

# Year 9 into Year 10 Options Process March 2023

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## LEARN

<b>L</b>	<b>Listen</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>Engage</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Apply</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>Respect</b>
<b>N</b>	<b>Non-negotiables</b>

Mrs Atkins



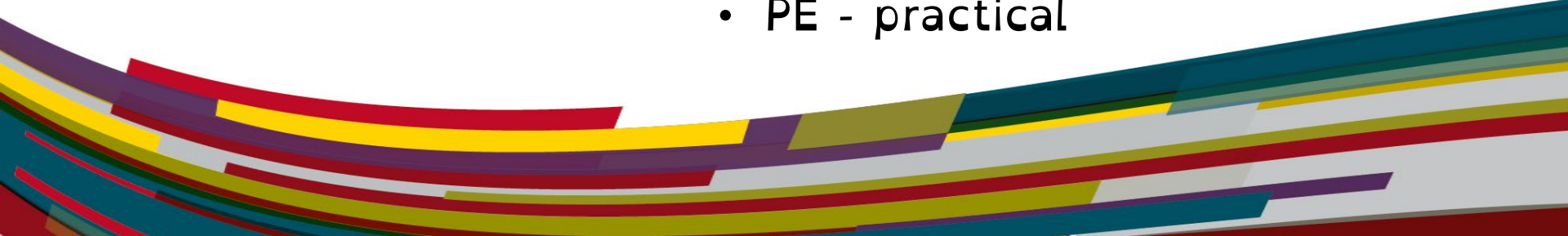
IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU



# The Core

**EVERYONE** studies a crucial common core throughout Years 10 and 11.

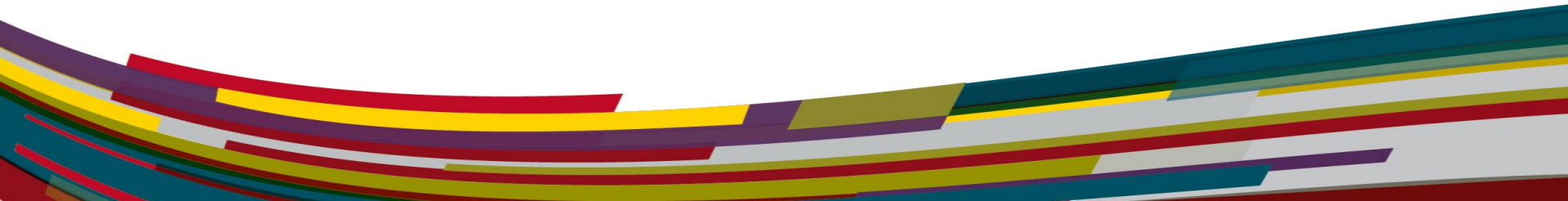
These subjects are **NOT** part of the options process:

- English – Literature & Language
  - Maths
  - Science - Double
  - PSHE
  - Ethics Course (Year 10 only)
  - PE - practical
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# Option choices

**You now need to select which 4 subjects from those you have followed in Year 9**  
(with the option of picking up Triple Science and / or REP),  
to continue to study into Years 10 and 11.

If you are currently taking twilight Mandarin, this is an additional GCSE which you may continue.



# Into Year 10

**EVERY STUDENT MUST continue at least ONE subject from this list:**

- French
- German
- Spanish
- History
- Geography
- Computer Science
- Triple Science

However we do recommend the full Ebacc suite for many of you.

This comprises of either History / Geography plus a language (as well as English Language & Literature, Maths and at least double science).

**Why?**



The EBacc is made up of the subjects which are considered essential to many degrees and open up lots of doors.

Research shows that a pupil's socio-economic background impacts the subjects they choose at GCSE, and that this determines their opportunities beyond school.

Sutton Trust research reveals that studying the EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and maths.





# LANGUAGES GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE A COMPETITIVE EDGE

Languages are an important part of EBacc. Studying a foreign language can be extremely rewarding and exciting. They provide an insight into other cultures and can open the door to travel and employment opportunities. They can also broaden pupils' horizons, helping them flourish in new environments.

If your child finds languages difficult, don't forget that they will have been studying them for much less time than their other subjects and, while it can be a challenge, learning a language will greatly enhance their future opportunities.

What's more, we know that employers value languages, as they are increasingly important to make sure we can compete in the global market. Because of this, languages are increasingly becoming a requirement for many graduate schemes, such as those offered by Lidl.

**“Having language skills under your belt will help make you stand out from the crowd, whether you're applying for an entry level position, a management role or an internal transfer.”**

Steve Cassidy, Senior Vice President & Managing Director, UK & Ireland, Hilton

**The Russell Group has named languages as subjects that open doors to more degrees at universities.**

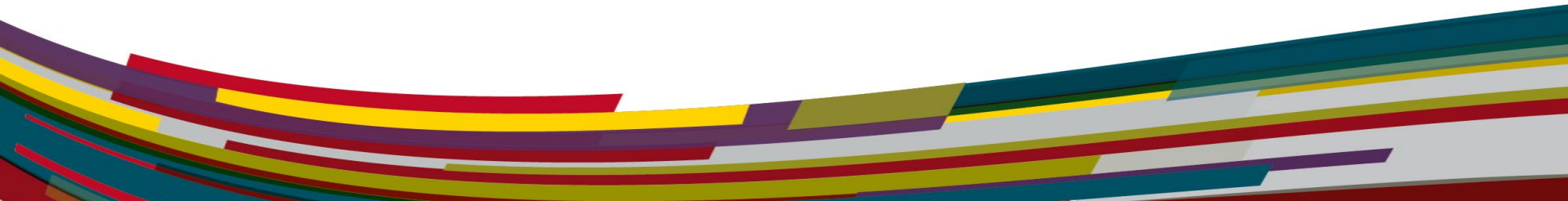
(The Russell Group is a group of 24 universities with a shared focus on research and a reputation for academic achievement)

**“Young people skilled in the languages of Europe, China and other key markets around the world, can look forward to exciting and rewarding careers.”**

Dr Adam Marshall, Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce

**We also ask that you only pick a maximum of two from Art, Photography and Fashion Textiles if they currently study all three.**

**Think carefully about choices  
- it is all about you.**

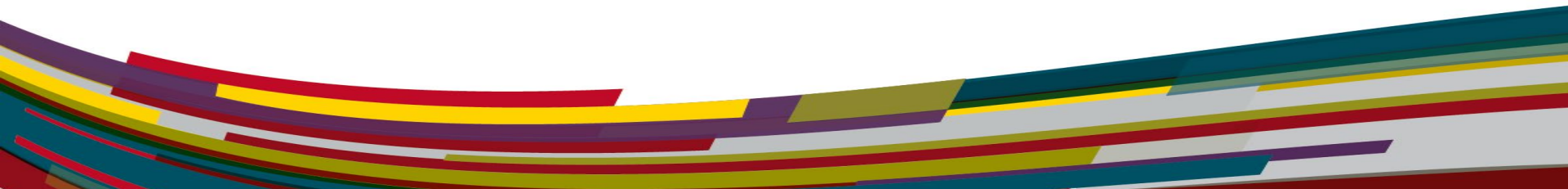




# Help and support

- Subject teachers – remember parents evening is on Tuesday
  - Make sure you have made appointments
- Form Tutors
- Family (especially older brothers and sisters)
- Head of Year (Mrs Zahran)
- Leadership Team (Mrs Atkins)
- Independent careers advice from Mrs Wedgebrow
- SENCO (Miss Hawkes)

The options booklet is available on the website link found in your letter – detailed information about all the courses.



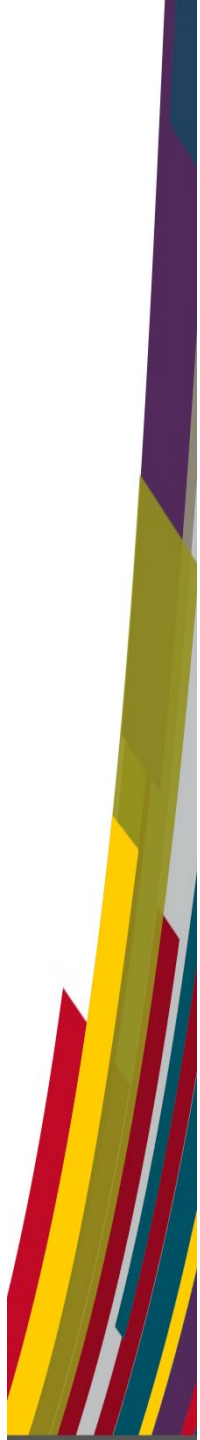
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Parents Evening**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March: Options reply form sent to your parents via school post**

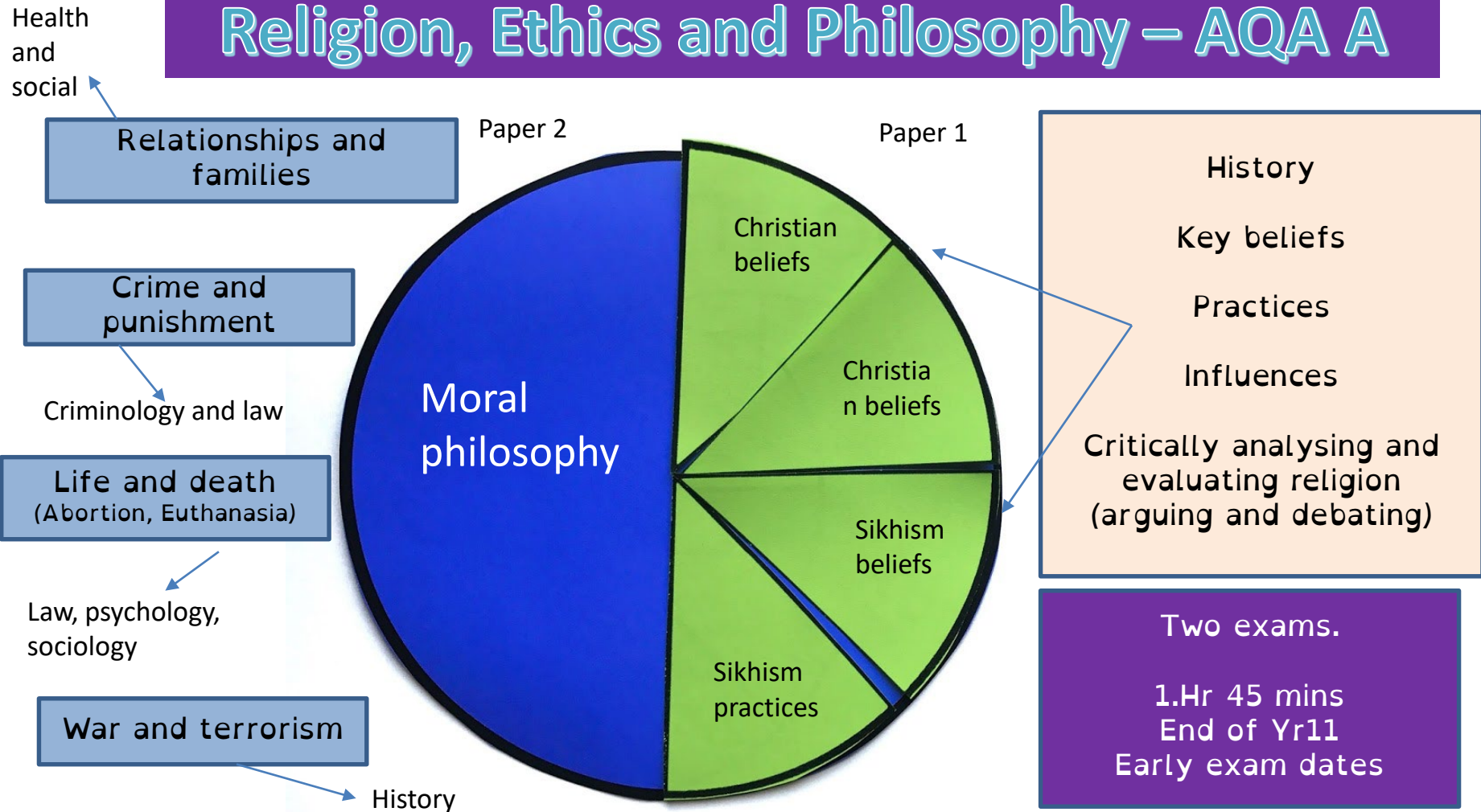
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Option Choice Deadline**

*Those students submitting ON TIME will be given preferential treatment for subjects that have size limits and in the timetable blocking process.*

*We always endeavour to give you your first choice of options, but this is dependent on student numbers and staff availability.*



# Religion, Ethics and Philosophy – AQA A



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Explain two religious beliefs about reforming people who have broken the law.

5 sentences

Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer.

[5 marks]

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'Religious believers should never agree with corporal punishment.'

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you:

- should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement
- should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- should refer to religious arguments
- may refer to non-religious arguments
- should reach a justified conclusion.

3 paragraph  
For  
Against  
Conclusion

REP links with a lot of A-levels and other courses / jobs that require skills of being open minded, curious, thinking critically and deal with the public/ people.



**Science GCSEs  
(Years 10 and 11)**

# Studying Science in Years 10 and 11

- All year 10 and 11 students will study Science as part of their core curriculum
- As part of their normal, non option lessons, students will study Combined Science. This is a double GCSE course, in which students study Biology, Chemistry and Physics



# Triple Science

- Students are able to use one of their option choices to select Triple Science
- Students that do this will not study Combined Science, but will study 3 separate GCSEs, one each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics





# How do Combined Science and Triple Science compare to each other?

- Combined Science results in two GCSEs and Triple Science results in three GCSEs
- Both pathways are assessed in 6 exams, 2 each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, the only difference is the length of the exams
- Triple Science, separates the 3 specialisms and three separate grades are awarded. With Combined Science, one overall grade will be awarded, eg 4-4



# What GCSE courses do we offer?

**AQA GCSE Sciences in:**

**Triple Science**



**Combined Science**

# Where can Triple Science take me?

- Taking three separate sciences puts you at a distinct advantage when wanting to study science beyond GCSE and provides a solid foundation for many science-related and unrelated careers



# Why should I choose Triple Science?

- Study topics in a greater level of detail
- Discover new things, not covered on Combined Science



# Is Triple Science right for me?

- **Science develops thinking skills.**
- **Science opens doors to many other subjects**
- **Science prepares us for the future.**
- **If you enjoy Science and want to take advantage of these benefits, then maybe Triple Science is for you!**

