



Key Stage 4 Options 2025

INFORMATION FOR Y9 STUDENTS

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This presentation

- Guidance for students (and parents) in making sensible decisions
- Details about the decisions the students need to make



What's different in Y10 and Y11?

- Individual timetable with fewer subjects, but more time for each subject.
- Exams and coursework.
- GCSEs and BTec.
- Drop down days.
- Work experience.

Guiding principles

- Follow your interests
- Play to your strengths
- Think ahead



Thinking ahead...



- Use Unifrog
- Entry requirement for Sixth Form is at least 5 GCSEs/BTECs (including English and Maths) grade 4 or Level 2 pass or above, and also meeting the entry requirements of the individual courses.
- You will need at least 3 GCE A-levels/BTEC Nationals to gain a place at university.

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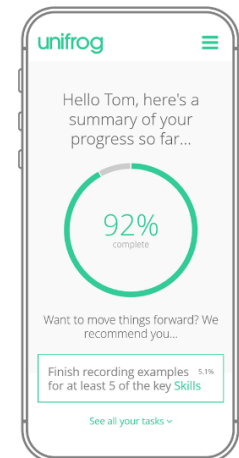
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What is the English Baccalaureate - EBacc?



The EBacc is a set of subjects made up of:

- English
- Maths
- The Sciences, including Computer Science
- History or Geography
- French or Spanish

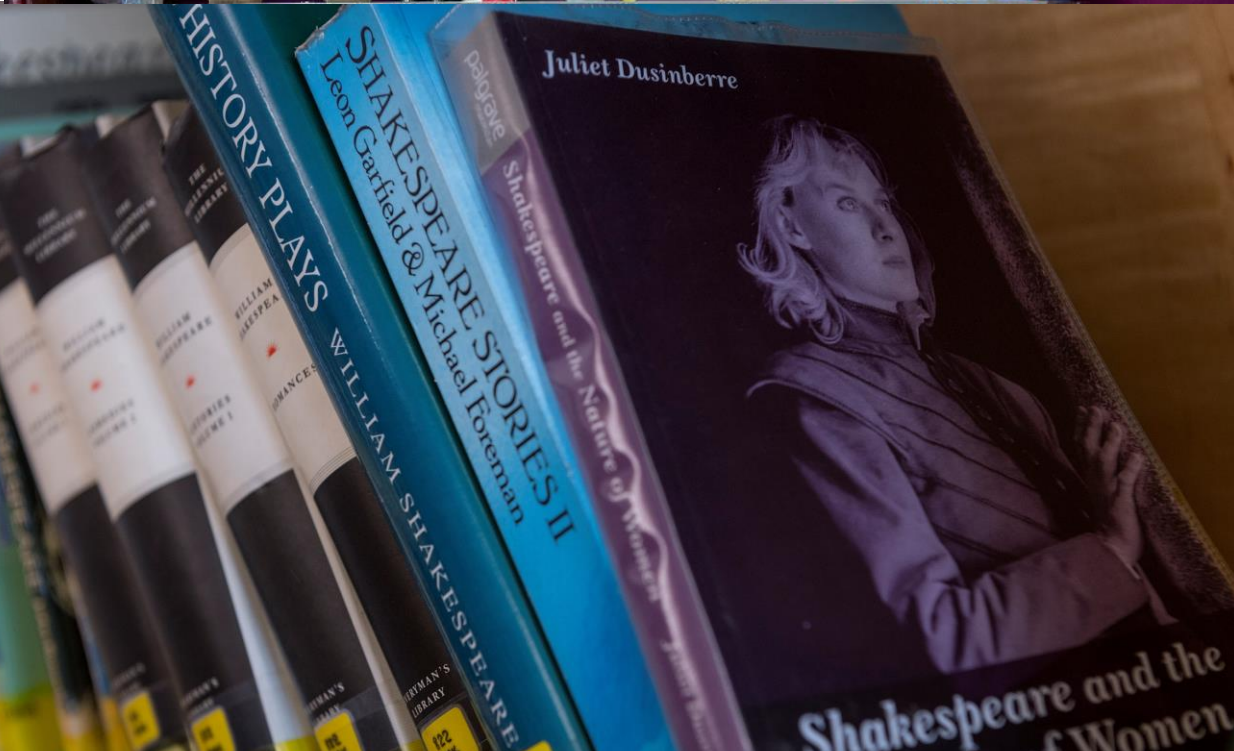


To qualify for the EBacc, students who study a GCSE language should use Option 2 and Options 4 & 5 to choose either History or Geography (or both).



Things to discount in your decisions:

- Friendship
- Teachers
- The 'grass is greener' approach



- All students will have the chance to ask questions and check their forms in an interview with a member of SLT
- You may only hand your form in after you've had this interview

Options Form 2025

Name:



Form:

Please refer to the options booklet for information on compulsory subjects.

Your choices:

Options 1 & 2

Circle your preferences

Combined Science
(2 GCSEs)

or

Triple Science
(3 GCSEs:
Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

and

Geography

or

History

Note: You **must** provide a Geography or History preference, even if you have selected Triple Science in case you do not meet the entry requirement for Triple Science. If you wish to study Triple Science alongside Geography or History, please select your preferred humanity in options 4 & 5

Option 3

French

or

Spanish

or

Creative
iMedia

or

Food Preparation
& Nutrition

First choice:

Reserve choice:

Options 4 & 5

You will choose **FOUR** courses from this list in order of preference.
You will be placed on **TWO** of the four selected courses

1..... 2.....

3..... 4.....

Art and Design (Fine Art)	Drama	History
Art and Design (Three Dimensional-Design)	Food Preparation & Nutrition	Hospitality & Catering
Business	French	Music
Computer Science	Geography	Physical Education
Creative iMedia	Health & Social Care	Religious Studies
		Sociology

To be returned to the KS3 office not before your options interview and no later than Wednesday 5h February

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The Options Form



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All students study these subjects		
English Language AND English Literature	Mathematics	P.E.
2 GCSEs 8 lessons	1 GCSE 7 lessons	2 lessons

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Please choose four choices carefully, as you will be placed on two of the four.

These won't necessarily be your first and second choices.

Please note that optional courses only run if numbers make them viable.



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What happens next?

Wednesday 15 January	Options assembly
Thursday 16 January	Options booklet distributed to students Options information available on website
Monday 20 January	Options form distributed to students
Wednesday 22 January	Options evening in school
Thursday 23 January onwards	Student guidance interviews
Wednesday 5 February	Deadline for options forms to be handed in
June/July	Students notified of options decisions
September	Start your key stage 4 courses

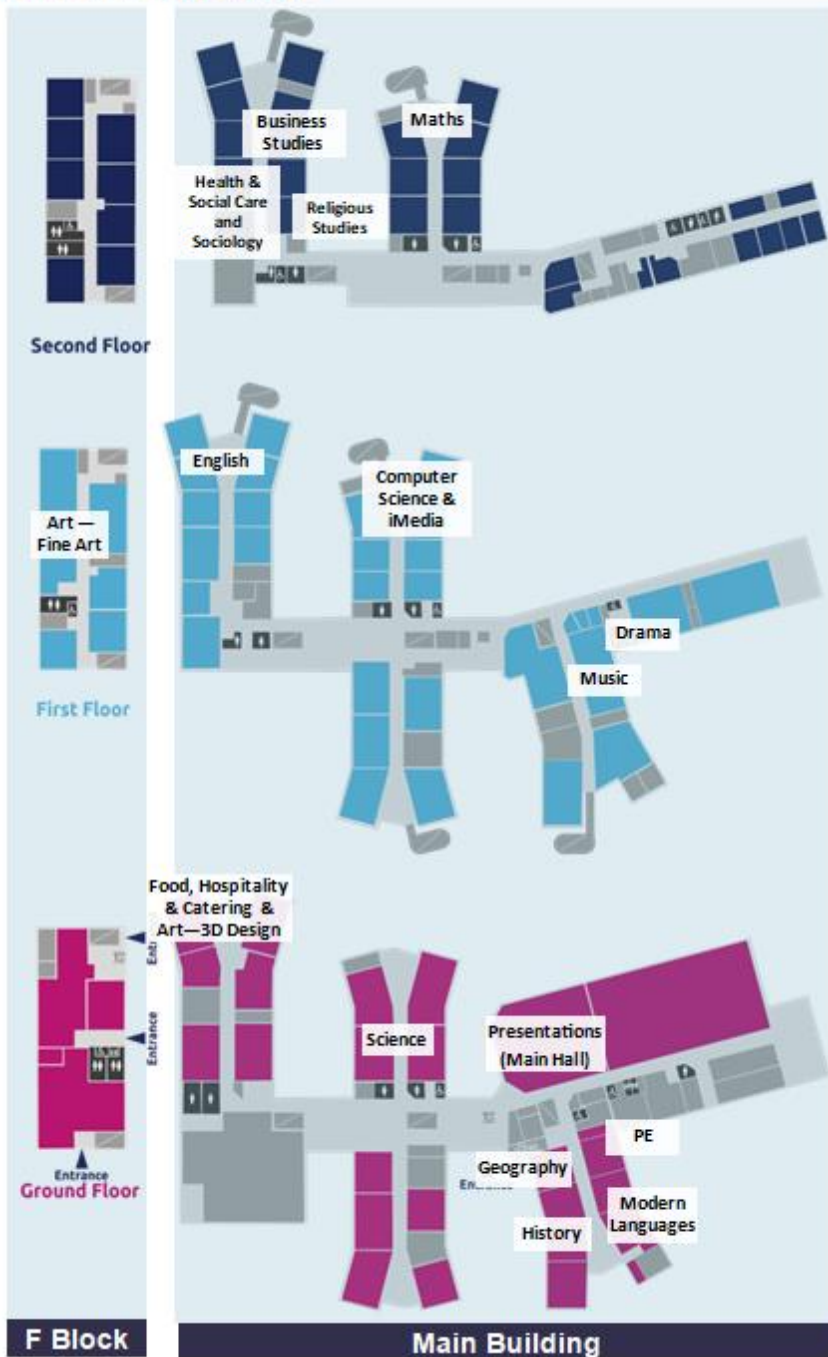
Further information is available on the Silverdale School website:

<https://www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/ks4options>

Forms will be dated on submission, where courses are oversubscribed, priority will be given to students completing their form on time.

You can only submit 1 form so please check your form carefully before submitting.

If you have any problems please contact Key Stage 3



Tonight...

