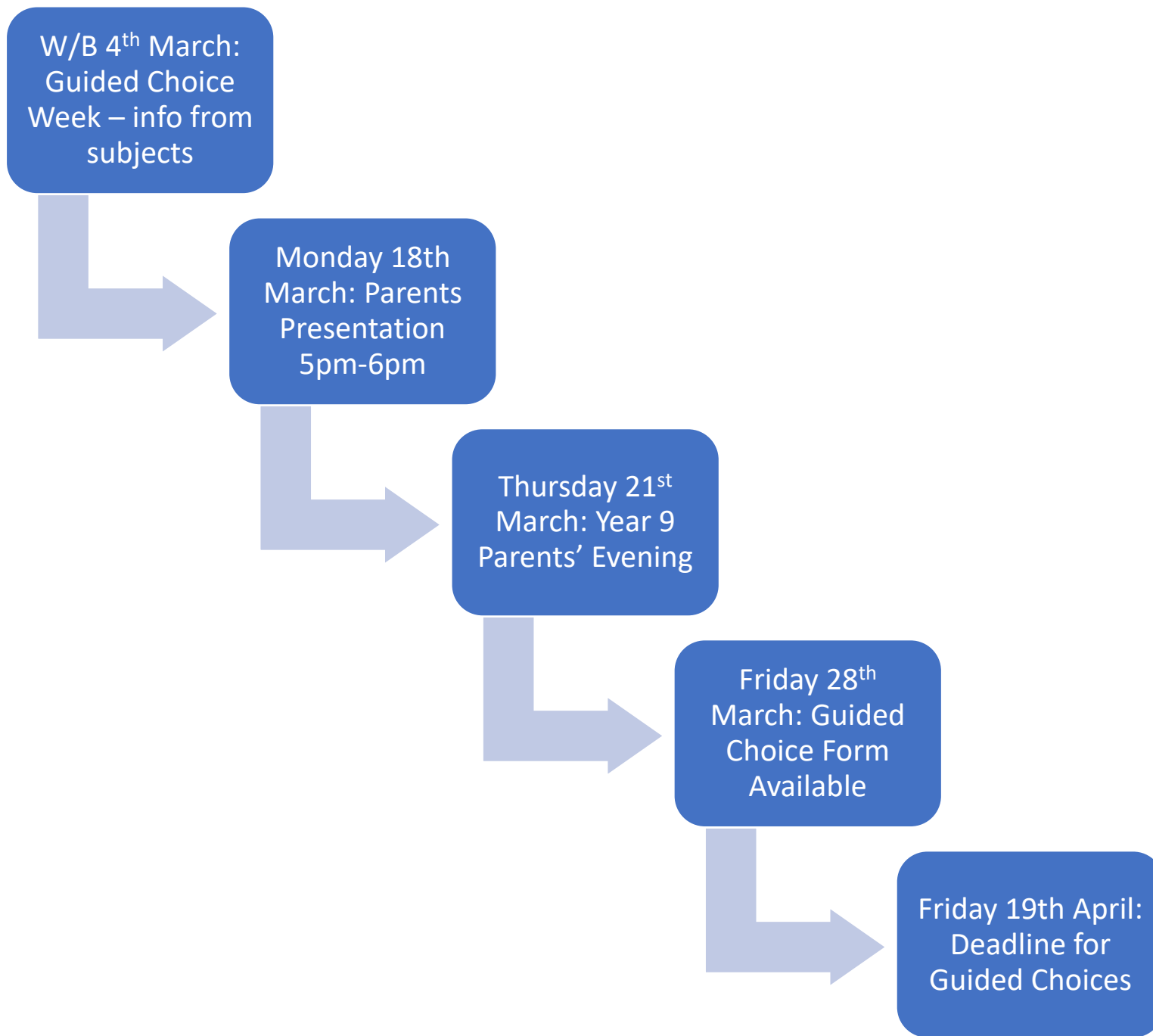
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# The Guided Choice Process



# How do I choose?



## DO:

- ✓ Talk to people
- ✓ Be interested in the subjects you choose
- ✓ Enjoy the subjects you choose
- ✓ Find out what is needed for the future

## DO NOT:

- × Make snap decisions
- × Choose what friends are taking
- × Be swayed by liking or disliking teachers



# How do I choose?



Talk

Listen

Read

Decide



# Options Form Link



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Year 9 Guided Choice - Selection Form (2024)

Hi, Welcome to Year 9 Guided Choices. Please use the below form to make your selections about which subjects you would like to study in Year 10 and 11.

All students will study the following core subjects:

- English Language / English Literature
- Mathematics
- Combined Science (and you can opt to study Separate (Triple) Science)
- Physical Education (either Sport or Dance)

For Option A students must select one of the following options:

- Computer Science, French, Geography or History.

If students wish to study a Language (French), it must be made for Option A, all other non-language subjects are also available as Option B, C or D.

**Options B, C and D should be selected in the order the student most wishes to study this subject e.g. Option B (most important option), Option D (least important option).** Students also require 2 reserve options in the instance that their initial options are not available.

Think seriously about which subjects will help you in your future adult and working life and try to choose a balanced mix of subjects.

- If you wish to study Separate (Triple) Science, this takes up one of your options
- Students can study both Computer Science and Information Technology, these use one option each
- You can only select one DT subject across your 3 options (these are located at the bottom of the list)

Hi, B. When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.

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# Guided Choice – Options Deadline



Complete the Microsoft Form for  
Guided Choice by:

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

