

Welcome to Year 9 Options 2025-26

Aims

- Confirm the timeline
- Signpost sources of information and support
- Outline the main decisions for students

Important Dates

**Options Assembly
Booklet**

Options evening Thurs 27 Nov 2025

Progress Evenings Thurs 8 Jan 2026 (A)
Thurs 15 Jan 2026 (B)

**Electronic Options forms
shared** Mon 26 Jan 2026

Options forms deadline Mon 23 Feb 2026

Help and Support

- Options booklet
- Subject teachers tonight, during Progress Evening or via email
- Form tutors
- Unifrog Careers Platform
- Careers advisors (Mrs Hampson, Mrs Adcock)
- Head of Year

What do you want to do?



Languages

- Curriculum review 2025
- Our advice on studying a language is that...
 - Language GCSEs have been redesigned to make them more **accessible**
 - South Hunsley GCSE language results are **high**
 - Students generally achieve their **highest grades** in their language
 - Students who study a language do **better** in their remaining GCSEs, particularly **English**
 - Students who study a language are more likely to progress through university, and competitive universities make more offers to students with a language

Choosing your options

Humanity/ Language <i>(pick 1 from this list)</i>	Optional Curriculum <i>(pick 3 from this list)</i>
French Geography German History Spanish	Art & Design Business Computer Science Child Development Dance Design & Technology Digital Information Technology Drama Engineering Food Preparation & Nutrition French Geography German History Media Studies Music PE - GCSE Photography Religious Studies, Philosophy & Ethics Spanish Sport - Cambridge National Textiles Triple Science

Choose one subject from the humanity and language list.

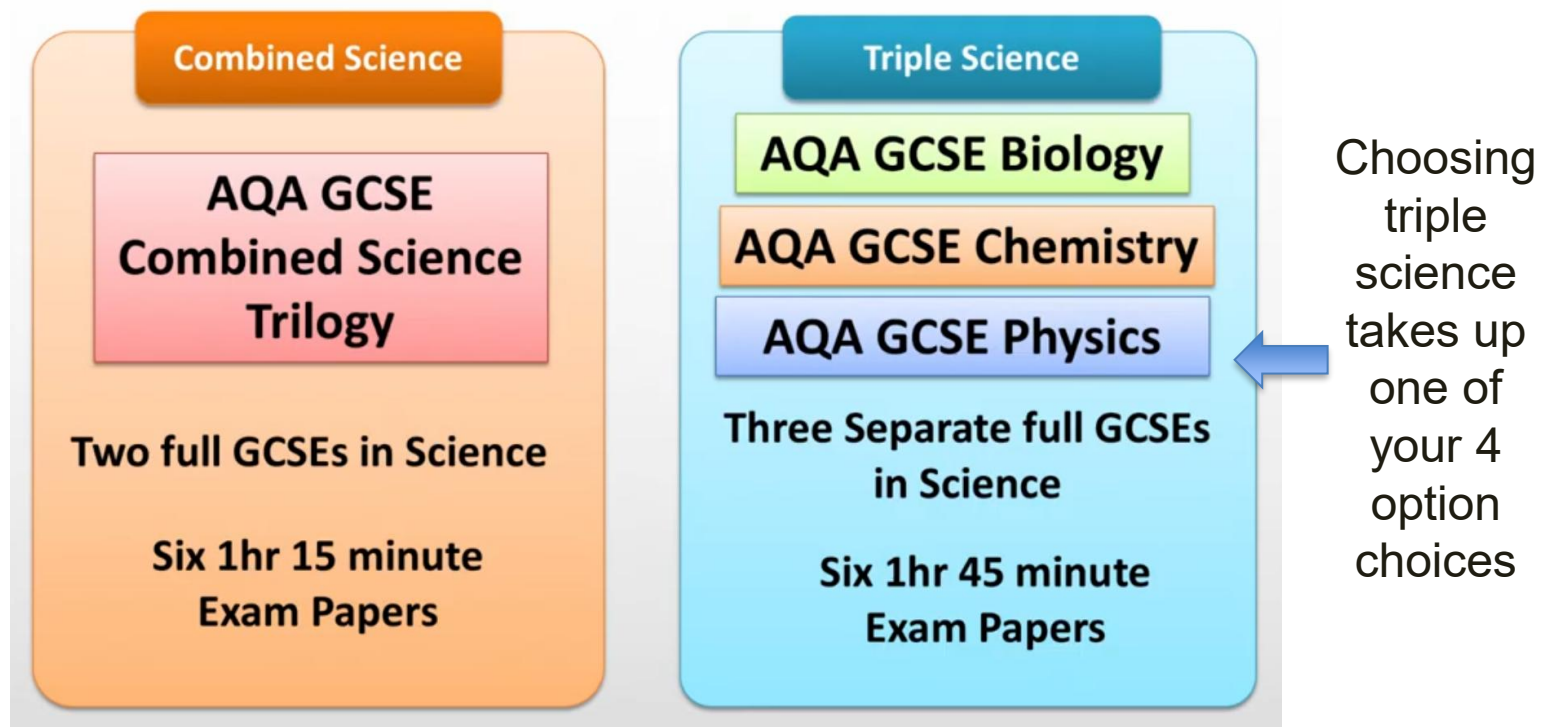
Choose three subjects from the optional curriculum list

The following combinations are not possible:

- Art and Textiles
- Design Technology and Engineering
- GCSE PE and Cambridge National Sport

Science

All students study all three sciences, but there are two possible routes:



D&T and Engineering

- We offer two courses:
 - Design Technology
 - Engineering
- Both have a share of practical work, coursework (called Non Examined Assessment) and exams
- Express a preference for either course
- Students can not study both

Co-curriculum

- Students can opt to study the following courses in their own time, either during lunch times or after school:
 - Further Maths
 - ICDL (IT applications qualification)
 - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Bronze)
- In Y10 students also work towards a Level 2 Sports Leader qualification
- Access to sports and creative arts clubs

Confirmation

- There will be meetings for students with options clashes or other restrictions
- A letter is sent home in the Summer Term confirming our record of options choices
- There is no 'these are your definite options' date
- Final timetables published Sept. If Mr Gray hasn't been in touch that's a good sign!

FAQ

- Does my pathway or subject choice affect who I will be with in my lessons?
- Can I change one of my subjects once I start?
- Is it first come first served?
- Can I drop any core subjects?
- Do I need to pick science options?