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# **Year 9 into 10**

# **Options Evening January 2026**



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# Welcome



**Mrs Harvey**  
**Mr Mullings**

**Deputy Headteacher**  
**Headteacher**



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



## Open & Core choices

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



# 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





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# 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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## Triple Science Pathway



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

**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.





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



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



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**If you have any questions...**



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



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