



Welcome to Year 8 Options Evening

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Aims of the evening

- To give you a broad understanding of the KS4 curriculum
- To outline the remainder of the Options process at Uckfield College
- To give you an opportunity to speak with departments about KS4 courses



Moving from Key Stage 3 into Key Stage 4

- An opportunity to personalise some of what you study
- **An important transition point into taking qualifications that will lead you onto the next stage of your education and careers**



The Government's Qualification Reforms



Introduction of new GCSEs over the last few years:

- English and maths: first examined summer 2017
- EBacc and majority of foundation subjects: first examined summer 2018
- All subjects: examined summer 2019
- Vocational qualifications: National, Technical, BTEC

Overall:

- Increased content
- More challenging

What these national changes mean



- Linear exams: no modules; no coursework
- Focus on Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG)
- End of Year 11 exams: default method of assessment
- Final grades are now numerical, not alphabetical

9-1 points score for all subjects 2019

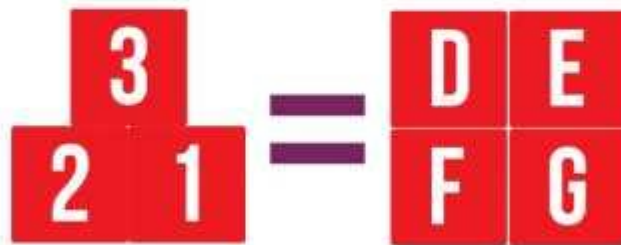
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5 is the new 'good pass'

Explaining the new GCSE grades



Grades 3, 2 and 1 will be the **equivalent** of D, E, F & G



Why have we changed to students selecting their Options in Year 8 instead of Year 9?



- New GCSE courses (9-1) have more content than previous qualifications and we want to give students enough time to study them fully.
- We are seeing that students really respond to some extra challenge and focus in Year 9.
- The majority of other secondary schools already do this and the research we have done tells us that this is a system that really helps and supports students to achieve the best results they can in Year 11.
- There is some more time to change courses, if it really is not working out.



We want to support our students as effectively as possible

- More teaching time across three years for Options subjects, with the students who have chosen the subject, overall in smaller classes
- Most subjects had already started to cover GCSE material in Year 9
- Assessment using GCSE grades from Year 9
- Opportunity for more breadth and less pressure; there is no early entry
- A shorter Key Stage 3 curriculum was recommended by the expert panel, following an extensive National Curriculum review.

The English Baccalaureate




This is an accreditation attached to students achieving 9-5 in all or the following subjects:

- Maths
- English
- Science
- MFL (French or Spanish)
- History or Geography

“I want to see at least 90% of students entering the EBacc”

(Nicky Morgan, previous Secretary of State for Education)

The E-Bacc and future aspirations - a broad and balanced curriculum

- Competition for the best post-18 courses has intensified.
 - Increasing attention paid by admissions tutors to the GCSE courses students have taken
 - The prestigious Russell group of universities which includes Oxbridge and the majority of the more traditional universities publishes a guide for applicants which contains a list of preferred subjects which it calls 'facilitating subjects' and they make it clear that they would normally expect applicants to be studying at least one of these subjects at A level.
 - These facilitating subjects at A level are essentially the same subjects as make up the E Bacc at GCSE.
 - Our professional opinion is that students at KS4 must follow a broad, balanced curriculum
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What do these national changes mean at Uckfield College?



- More curriculum time for Options subjects
- Time to revisit topics and improve security of knowledge
- Improve examination technique
- Independent learning and study skills
- Significant development of our teaching and learning and programmes of study

Year 8 students, who is responsible for your study?



Congratulations, you will soon be entering Key Stage 4. You will study compulsory subjects listed in stage 1: Mathematics, English Language, English Literature, Core PE, Science (Double or Triple), Digital Technology and Life Learning. In addition, you will choose additional Option subjects in Stages 2 and 3. The Option subjects you choose will be from either Pathway A or Pathway B. The vast majority of students will study Pathway A. If you study Pathway B your parents/carers will already have been contacted by Mrs Nyren or Mrs Shaw. Please return this Option form to your form tutor by Friday 1st March 2019.

Pathway A (EBacc route)

All Students will do these Stage 1 subjects		Pick the language you already study in Stage 2A and 1 choice from Stage 2B		Notes for Stage 3	
Stage 1		Stage 2A		Notes for Stage 3	
Mathematics GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	French GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	You need to pick 3 choices, in order of preference, numbered 1, 2 and 3	
English Language GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>		
English Literature GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stage 2B		Your 3rd choice is your reserve choice and will only be used in the case where we are unable to fit 1st or 2nd choice	
Core PE (no examination)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Geography GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Science (Double or Triple) GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	History GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Digital Technology (in year 9 only)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Life Learning (no examination)	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Frequently asked questions (applies to both Pathways)

- Can I study more than one language? Students are welcome to study more than one language. Please discuss with the languages department.
- Can I change languages between KS3 & 4? It is not permitted to switch languages between Y3 & 4.
- Can I take Engineering GCSE and Technical Award? Students cannot take both of these options due to Exam Board restrictions.
- Can I take Art & Design and Textiles? Students cannot take both of these options due to Exam Board restrictions.
- Is Further maths an option? Further maths will be offered to selected students to start at beginning of Year 10.
- Can I choose whether I do Double Science or Triple Science? The Science department will decide which of these courses is best suited to you at the end of Year 9.

Pathway B (General route)

All Students will do these Stage 1 subjects		Pick 1 choice from Stage 2		Notes for Stage 3	
Stage 1		Stage 2		Notes for Stage 3	
Mathematics GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	French GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	You need to pick 4 choices, in order of preference, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4	
English Language GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>		
English Literature GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	Geography GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	Your 4th choice is your reserve choice and will only be used in the case where we are unable to fit 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice	
Core PE (no examination)	<input type="checkbox"/>	History GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Science (Double or Triple) GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Digital Technology (in year 9 only)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Life Learning (no examination)	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Stage 3

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| Art and Design GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Art Textiles GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Computer Science GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dance GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Design and Technology GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Drama GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Economics GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Engineering GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Engineering (Technical Award) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| French GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Geography GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| History GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Information & Communications Technology (Technical Award) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Music Studies GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Music GCSE or BTEC | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PE GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Philosophy GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Religious Studies GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Small Animal Care BTEC | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Spanish GCSE | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Pathway A (EBacc route)		
All Students will do these Stage 1 subjects	Tick the language you already study in Stage 2A and 1 choice from Stage 2B	Notes for Stage 3
Stage 1	Stage 2A	<p>You need to pick 3 choices, in order of preference, numbered 1, 2 and 3</p> <p>(Your 3rd choice is your reserve choice and will only be used in the case where we are unable to fit 1st or 2nd choice)</p>
Mathematics GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> English Language GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> English Literature GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Core PE (no examination) <input type="checkbox"/> Science (Double or Triple) GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Technology (in year 9 only) <input type="checkbox"/> Life Learning (no examination) <input type="checkbox"/>	French GCSE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spanish GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Stage 2B Geography GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> History GCSE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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- Can I take Art & Design and Textiles? Students cannot take both of these options due to Exam Board restrictions.
- Is Further maths an option? Further maths will be offered to selected students to start at beginning of Year 12.
- Can I choose whether I do Double Science or Triple Science? The Science department will decide which of these courses is best suited to you at the end of Year 9.

Pathway B (General route)		
All Students will do these Stage 1 subjects	Tick 1 choice from Stage 2	Notes for Stage 3
Stage 1	Stage 2	<p>You need to pick 4 choices, in order of preference, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4</p> <p>(Your 4th choice is your reserve choice and will only be used in the case where we are unable to fit 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice)</p>
Mathematics GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> English Language GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> English Literature GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Core PE (no examination) <input type="checkbox"/> Science (Double or Triple) GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Technology (in year 9 only) <input type="checkbox"/> Life Learning (no examination) <input type="checkbox"/>	French GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Geography GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> History GCSE <input type="checkbox"/>	

Stage 3	
Art and Design GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Art Textiles GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Computer Science GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dance GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Design and Technology GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drone GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economics GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engineering GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engineering (Technical Award)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
French GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Geography GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
History GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information & Communications Technology (Technical Award)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Media Studies GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music GCSE or BTEC	<input type="checkbox"/>
PE GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philosophy GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious Studies GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small Animal Care BTEC	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spanish GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Pathway A (EBacc route)		
All Students will do these Stage 1 subjects	Top the language (you already study in Stage 2A and 1 choice from Stage 2B	Notes for Stage 3
Stage 1	Stage 2A	<p>You need to pick 3 choices, in order of preference, numbered 1, 2 and 3</p> <p>(Your 3rd choice is your reserve choice and will only be used in the case where we are unable to fit 1st or 2nd choice)</p>
Mathematics GCSE <input type="checkbox"/>	French GCSE <input type="checkbox"/>	
English Language GCSE <input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish GCSE <input type="checkbox"/>	
English Literature GCSE <input type="checkbox"/>	Stage 2B	
Core PE (no examination) <input type="checkbox"/>	Geography GCSE <input type="checkbox"/>	
Science (Double or Triple) GCSE <input type="checkbox"/>	History GCSE <input type="checkbox"/>	
Digital Technology (in year 9 only) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Life Learning (no examination) <input type="checkbox"/>		


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Pathway B (General route)		
All Students will do these Stage 1 subjects	Top 1 choice from Stage 2	Notes for Stage 3
Stage 1	Stage 2	<p>You need to pick 4 choices, in order of preference, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4</p> <p>(Your 4th choice is your reserve choice and will only be used in the case where we are unable to fit 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice)</p>
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English Language GCSE <input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish GCSE <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Life Learning (no examination) <input type="checkbox"/>		


Stage 3	
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Art Textiles GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Computer Science GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dance GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Design and Technology GCSE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3
Drama GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economics GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engineering GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engineering (Technical Award)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2
French GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Geography GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
History GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information & Communications Technology (Technical Award)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media Studies GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music GCSE or BTEC	<input type="checkbox"/>
PE GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical Education GCSE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4
Religious Studies GCSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small Animal Care BTEC	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spanish GCSE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1

ADVICE

- Ensure that your options form is completed in accordance with the pathway that has been allocated to you.
 - Choose the subject not the teacher
 - Don't pick subjects just because your friends are picking them
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ADVICE

3 Golden Questions

- Am I good at the subject? (or do I think I will be good at the subject if it is something that I haven't taken in lower school?)
 - Do I enjoy the subject ? You will probably do better in a subject you enjoy
 - Will it be useful in my future career?
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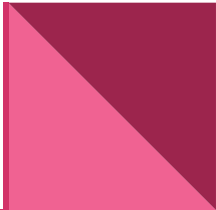
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The Options process - key dates

Early January	Options Booklet given to students in PDT (also available on website)
January/February	Form Tutors will deliver PDT designed to help students reflect on strengths, career aspirations and choices.
Thursday 7th February	Y8 Parents' Evening with subject teachers
Wednesday 13th February	Y8 Options Evening
Wednesday 27th February	Deep Learning Day: GCSE Options Taster sessions for Y8
Friday 1st March	Options Form returned to form tutor
March/April	Students informed if choices not possible
June	Final confirmation of options sent to parents