



Year 8 into 9 Options 2019
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Tonight



- Why 3 year GCSE programme
- Core and options subjects – what, why
- Making wise choices – advice
- Process and timescales
- Help and guidance

2013 RPA

Raising the Participation Age



- Students are expected to remain in education until at least 18 years old
- 3 options: full time education; apprenticeship; work with educational support
- The choices students make now need to support progression in education and further opportunity

The world in 2019...2029...2039...?



- What is the world out there like?
- Really exciting time!
- Technology developments, worldwide communications, emerging world economies

The world in 2019...2029...2039...?

What do you want
to **become**?

What **skills** and
personal qualities
do you have and
what do you want
to develop?



Where do you see
yourself **fitting in**?

What **part** do
you want to play
in it?

What **qualifications** do you want to have?

Year 9-11 Programme at EBA

A programme that

- **develops a wide range of core skills and competencies**
- **keeps doors open for**
 - Sixth Form, College, University
 - Apprenticeships, Jobs
- **also lets students follow their passion,** study what they enjoy most and study what they are best at

English Baccalaureate

(see leaflet)



- E Bacc 2010
- **A group of subjects which keep many doors open for the future**
- It is not a certificate or qualification
- You achieve it if you get grade 5 or higher in ...

E Bacc

1. English Lit and Eng Language
2. Mathematics
3. Combined Science (2 GCSEs covering B, C, P) or 3 Single Sci (B, C, P)
4. History or Geography
5. A language (EBA: German or Spanish)

Core GCSE Programme

6/7 compulsory GCSEs - all students

- Maths
- English Language and English Literature
- Combined Science (2 GCSEs) or 3 GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- **Philosophy, Religion and Ethics**

‘Core’ Experiences

- Non GCSE PE (called “Core PE”)
- PHSCE
- Careers Guidance
- Extra Curricular Activities



Four Option Choices

- Play to your strengths
 - ✓ what do you **enjoy**?
 - ✓ what are you **good at**?
- Make sure that you include reserve choices
- Majority of students get their first choices – we do our best!
- An option may not run if there are insufficient numbers

What can I choose?

One compulsory choice:

You must choose **one (or more)** of these:

Geography
History
German
Spanish

3 more from these

(or more from Geog, History,
German, Spanish again)



- Art and Design
- Art Textiles
- Biology + Chemistry + Physics (= one option, 3 GCSEs)
- Business Studies
- Computer Science

- Engineering Design
- Food and Nutrition
- Dance
- Drama
- Music
- PE

Options Form

- See example in back of booklet



Select **ONE (1)** subject from the following table:

OPTIONS A			
Geography GCSE		German GCSE	
History GCSE		Spanish GCSE	

Select **THREE** subjects from the following table (ranked in order of preference as 1, 2, 3):

OPTIONS B			
Art & Design GCSE		German GCSE	
Art Textiles GCSE		Geography GCSE	
Biol, Chem, Phys (triple sci, GCSEs)		History GCSE	
Business GCSE		Music GCSE	
Computer Science GCSE		Engineering Design - GCSE equivalent	
Dance GCSE		PE GCSE	
Drama GCSE		Spanish GCSE	
Food & Nutrition GCSE			



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Note, options will only run if sufficient numbers of students choose them.

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- My 1st reserve choice is: -

- My 2nd reserve choice is:-

Options Fortnight

- Presentations or taster lessons in every subject





Is GCSE the
right option for me?

*(Power points on school
website in Y8 section)*

Eaton Bank Academy, Congleton.

EVERYBODY HAS TO DO SCIENCE AT GCSE



The question each student should ask is....

**‘How much Science do I
want to do at GCSE?’**

Two Different Pathways



Triple Science

3 separate GCSE grades
In Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Separate teacher for Biology,
Chemistry and Physics

14 Science lessons
every 2 weeks

Uses one of your GCSE
options

Combined Science

2 separate GCSE grades
In 'Science'

Separate teacher for Biology,
Chemistry and Physics

9 Science lessons
every 2 weeks

Leaves more GCSE options
to select other subjects

Exams



Triple Science

At the end of Year 11
6 Science Exams

2 x Biology
2 x Chemistry
2 x Physics

Each exam is 1h 45m long

Combined Science

At the end of Year 11
6 Science Exams

2 x Biology
2 x Chemistry
2 x Physics

Each exam is 1h 15m long

Though longer exams, Triple Science students will sit FEWER exams in Year 11

Why Choose Triple Science?



Triple Science is a good pathway for you if...

- Enjoy Science and find it interesting

- Confident in maths

- May want to study Sciences at A Level

- Interested in a Science or Technology based career such as:

- Doctor

- Pilot

- Engineer

- Dentist

- Nurse

- ICT Industry

- Vet

- Architect

- Physio

Why Choose Combined Science?

Combined Science is a good option for you if...

- Aren't as keen on Science
- Aren't as keen on Maths
- Want to save your option choices to study a wider range of subjects
- Triple Science is not an appropriate choice if a student struggles with Science and/or Maths at present

**Combined Science students may still choose to study
Science at A Level**

Any further questions about GCSE Science pathways:



- Speak to your son/daughter's
Science teacher here tonight**

- Speak to Mr Kennedy-Fowler during
this evening**

GCSEs have changed – tougher!

Now

- All the exams are at the end of the course
- No coursework/controlled assessment in most subjects (a few exceptions -check the option guide)

So students need to

- remember a lot and get good at exams!

Three year KS4

An extra year to

- focus on the GCSE content and skills
- investigate and deepen understanding (less cramming)
- practise exam questions and develop exam technique



Is it working?

Y9 students now

- much more motivated ... “GCSEs matter”
- making better progress

Better progress continues in Y10 and 11

Engineering Design **NEW**



- 75% designing and making
 - Research and design
 - Model in paper, card, foam
 - Then make in wood, metal, plastic ?
 - **Assessments in class in Y10 and Y11**
- 25% theory
 - Written exam in Y10 and/or Y11 – **best score counts**

Engineering Design **NEW**

- OCR Cambridge National qualification
- Equivalent to GCSE



OCR Cambridge National Grade	GCSE Grade
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






Engineering Design **NEW**



Leads to

- A levels eg Design and Technology
- Apprenticeships

Good Advice

-  Don't choose an option based on friends
-  Don't choose an option based on liking a particular teacher
-  Do talk to people and seek advice
-  **Do choose subjects that will support your future aspirations/career**
-  **Do choose subjects you are good at and enjoy**

What next?

- Read about the courses in the Options Guide
- Discuss, seek advice
- Careers advice
 - websites listed in options guide
 - careers advisor (Ms Leese) in reception tonight (standing in for Dr Lowe)

Deadline



Yellow options form to tutor by
Monday 11th February