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Making the right choices





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- Will you enjoy it?
- Will you be successful?
- Will it support future progression?



The Qualifications Framework

- **Level 1** (e.g. GCSE Grades 4-1, BTEC Introductory, Leadership Awards)
- **Level 2** (e.g. GCSE Grades 9-5, BTEC Certificate, OCR Nationals, VCerts)
- **Level 3** (e.g. A-Levels, BTEC National Level 3s)



The Key Stage 4 curriculum aims to...

- provide a common core of study
- provide an element of choice
- encourage overall breadth and balance for each student
- allow students to choose courses more relevant to their personal needs
- allow students to progress to the next stage



The Core Curriculum

English Language

English Literature

Mathematics

Science

Biology, Chemistry and Physics (3 GCSEs) or
Core plus Additional Science (2 GCSEs)

Religious Studies



Newly Reformed GCSEs

- Linear GCSEs with assessment at the end of the two-year course
- More challenging content (not previously examined at GCSE)
- Tiers of entry only where 'necessary'
- Less emphasis on controlled assessment
- Increased assessment time
- New grading (9-1)

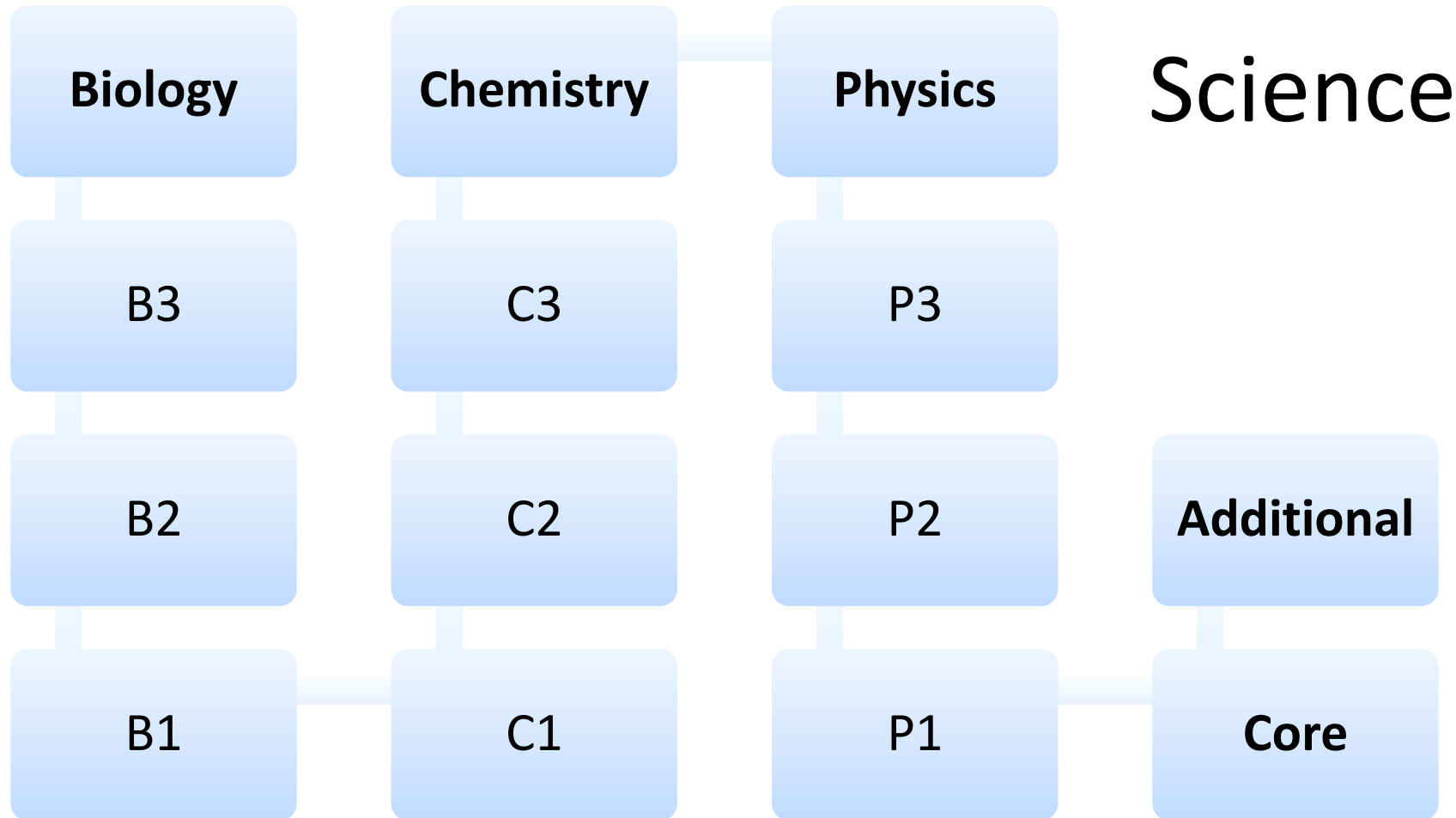


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Grading the New GCSEs in 2017

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NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE										
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CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE										





A-Level Science at Vyners

- **At least 2 Sciences at grade 'B' or better**
- **Double or Triple Science**
- **Triple Science gives the better progression route**



Option subjects

BTEC First Award

Business Studies

Performing Arts

Sport

Technology

Catering

Graphic Products

Resistant Materials

ICT

Computing

Humanities

Geography

History

Languages

French

German

Arts

Art & Design

Drama

Music

Photography

Additional Subjects

Business Studies

Economics

Physical Education

Media Studies



English Baccalaureate

One humanity

One language

English Language

Mathematics

2 GCSE Sciences

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English Baccalaureate



Pathways

There are three broad pathways based on students skills, abilities and

- Pathway 1 is designed to support progression to A-levels and University study
- Pathway 2 gives the same progression routes as Pathway 1 but also gives options for vocational study and progression
- Pathway 3 allows similar progression to that of Pathway 2 but ensures additional support for students who require it



Pathway 1

- **Core**

Mathematics

English Language

English Literature

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

RS

- **One option from...**

History

Geography

- **One option from...**

French

German

Plus...

One further GCSE option



Pathway 2

- **Core**

Mathematics

English Language

English Literature

Core Science

Additional Science

RS

- **One option from...**

History

Geography

French

German

Plus...

three further option
choices



Pathway 3

- **Core**

Mathematics

English Language

English Literature

Core Science

Additional Science

RS

- **Curriculum Support**

Additional curriculum
time for English and
Maths

Plus...

three further options



GCSE to A-Level Progression

A-Level	GCSE Study
Art	Essential
Computing	Essential
Music	Essential
Photography	Desirable
Product Design	Desirable
History	Desirable
Geography	Desirable



GCSE to A-Level Progression

A-Level	GCSE Study
PE / Sport BTEC	Not required
Business Studies	Not required
Economics	Not Required
ICT	Not Required
Media Studies	Not Required



Vocational Awards

Examples:

BTEC Performing Arts

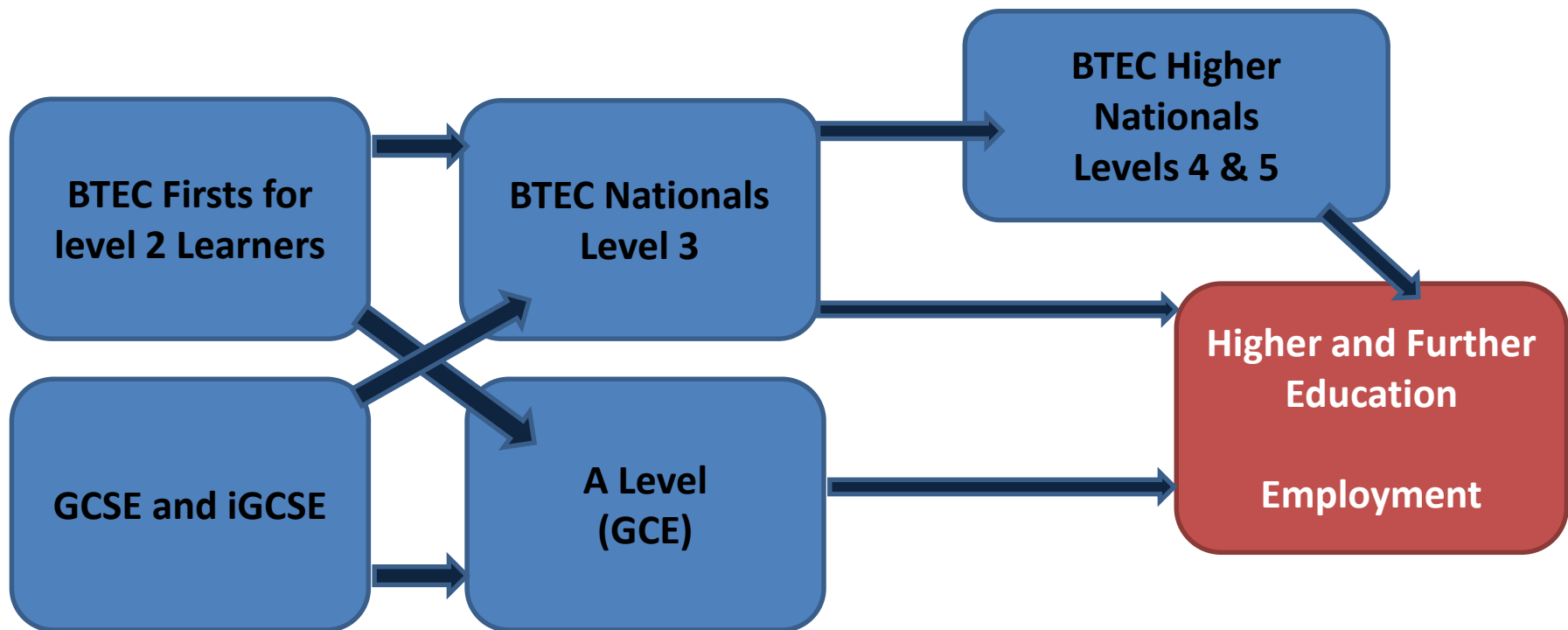
BTEC Business Studies

BTEC Sport





BTECs and OCR Nationals





A balanced choice

An academic student unsure of their future path
but considering university

Example:

History
German
Photography





A balanced choice

A balanced pathway 2 choice leaves future options open.

Example:

French
Geography
Music
Resistant Materials





A vocational choice

Students may have a particular career-related aptitude they wish to pursue.

Example: a student looking to a career in the creative industries might choose:

BTEC Sport

ICT (GCSE or vocational)

Business Studies (GCSE or vocational)



Choosing wisely

Good reasoning:

- Enjoyment
- Abilities
- Progression



Bad reasoning:

- Liking/disliking the teacher
- Choice influenced by friends



The Options Pyramid

Step 1 - January 19 - Careers Fayre ✓

Step 2 - January 27 - Options Fayre ✓

➡ **Step 3 - February 4 - Year 9 Options Evening** ⬅

Step 4 - February 25 - Yr 9 Parents Evening

Step 5 - March 4 - Options Form Deadline



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Step 1 - The Careers Fayre





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Step 2 - The Options Fayre



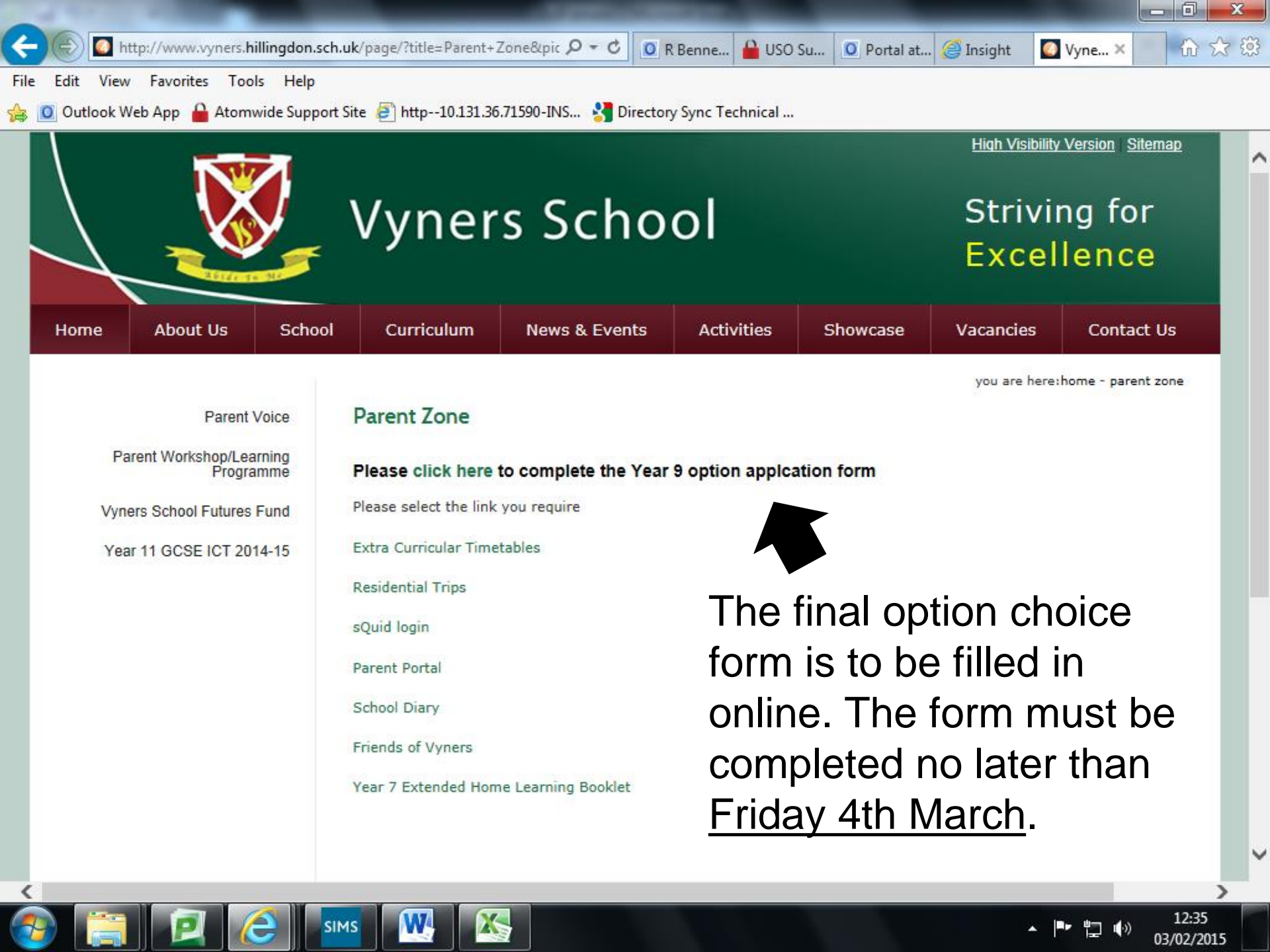


Steps 3, 4 and 5...

- Careers assembly from a careers advisor.
- Work related learning tutorial tasks.
- Assemblies from the subjects which students do not currently study at KS3.

TWO KEY DATES:

- Year 9 Parents Evening - Thursday 25th February.
- Options choices submitted online - 4th March.



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Parent Voice

Parent Workshop/Learning
Programme

Vyners School Futures Fund

Year 11 GCSE ICT 2014-15

Parent Zone

Please [click here](#) to complete the Year 9 option application form

Please select the link you require

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The final option choice
form is to be filled in
online. The form must be
completed no later than
Friday 4th March.



What Happens After Step 5?

- Students choices are reviewed and matched against classes and staffing.
- Individual discussions with each student.
- Students receive an offer letter.
- I will continue with the 'Year 9 Weekly Update' emails - If any parent does not currently receive these you need to update your contact details.



Bridging The Gap...

“Mr Heale has mentioned about KS4 being changed to a 3 year course to accommodate the new GCSE's. This is to be implemented from this September. I feel that the current year 9s, have lost out on one year...”



- **Vyners students in the current Yr 9 have not lost out!**
- We are trying to ensure that students gain an advantage in the future.
- This Yr 9 cohort have been through the whole of the new KS3 curriculum - This was specifically implemented into schools to prepare students for the new KS4 curriculum.