



The Oakwood
Academy

Key Stage 4 Options Mr. Wylie



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Core Subjects



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You will all continue to study:

- Maths
- English
- Science
- Physical Education (PE)
- Life and Moral Skills (Religious Studies)



Core Subjects



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You will all continue to study:

- Maths x 4 lessons
- English x 5 lessons
- Science x 5 lessons
- Physical Education (PE) x 1 lesson
- Religious Studies (RS) x 1 lesson
- **16 hours in total, leaving 9 for Options**



Core Subjects



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Maths

- Maths – 1 GCSE qualification

English

- English Language – 1 GCSE
- English Literature – 1 GCSE

Science

- Combined Science – 2 GCSEs
 - Combination of Biology, Chemistry, Physics



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Life and Moral Skills

- You will continue to study RS for 1 hour per week in Year 10 only.
- Issue based approach, discussions, debates, research, careers, preparing for work.



Option Subjects



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- You will then choose other subjects you would like to study – **GCSE option subjects**.
- **3 choices** for 3 hours each per week in 10 and 11.
- **Reserve choice** – essential that this is a subject you want to do.



Choose 3 Option Subjects



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History	Geography	Spanish
Business Studies	Separate (Triple) Sciences	Design & Technology
Hospitality and Catering	Computer Science	Sport Studies
Religious Studies (PRE)	Drama	Art
	Music	Health & Social Care



Guided Pathways



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You will be guided on to one of two pathways:

- 1) English Baccalaureate Pathway**
- 2) Progress Pathway**



English Baccalaureate



What is the EBacc?



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- The English Baccalaureate is a pathway that ensures students study a **variety** of academic subjects.
- To achieve an EBACC you have to gain a grade 5 in English, Maths and 2 Sciences **plus**:
 - **Geography or History**
 - **Spanish or French – already chosen in Y9**
- The EBACC is considered a premier qualification, and is very popular with top Universities and employers.
- The pathway is open to every student, but suitable students will be selected to ensure they pick options to qualify for the EBACC.



EBacc pathway



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Which subjects do you need to study to achieve the EBacc pathway?

You must choose 3 subjects:

- at least one Language (chosen in Y9)
- at least one Humanities subject (Geography or History or both)
- 1 other subject



Progress pathway



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Which subjects do you need to study to achieve the Progress pathway?

- You will choose 3 subjects :
- **At least one** of your choices must include
 - Geography
 - History
 - Spanish
 - Computer Science
 - Separate Sciences



How do you know which pathway you will be on?



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You will receive a letter (posted home) that will explain which pathway you are on and what option choices you will have to make.

If you don't receive your letter please let your HOH or tutor know and they can contact me.

Your pathway is based on your academic data from years 7,8,9 as well as feedback from your primary school.



Example Option Columns

Not the REAL thing!!!!

	Option A	Option B	Option C
1	History	French	Geography
2	Computer Science	History	Triple Science
3	Art	Sport Studies	Drama
4	Business	Design and Technology	Sport Studies
5	Hospitality and Catering	Health and Social Care BTEC	Music

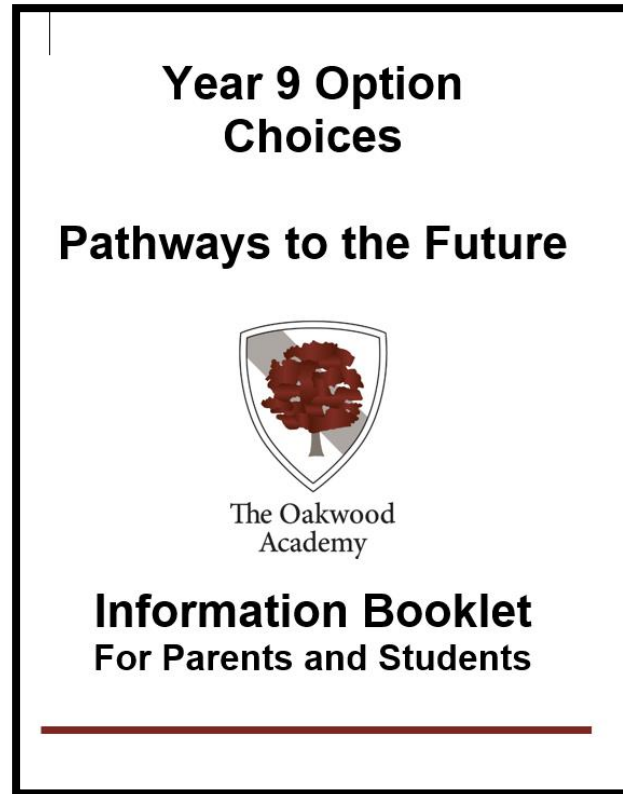


New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	A
6	B
5	C
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
U	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

What is the Options Booklet?



Take away today



Key Dates

- **Friday 2nd February** – Options Assembly (this one!)
- **Friday 2nd February** – Options Booklet available
- **Friday 3rd March** – Letters home confirming pathways
- **Wednesday 13th March** – Y9 Parents Evening
- **Monday 18th March** – Options Taster Week
- **Thursday 21st March** – Options Evening
- **Monday 15th April** – Deadline for Options form
- **Mid-May** – Confirmation of options via letter
- **September** – Start of new timetable



What next?

Talk to people.....

- Siblings
- Parents
- Form Tutors
- Subject Teachers
- Careers Advisor
- University Advisors

Research....

- Potential jobs and what qualifications they ask for
- University Courses and what qualifications they ask for
- Careers Advice / websites (JED online)



What next?

- Read the **Options booklet**
- Read your **Options pathway letter**
- Think about the subjects **you would like to study** from Year 10 onwards
- Check the website regularly for updated information

