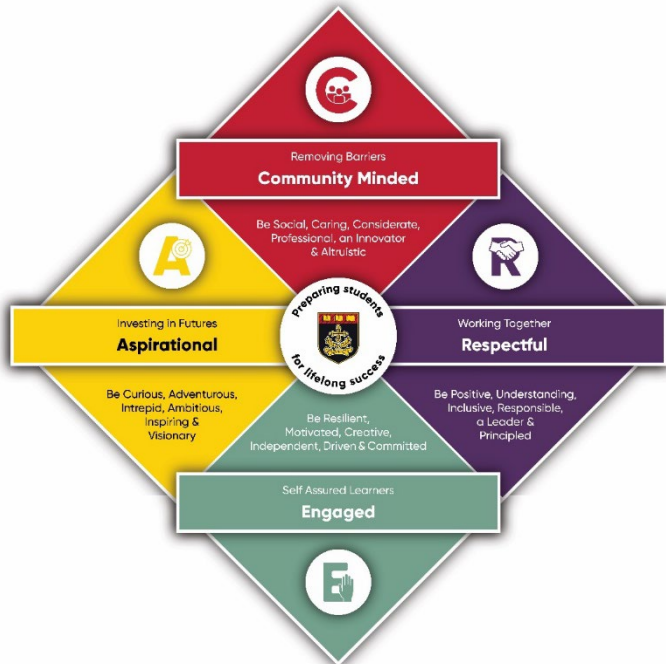


# Year 9 into Year 10

## Parent & Student Options Information & Process

### March 2026



Mrs Atkins

# The Core

Every student studies a crucial common core through 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





# Option choices

Students now need to select which **4** option subjects you wish to study in years 10 and 11.

These will either be subjects studied in year 9 and / or a combination of the additional subjects available for GCSE.

# Into Year 10

EVERY STUDENT MUST select at least ONE subject from this list as part of their four options:

- 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 Matters

- Keeps doors open for the future.
- Taking EBacc subjects gives more choices for jobs, college, and university.
- Helps you do well later on - Research shows students who take EBacc subjects are more likely to stay in education after age 16.
- Trusted by top universities - Many top universities prefer students who study this mix of subjects.
- Builds strong skills - English, maths, science, a language, and history or geography give a solid base for lots of careers.
- Gives a broad education - EBacc subjects help students gain important knowledge needed for future success.



# Lots of choices.....think carefully

- Art^
- Business Studies\*#
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Digital IT (replaces Creative IT)
- Drama
- Economics\*#
- Fashion Textiles^
- Film Studies\*<sup>§</sup>
- Food Prep & Nutrition+
- French
- Geography
- German
- Health & Social Care\*
- History
- Hospitality & Catering+
- Media Studies<sup>§</sup>
- Music
- PE\*
- Photography^
- Design Technology (inc Graphics and Resistant Materials)
- Religion, Ethics & Philosophy
- Spanish
- Triple Science\*

\* New subjects for Years 10 and 11

^ Can select a maximum of two

+, #, § Can only select one or the other

*If the subject has been available in year 9, but you haven't taken it, you must speak to the department.*

# What type of course?

Different forms of assessment and learning to suit the learner

## GCSE

- Traditional qualification
- Most of qualification is examined at end of course
- A small percentage may be Controlled Assessment (coursework)

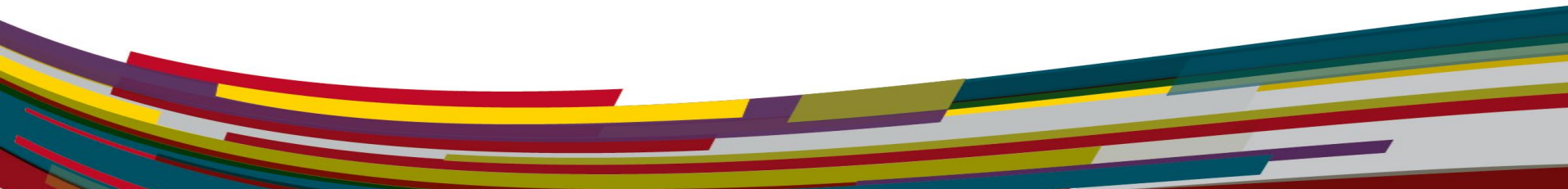
EQUIVALENCES:

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Level 2	7	D
	6	M
	5,4	P
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Level 1	3	L1D
	2	L1M
	1	L1P

## BTEC and Cambridge Nationals

- Alternatives to GCSE that have an equivalent value
- Vocational learning with a greater focus on real-life situations and examples
- Most of qualification is ongoing assessment throughout the course
- Only a small percentage is assessed through external assessment (about 20%)

# What to think about now

- **Choose subjects you enjoy** – You'll be studying them for two years, so pick topics you genuinely like and feel motivated to learn.
  - **Play to your strengths** – Think about the subjects where you naturally perform well; this can help you achieve your best possible grades.
  - **Think about future pathways** – Some A-levels, college courses, or careers require certain GCSEs (e.g., languages, sciences).
  - **Keep your options open** – A balanced mix of creative, practical, and academic subjects can give you flexibility later on.
  - **Ask for advice** – Talk to teachers, parents, and older students to understand what each course really involves.
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# Attendance Matters

<b>Y11 Data 2025</b>	<b>Progress 8</b>
Students with <95% attendance	0.01
All students with >95% attendance	0.40

**Today 5:30pm – 7:30pm:**

Options Evening in school – please speak to the subject teachers about the courses you're interested in.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** MCAS app / Website goes “live” to start submitting choices.

Queries to [options@myton.co.uk](mailto:options@myton.co.uk)

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 9am:** 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.*

