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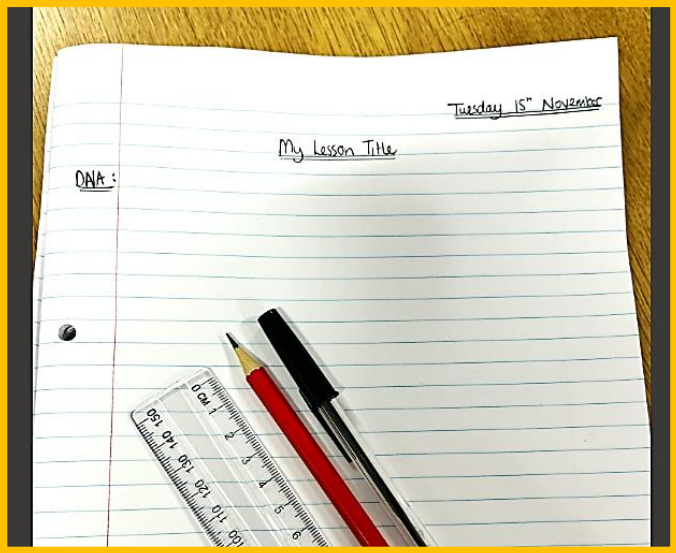
Year 9 Curriculum Choices

Straight to your allocated seat

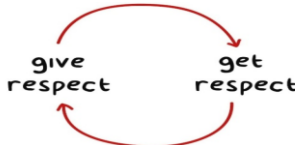
Equipment out on the desk

Date and Title in book and underlined

Ready to complete your **Do Now Activity**



Classroom Expectations



START
1 Minute

1:00

Click the green area to start the timer.

Year 9 Curriculum Choices

Last Lesson	What subjects does everyone study in Y10 and Y11?
Last Week	When is the deadline for submitting your curriculum choices? How do you submit them?
Last Month/Year	What is a 'reserve' subject?



What is the EBACC?



Complete
In Silence





Believe
Achieve
Succeed



YEAR 9
KS4 Curriculum Choices
2025 - 2027



What are Curriculum Choices?

Curriculum choices is a process that allows parents, teachers and yourselves to work together and ensure that when you begin Year 10 in September you will be starting the right GCSE and BTEC courses to help you succeed.

Through this process you will choose a number of subjects to take as qualifications in year 11.

Why Choose in Year 9?

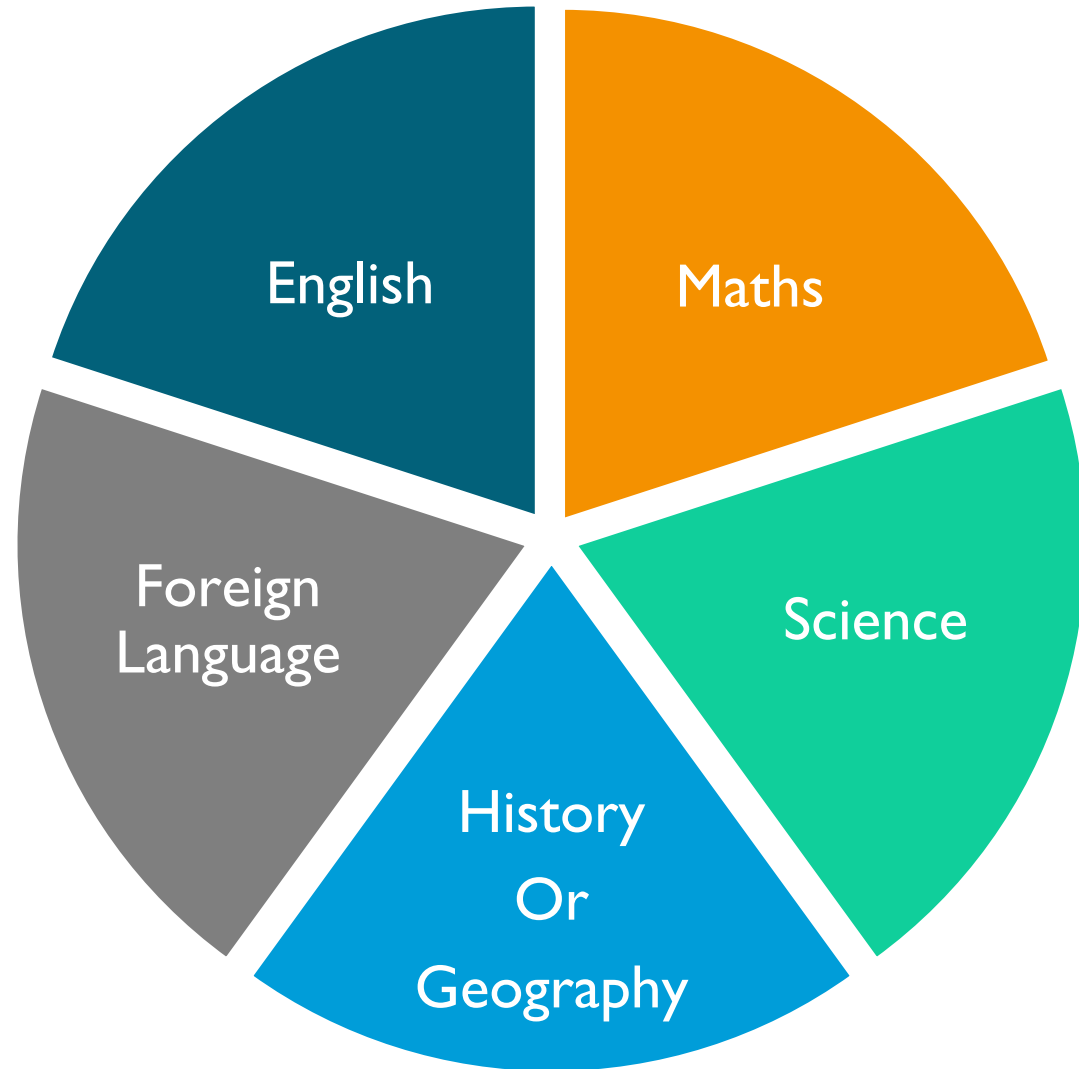
The government and exam boards have worked together over the last few years to overhaul the GCSEs offered in England. These are now more challenging, and most include content that used to be taught at A level or higher.

All exam papers can now only be taken at the end of year 11.

We believe in offering all students a **broad curriculum** that provides access towards further education and a wide choice of career opportunities.

We offer a two year key stage 4 curriculum to give students a longer time on their Key Stage 4 examination courses and we firmly believe that this will further enhance students' learning, progress and achievement.

What is the EBACC?



The **English Baccalaureate** (EBACC) is a performance measure used by the government.

To gain the EBACC you must achieve a **grade 5** or above at the end of year 11 in all 5 subjects.

	↓ -37.5%	↓ -14.5%	↓ -6.5%	↑ 30.5%	↑ 32.4%
2017 2027 level Selected examples of qualifications	No qualification and Level 1 GCSE (grades D-G) BTEC award, certificate and diploma 1	Level 2 GCSE (grades A*-C) NVQ level 2	Level 3 AS and A level BTEC National	Levels 4-6 Certificate of higher education (L4) Foundation degree (L5) Bachelor's degree (L6)	Levels 7-8 Master's degree (L7) Doctorate (L8)
	2017 6,083,382 2027 3,801,155	2017 6,752,771 2027 5,774,783	2017 6,916,663 2027 6,466,094	2017 10,707,064 2027 13,970,954	2017 4,388,111 2027 5,807,967
2027 % share	No qual and Level 1 10.6%	Level 2 16.1%	Level 3 18.1%	Levels 4-6 39.0%	Levels 7-8 16.2%

This means that by the time you are 16:

- Careers in areas of growth will be for higher skilled/qualified employees. (around 2 million extra jobs and growing...)
- Most people with a job will have a degree or higher.
- Average qualification level to rise for all occupations.

Careers Projections (West Midlands & Nationally)

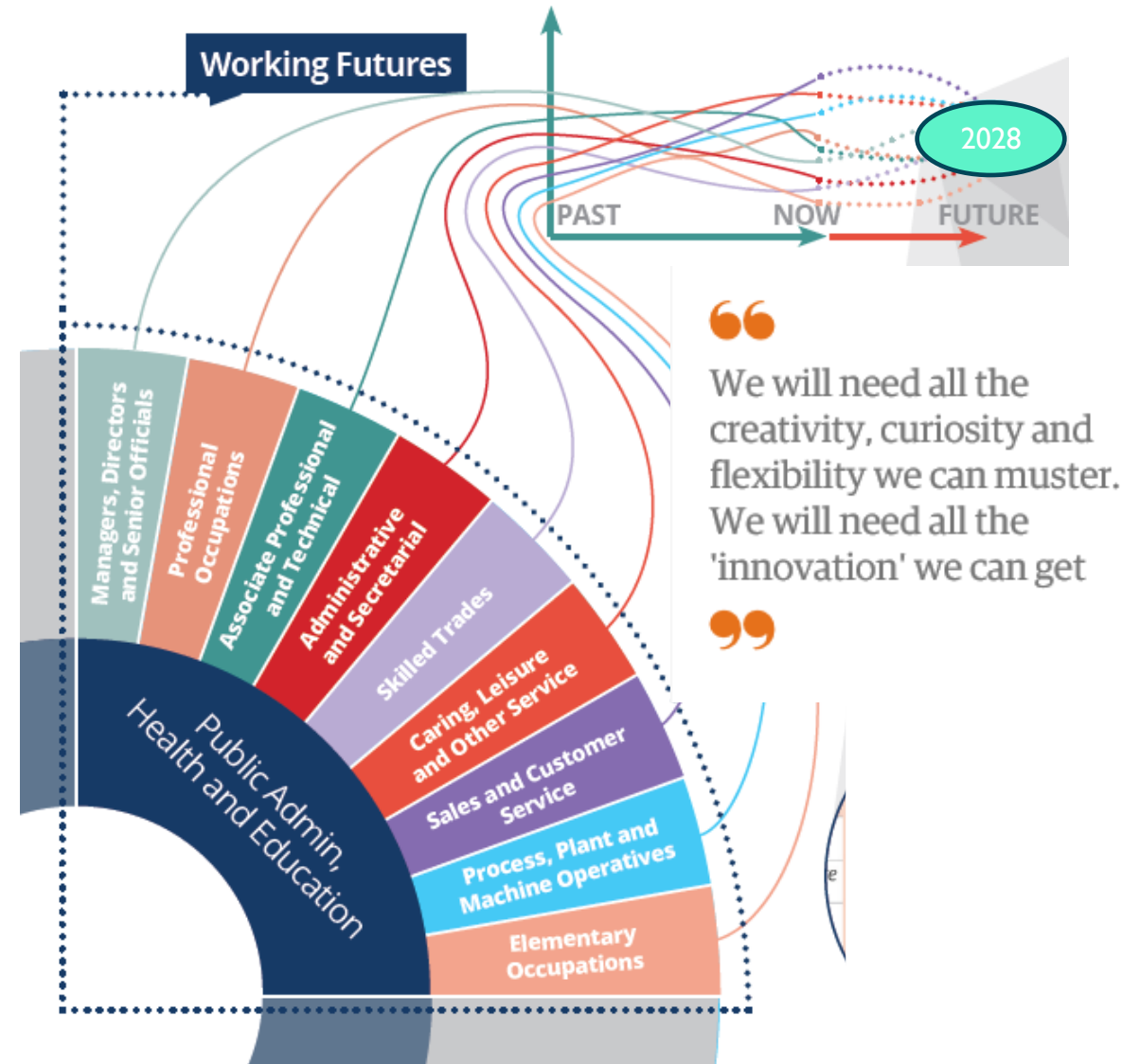
Growth Areas for 2028:

- Creative Arts (growing faster than any other sector)
- Hospitality and Leisure
- Professional Scientific
- Social Care

All Areas of deficit by 2028

Decline in traditional industries:

- Manufacturing
- Utilities



Every student, will still take the following subjects at GCSE.

GCSE English Language

GCSE English Literature

GCSE Maths

GCSE Science

Core PE (not examined)

RSHE (Relationships, social, health and ethics)



Block 1 (3hr) (pick 1)	Block 2 and 3 (3hr) (pick 2)		
Geography	3D Design ***	Geography	Music
History	Animal Care	Health & Social Care	Photography
Spanish	Art***	History	Sport
Latin	Drama	Hospitality	Travel & Tourism
Triple Science	Dance	ICT	Triple Science

Block 1 (3hr) (pick 1)	Block 2 (3hr) (pick 1)			Block 3 (3hr)
Geography	3D Design ***	Geography	Music	Performing Arts
	Animal Care	Health & Social Care	Photography	
History	Art***	History	Sport	
	Dance	Hospitality	Travel & Tourism	
Spanish		ICT		



Curriculum Choice Assemblies

- WEDNESDAY Languages - Spanish and Latin. Using Microsoft Teams
- THURSDAY Humanities and iMedia
- FRIDAY English Language and English Literature

■ HALF TERM

- WEDNESDAY Performing Arts
- THURSDAY Vocational and Science
- FRIDAY RSHE and Design Technology
- MONDAY Maths and Sport

Some help with picking your subjects...

1. What do I want to do at 16+
 - Sixth Form?
 - Apprenticeship?
 - College?
 - Employment?
 - Training provider?
2. Choose the subjects that give you a clear pathway to help your post 16 destination.
3. Choose a well-balanced timetable. Try not to choose all of your subjects from the same area.
4. Try and choose subjects that you enjoy and are good at.
5. Do not pick a subject because you like that teacher as you may not have that teacher next year.
6. Do not avoid a subject that you are good at because you don't like the teacher who is teaching you now as you may not have the same teacher in the next 2 years.
7. Do not choose subjects just because your friends have chosen them.
8. Do not be afraid to choose unusual subjects.
9. Creative subjects can be very useful.
10. Try not to specialise too much.
11. Ask yourself if you are more suited to GCSE or BTEC method of learning? Or a combination?
12. Seek plenty of impartial advice and ask lots of questions.

Some things to think about...

- Some options may not run if not enough people pick it
- You may not get a place on your first option because too many people have picked it.
 - If this happens we will try and distribute places fairly.
 - If your form is late being handed in you are less likely to get your first choice of subject.
- Final decisions on course choices will be made by Mr Wagstaff.
 - Behaviour will be a consideration.
 - Attendance will be a consideration.
 - Combinations of groups will be a consideration.

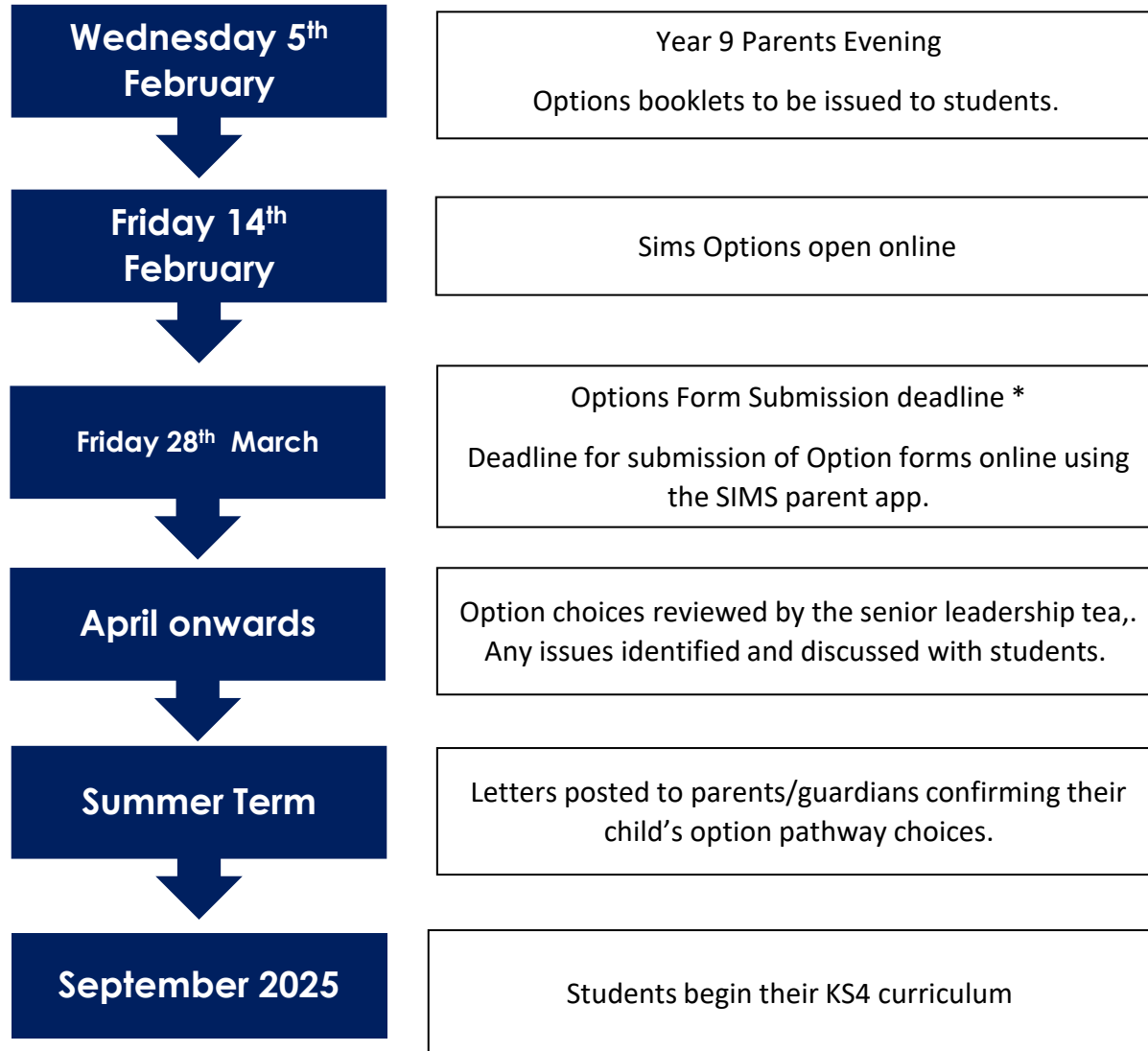
The wrong reasons to make a choice

- ✗ I like the teacher
- ✗ All the other choices are boring / too difficult
- ✗ All my friends are doing that subject
- ✗ I think it will help me get a job

The right reasons to make a choice

- ✓ I am good at that subject
- ✓ I enjoy the subject
- ✓ I know that these subjects will help my career choice, because I have found out about it
- ✓ I have achieved good results and the right exam grades in this subject

If in doubt ask for help



The subjects that you choose to study at Key Stage 4 are extremely important.

The decisions made now, could affect the future pathways that you decide to take. In an ever changing world this is more important than ever.

For many of you, this will be your first major decision about your future that you have to make. Therefore the more advice and guidance you get the better informed you will be to be able to make the right decision.

Both you and your parents will have the **opportunity to discuss the options process** together.

Please do take time to consider and finalise your choices before submitting your form.

There is no race to be the first handed in!

How to make your choices on sims

1. You will complete your registration for your account in your ICT lesson
2. log on to your account at <https://www.sims-options.co.uk>
3. Your parents will receive a registration email from noreply@sims.co.uk. If you have any difficulty registering you need to contact student.data@woacademy.co.uk
4. Your parents can also access the options process from within SIMS Parent App.

When you have completed the registration process this is what you will see.

- A number of lists will be displayed.
- Make your choices from these lists.
- At the top of each list advice on the number of subjects or reserves which can be chosen is given. To see all lists you should scroll down the screen

This is what it will look like

Open List 1

Please choose 2 subjects and 2 reserve subjects from the list.

You have chosen 0 of 2 courses and 0 of 2 reserves from this list

Animal Care BTEC Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Fine Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Business BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve
Dance BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve	Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Health & Social Care BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve	ICT Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Music GCSE GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Drama BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve	RE GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Sport BTEC Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Textiles GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve				

These are the lists that will be displayed.
Make your choices from these lists.

At the top of each list advice on the number of subjects or reserves which can be chosen is given. To see all lists scroll down the screen.

You have chosen 1 of 2 courses and 0 of 2 reserves from this list

Animal Care BTEC Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Fine Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Dance BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve	Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
		This course is also available in EBACC	

A subject is chosen by clicking on the subject.

it changes colour to blue and the display of choices made is updated:

How to remove a choice

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

Animal Care BTEC Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Fine Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Dance BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve	Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve

To remove a choice, click on the subject and the colour will change to grey.

To choose a Reserve subject click on the word Reserve to the right of the subject; it changes colour to orange and the display of choices made is updated:

My Choices in Order of Preference (Total Choices: 4)

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

- 1 Fine Art
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open List 1
- 2 French
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course EBACC
- 3 ICT
Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 Open List 1
- 4 Statistics
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open List 2

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 4)

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

- 1 Dance
BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 Open List 1
- 2 Spanish
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course EBACC
- 3 Music GCSE
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open List 1
- 4 Travel & Tourism
BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 Open List 2

If too many subjects are chosen a warning is displayed:

You have chosen 2 of 1 

The choices you make are also displayed on the right of the screen as shown here. In this panel the order of these choices can be changed by clicking on the subject and then clicking on which course you want to replace in the order.

Following the last list you can make a comment in the ' Student Comments area'.



When all choices have been made, click on the Save icon to the top left and then logout.