



Vyners School

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Year 9 into 10

Options Evening January 2026



Welcome



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Making the 'right' choices





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Key Points:

- This is an opportunity for students select the subjects they will study until the end of Year 11.
- We may not be able to offer everybody all of their choices, but will try to accommodate as many students as possible.
- If you have any questions about particular subjects, please direct your questions to the subject teachers.



What we will be doing to support student choices:

- Assemblies and loom videos during tutor time giving information about the options process.
- Encouraging students to have discussions with subject teachers and family.
- Subject fayre during careers week.



Selecting Options

- Students have had time to experience a range of subjects during their time at Vyners School.
- Now they need to consider which subjects to continue with through to the end of Year 11.
- There is also an opportunity for students to take one new subject from Economics, Business Studies or Psychology.



Economics, Business Studies and Psychology

- These subjects are available from the start of Year 10.
- Information about these courses will be provided during tutorial time and in assemblies.
- There is a link to subject information in the Options brochure. [Vyners School - Subject Information Booklet](#)
- Any student who wants to know more should speak to their tutor who can direct them to the Subject Leader.
- **Students can only pick ONE of these new subjects.**



Pathways

- **The Triple Science Pathway** allows students to study the science separately. They will also have to study at least one humanities or language. We strongly recommend that you choose both a humanities and a language.
- **The EBacc Pathway** supports students who have been identified as being particularly good at MFL and humanities and are not taking Triple Science.
- **The Open Pathway** gives students a wider choice. They will have to study at least one humanities subject or MFL but the rest is open to them.
- **The Core Pathway** allows similar progression to that of the Open Pathway but is one less GCSE.



Triple & EBacc choices

<u>Pathway</u>	<u>Core Subjects</u>	<u>Option 1</u>	<u>Further Options</u>
<u>Triple Science Pathway</u> <i>You will be told by the Head of Science if you can take this pathway</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathematics• English Language• English Literature• Biology• Chemistry• Physics• RE (Short Course)	Select one from: <input type="checkbox"/> History <input type="checkbox"/> Geography <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> German <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	Select three additional subjects in priority order, of which they will be allocated two: <input type="checkbox"/> History <input type="checkbox"/> Geography <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> German <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Art & Design <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> Music <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts BTEC <input type="checkbox"/> Photography <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC IT <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education <input type="checkbox"/> Design & Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Food Preparation and Nutrition <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Studies
<u>EBacc Pathway</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathematics• English Language• English Literature• Combined Science• RE (Short Course)	Select one from: <input type="checkbox"/> History <input type="checkbox"/> Geography And select one from: <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> German <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	 <input checked="" type="radio"/> You can only select one of these subjects: <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Economics



Open & Core choices

<u>Open Pathway</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathematics• English Language• English Literature• Combined Science• RE (Short course)	<p>Select one from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> History<input type="checkbox"/> Geography<input type="checkbox"/> French<input type="checkbox"/> German<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	<p>Select four additional subjects in priority order, of which they will be allocated three:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> History<input type="checkbox"/> Geography<input type="checkbox"/> French<input type="checkbox"/> German<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish<input type="checkbox"/> Art & Design<input type="checkbox"/> Drama<input type="checkbox"/> Music<input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts BTEC<input type="checkbox"/> Photography<input type="checkbox"/> BTEC IT<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education<input type="checkbox"/> Design & Technology<input type="checkbox"/> Food Preparation and Nutrition<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Studies
<u>Core Pathway</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathematics• English Language• English Literature• Combined Science• RE (Short Course)	<p>Level 2 Functional Skills (Maths and English)</p>	<p>You can only select one of these subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Psychology<input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies



The Triple Science Pathway

- **Core**

Mathematics

English Language

English Literature

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Religious Education

Core PE

- **One option from...**

History

Geography

French

German

Spanish

Plus...

Two further GCSE options

*We strongly
recommend that you
take both a
Humanities and a
Language*



The EBacc Pathway

Core Subjects:

Mathematics

English Language

English Literature

Combined Science

Religious Education

Core PE

- **A Language** (French, German, Spanish)
- **One option from:**
History or
Geography
- **Plus**
TWO further option choices.



The Open Pathway

Core Subjects:

Mathematics

English Language

English Literature

Combined Science

Religious Education

Core PE

- **One option from:**
History
Geography
French
Spanish
German
- **Plus**
THREE further option choices
(including the ones listed above).



The Core Pathway

- **Core**
Mathematics
English Language
English Literature
Combined Science
Religious Education
Core PE
- **Curriculum Support**
Additional curriculum time to complete L2 Functional Skills
- **Plus**
Three further options



Triple Science (3 GCSEs)

GCSE Biology

- Paper 1 - 1 hour 45 mins written examination 16.7%
- Paper 2 - 1 hour 45 mins written examination 16.7%

GCSE Chemistry

- Paper 1 - 1 hour 45 mins written examination 16.7%
- Paper 2 - 1 hour 45 mins written examination 16.7%

GCSE Physics

- Paper 1 - 1 hour 45 mins written examination 16.7%
- Paper 2 - 1 hour 45 mins written examination 16.7%



Combined Science (2 GCSEs)

GCSE Biology

- Paper 1 - **1 hour 15 mins** written examination 16.7%
- Paper 2 - **1 hour 15 mins** written examination 16.7%

GCSE Chemistry

- Paper 1 - **1 hour 15 mins** written examination 16.7%
- Paper 2 - **1 hour 15 mins** written examination 16.7%

GCSE Physics

- Paper 1 - **1 hour 15 mins** written examination 16.7%
- Paper 2 - **1 hour 15 mins** written examination 16.7%



Option Subjects

Humanities

Geography
History

Languages

French
German
Spanish

New Subject Options

Business Studies
Economics
Psychology

Arts

Art & Design
Drama
Music
Performing Arts
Photography

Technology

Food Preparation
DT
BTEC IT
Computing

P.E

Sports Studies
Physical Education



English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

English Language

Mathematics

At least 2 Science GCSEs

One humanities subject (History or Geography)

One Modern Foreign Language

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English Baccalaureate



Vocational Awards

Level 2 Qualifications

Equivalent to GCSE

- Sport - OCR Cambridge Technical
- IT - BTEC
- Performing Arts - BTEC



Functional Skills

Level 2 Qualification

Equivalent to 1 GCSE

- English - Miss Hockley
- Maths - Mrs Vorce



Choosing Wisely

Some good reasons:

Enjoyment

Abilities

Progression

Some possible bad reasons:

Liking/disliking the teacher

Choice influenced by friends



A Balanced Choice

A student unsure of their future path but considering going to university.

Example option choices might include:

- History
- German
- Photography
- Triple Science



A Balanced Choice

A balanced EBacc pathway choice leaves future options open.

Example option choices might include:

- Spanish
- Geography
- Music
- Design Technology



Next steps in the process

- Year 9 Parents Evening (12th March 2026)
- Options brochure and subject information (available online from tomorrow)
- Options Form - to be completed by **16th March 2026**



Filling in the Form

You will receive an email telling you which Pathway you should take within the next two weeks.

Once you have this you need to complete the application form that will be linked into the letter.

Year 9 into 10 Options Form - 2026-2027



Please complete the form by Monday 16th March 2026

What is your first name? *

Short-answer text

What is your surname? *

Short-answer text

Which tutor group are you in? *

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Please select FOUR options then submit the form.

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Option 1 - Choose ONE subject from this group that you want to study. (The language choice * should be what you are studying in Year 9.)

Geography

History

French

German

Spanish

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Option 2 - Choose ONE subject from this group that you want to study. (The language choice * should be what you are studying in Year 9.)

Drama

Food Tech

French

Geography



What happens after the Options form is submitted?

- Students' choices will be reviewed and matched against classes and staffing
- Individual discussions with students if necessary
- Students receive an offer letter (after May half term)



Wednesday 21st January 2026

Year 9 Options Information Presentation Evening

Thursday 22nd January 2026

Options brochure & presentation on website

Friday 27th February 2026

Progress Reports Issued

Monday 2nd March 2026

Options Form Opens. Recommendation of pathway letter, including a link to the relevant application form.

Thursday 12th March 2026

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Monday 16th March 2026

Deadline for completion of online options choices

By Friday 1st May 2026

Once the initial allocation of students to courses has been processed and timetabling constraints have been identified, individual student meetings will take place if all of their option choices cannot be allocated

Summer Term

Option choices confirmed.



**It is important to take your time to
make your choices.**



**Choose subjects you enjoy
and are interested in.**



If you have any questions...



**Speak to your teachers or
year team.**



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**Thank you for listening!
Any Questions?**