



# **YEAR 8**

# **GCSE OPTIONS EVENING**

Mr M Allingham – Assistant Principal

# Core Curriculum

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English Language

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English Literature

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Mathematics

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Science (Biology/Chemistry/Physics)

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Religious Education

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Physical Education (non-examined)

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PSHE (non-examined)

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Global Dimensions (Year 9)

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# Ebacc Options – 2 choices

The Ebacc is not a qualification. It is a particular combination of subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Geography / History
- Modern Foreign Language (French or Spanish)

Possible combinations:

- Geography + Language
- History + Language
- French + Spanish
- Geography + History

# Modern Foreign Languages

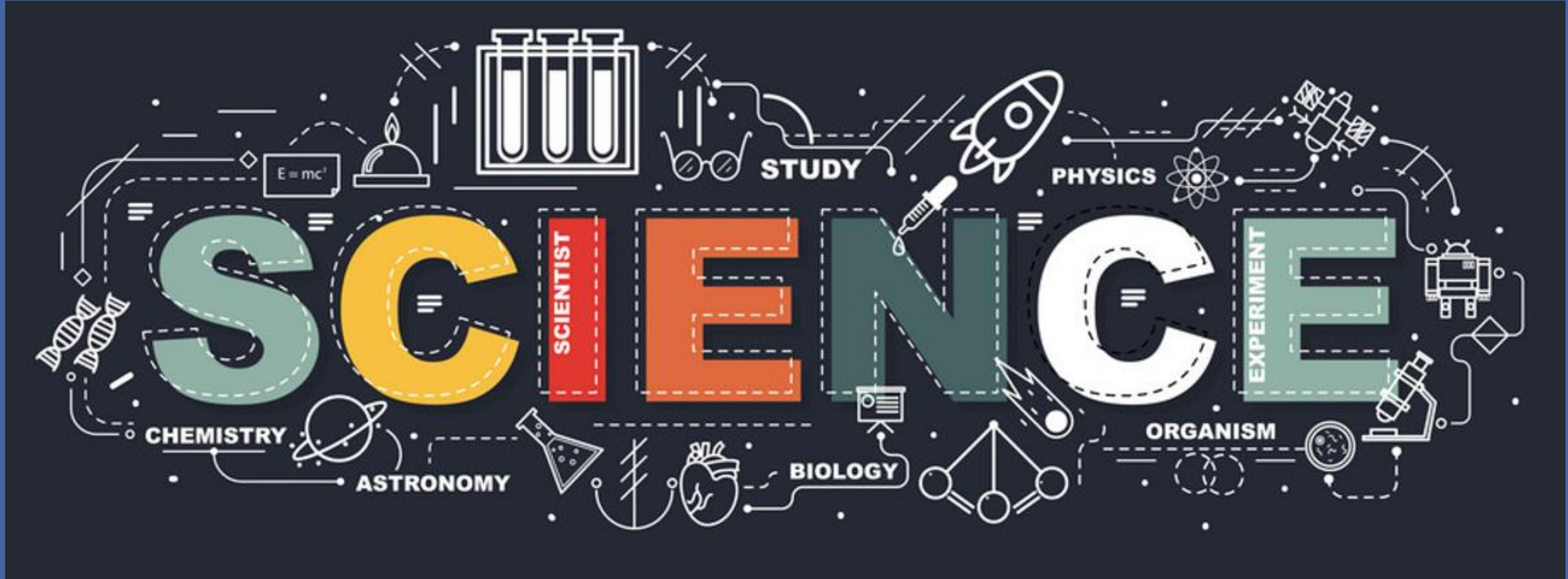
“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.”

Learning a language can help you with empathy and relationships.

Learning a language can provide you with a wider variety of options and opportunities later in life, including gap years and university placements.

Learning a language is a benefit to your careers in terms of both opportunity and salary.







# GCSE Science– 2 routes

## **COMBINED SCIENCE (TRILOGY)**

- Students study all 3 sciences
- Leads to 2 GCSE qualifications
- Accepted progression route into A Level science subjects

## **SEPARATE SCIENCE**

- Students study all 3 sciences
- Leads to 3 GCSE qualifications
- Study each subject at a greater depth

For now, for all Year 9 students, everyone just does science!

As students move into Year 10, teachers, students and parents collectively decide which route is the most suitable for each student – combined or separate?

# Open Options – 2 choices

A chance for students to personalise their programme to their own strengths, interests and aspirations. The options open to students are:

Art & Design\*

Business Studies

Computing

Dance

Drama

French

Geography

BTEC Health & Social Care

History

ICT

Music

Physical Education (NCFE Health & Fitness)

Photography\*

Spanish

Textiles\*

# Follow your head or your heart?

My head tells me to:

Choose subjects that employers want.

Choose subjects that I will need for my preferred career path.

Choose subjects that will keep my options open.





# Follow your head or your heart?

My heart tells me to:

Choose subjects that I enjoy and interest me.

Choose subjects that I am good at.



# Information and Guidance

Subject Teachers

Talk to students who take this subject – many of them are here tonight

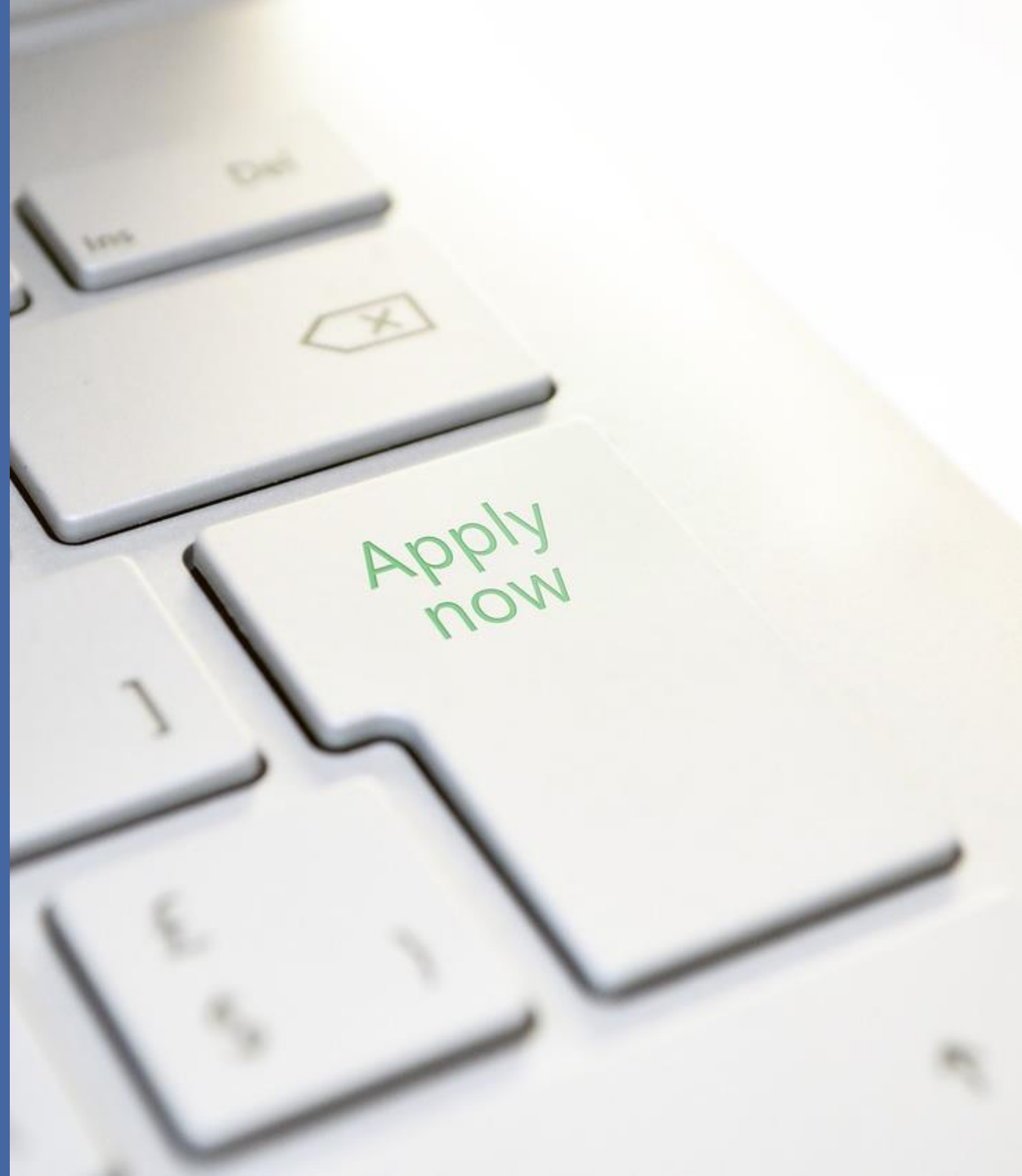
Careers – Mr Kennedy & Emma McKenzie (CXK)

D of E – Mr Parsons



# How do I apply?

All pupils must submit your course choices via SIMS online by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**



# Selecting your subject preferences

Follow the USEFUL LINKS menu

Select SIMS OPTIONS



# Selecting your subject preferences

Please choose the Google Option, and then log-in using your school account (not a personal google account, that won't work)

Sign in to SIMS ID

Username


Password

Show Password [Forgot Password?](#)

OR

**ESS** | **SIMS**

[ESS: Check Service Status](#)

 Secured by SIMS ID



▼ Pathway: A

### EBACC

You have chosen  courses and  reserves from this list

**French** GCSE Full Course

**i** This course is also available in General

**Geography** GCSE Full Course

**i** This course is also available in General

**History** GCSE Full Course

**i** This course is also available in General

**Spanish** GCSE Full Course

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**Health and Social Care** GCSE Full Course

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**ICT** GCSE Full Course

**Music** GCSE Full Course

**Photography** GCSE Full Course

**PE Exam** GCSE Full Course

**Spanish** GCSE Full Course

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**Textiles** GCSE Full Course

### My Choices in Order of Preference

(Total Choices: 0)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No courses selected.

### My Reserves in Order of Preference

(Total Reserves: 0)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No reserves selected.

▶ Student Comments

▼ Parent/Carer Approval

Parent/Carer Approval



Save

EBACC

You have chosen 2 of 2 courses and 1 of 1 reserves from this list

<b>French</b> GCSE Full Course <span>Choice</span> Reserve	<b>Geography</b> GCSE Full Course <span>Choice</span> Reserve	<b>History</b> GCSE Full Course <span>Reserve</span> Reserve
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- 2 Geography**  
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- 3 Dance**  
GCSE Full Course General
- 4 Computing**  
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### My Reserves in Order of Preference

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To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 History**  
GCSE Full Course EBACC
- 2 Textiles**  
GCSE Full Course General

### Student Comments

Add any comments here

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You can see the order of preference, and the reserves for your selected options.

You can change this as much as you like when on the system.

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The parental approval box is “greyed out” and cannot be selected, nor does it need to be.





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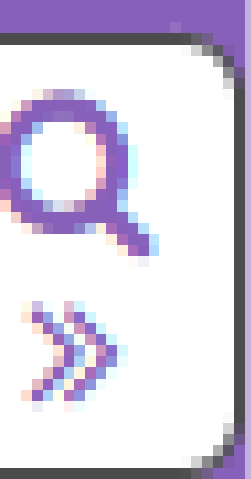
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EBACC

You have chosen 20

The system will auto-save as you work, but you can press save as well at the end for extra re-assurance.

You can login again and makes changes as much as you need to before the deadline.

# Can I change my mind?

Yes, but you will not be able to after 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

You can also log in and change your options up to the entry deadline, but once the deadline closes you will need to see me/email me to make a change.



# Will I get all my first-choice options?

Nearly all students get their preferred choices, but a small number could get their reserve choice.





# When will I find out?

Your choices will be confirmed towards the end of June?





## Year 8 Options Evening 14th March 2024

Building	Subject and Room					
Sherlock	<u>English Literature and English Language</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>Modern Foreign Languages (French and Spanish)</u>	<u>Global Schools</u>	<u>Drama</u>	
	S2	LRC	S4	S5	S6	
Prospect	<u>Geography</u>	<u>Health and Social Care</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Business Studies</u>		All shaded rooms are not on the ground floor. If this is an issue, please speak to school staff.
	PR1 and PR2	PR3	PR5	PR6		
Main	<u>Duke of Edinburgh Award</u>	<u>Careers Advisor</u>	<u>Religious Education</u>	<u>PE Exam (Health and Fitness)</u>	<u>Dance</u>	
	Outside of Main School Hall	Outside of Main School Hall	406	408	MSG	
Main and St Stephens	<u>Science</u>	<u>ICT and Computing</u>	<u>Music</u>	<u>Textiles</u>	<u>Art</u>	<u>Photography</u>
	503	302	201	203	204	101