



Year 9 GCSE Options

Information evening 30th
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Curiosity



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8 Subjects in total – 3 option blocks to select from



Compulsory

- Core
- English = 2
- Maths = 1
- Science = 2

• **Total 5**



Advised one

- EBACC

• **Total 1**



Two free choices

- Choice

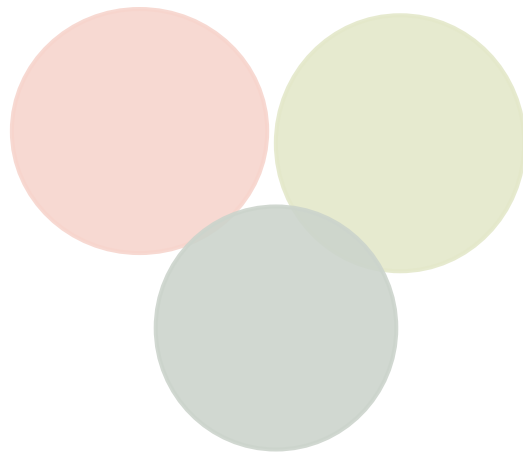
• **Total 2**

Subjects within blocks

English Literature
English Language
Maths
Science
Science

CORE

5



History
Geography
Ancient History
Computer Science
French *
Spanish *
Triple Science

* Only if previously studied in KS3

EBACC

1

Ancient History, History, Geography
Art and Design
Art Textiles
Business Studies
Computer Science, ICT
Dance, Drama, Music
Design Technology
Food Preparation and Nutrition
French, Spanish
Health and Social Care
Media Studies
Photography
Sports Studies
Religious Studies
Triple Science

CHOICE 2

2

Reserves

In case we are unable to timetable all their options OR there are too few applicants to run a subject, students **must** select two reserve choices **in order of preference.**

Ancient History, History, Geography

Art and Design

Art Textiles

Business Studies

Computer Science, ICT

Dance, Drama, Music

Design Technology

Food Preparation and Nutrition

French, Spanish

Health and Social Care

Media Studies

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CHOICE



Understanding the terminology

EBACC *English Baccalaureate – government guidance directs that learners must complete an EBACC subject.*

Edval *The software we use to collect student option choices*

Key Stage 4 *Years 10 and 11 aged 14-16
(Key Stage 5 refers to pupils in Sixth Form)*

GCSE *Common form of assessment usually consists of end of course examinations sat in silence.*

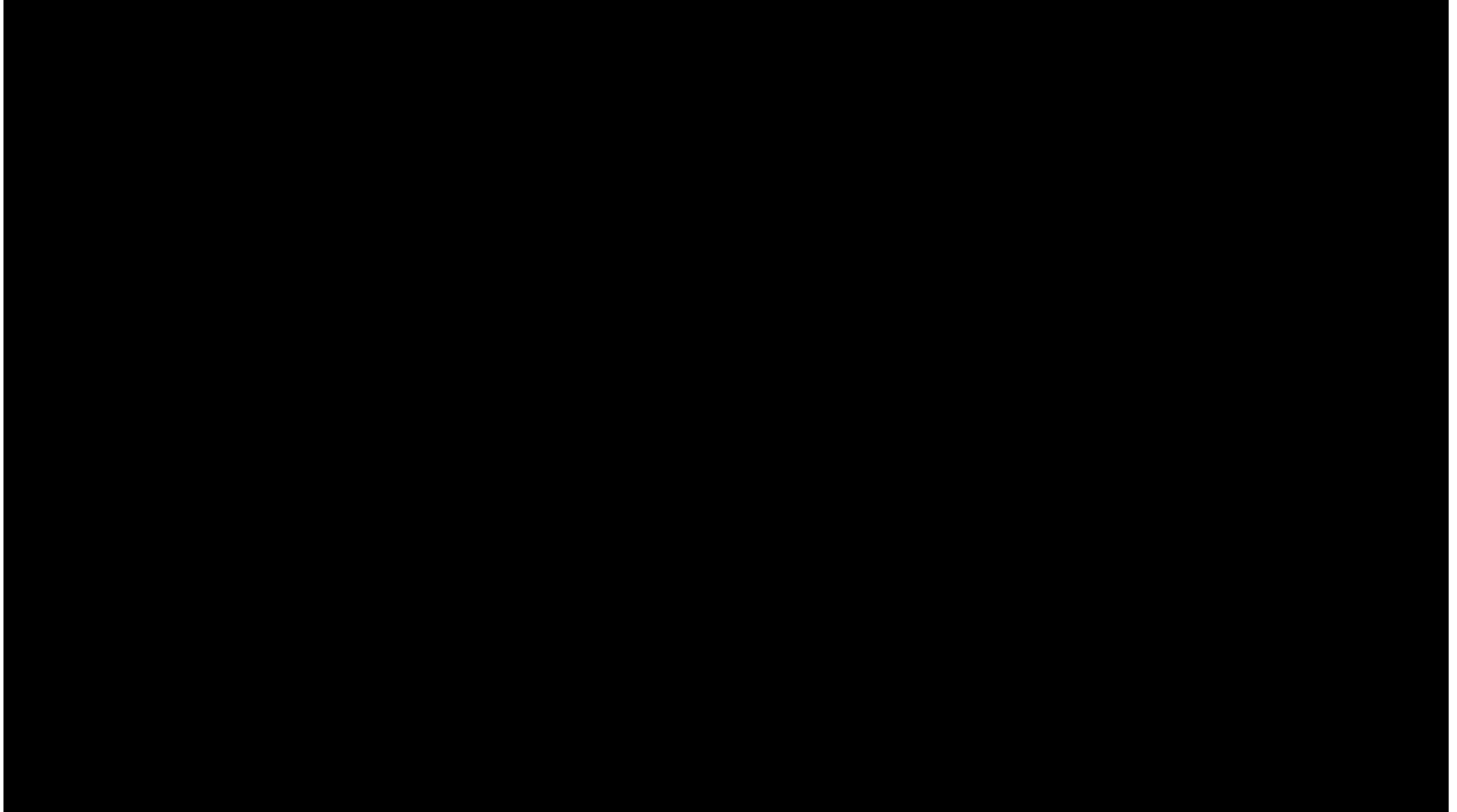
Vocational *Alternative qualifications which involve coursework and continuous assessment e.g. BTEC*



Using Edval

Completing the on-line choices – the link will be sent to student academy email addresses.





Timeline



Options Information Evening

Thursday 30th January

Options Invites sent to students via email

Friday 31st January

DEADLINE for Options submission

Monday 3rd March

GCSE student selection choice letter sent home for approval

Friday 14th March

Return of GCSE selection approval letter returned

Deadline 4th April

Final GCSE option choice confirmation letter sent home

By end of term 6

Any questions?

If you have any questions, please do talk to any of the staff available here tonight or contact us via email:

options@tda.education





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Please feel free to scan QR code which will take you to the online Options prospectus.

