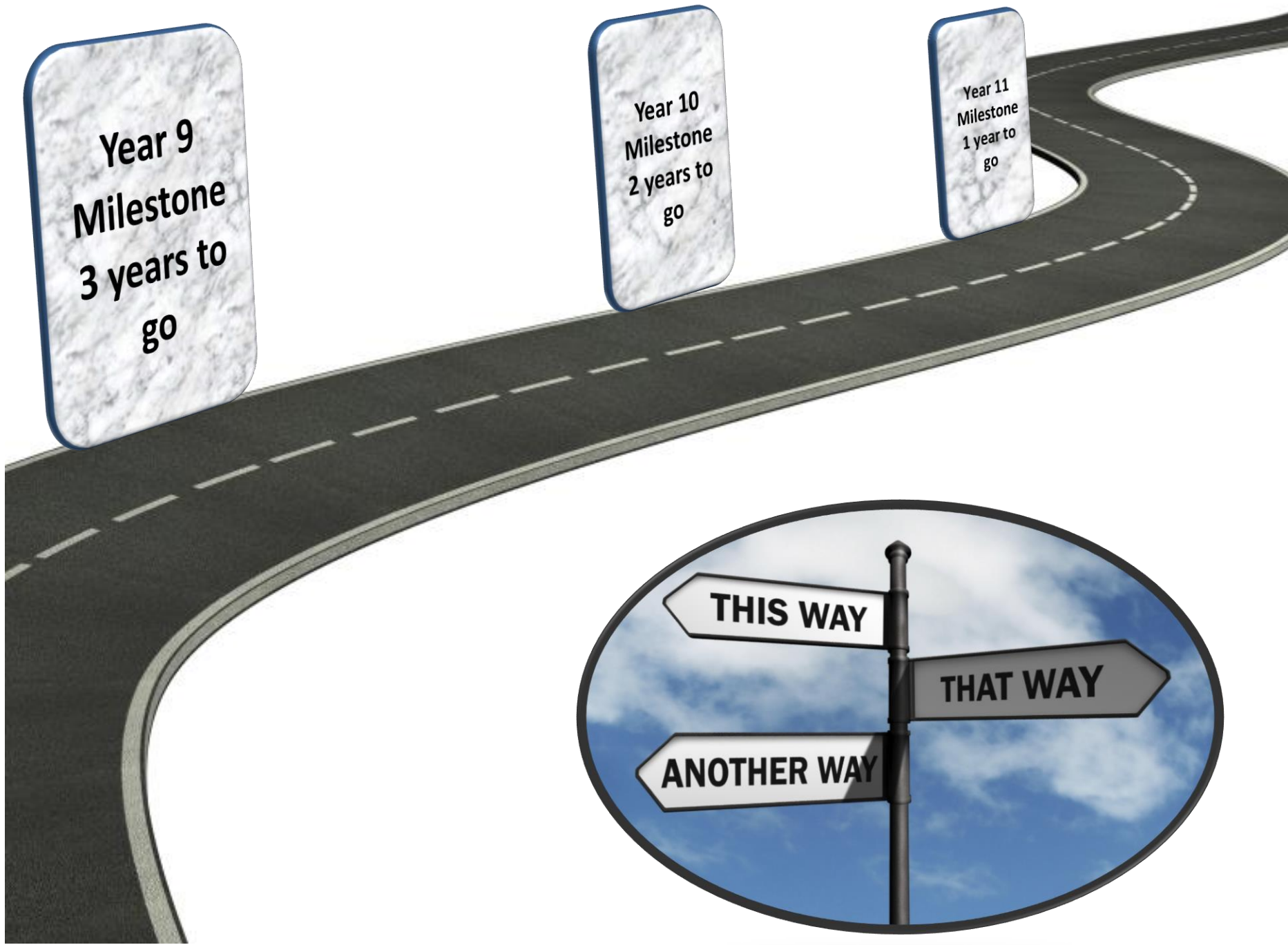




Year 8 Options 2018



**Year 9
Milestone
3 years to
go**

**Year 10
Milestone
2 years to
go**

**Year 11
Milestone
1 year to
go**

THIS WAY

THAT WAY

ANOTHER WAY

The new 1-9 GCSE

New 1-9 grade system	Old A*- G grade system
9	A**
8	A*/A
7	A
6	B
5	B/C
4	C
3	D/E
2	E/F
1	F/G

Options Process Timeline

Monday 15th January

- Options Evening for Year 9 students. Find out information from teachers about the various subjects on offer.

W/C Monday 29th January

- Taster sessions

Tuesday 20th February

- Deadline for all final Curriculum Option forms to be submitted online

Friday 22nd February

- Option blocks will be constructed in the school timetable

W/C Monday 12th March

- Confirmation of your child's final option choices by letter. At this point pupils who are unhappy with their options will have a chance to re-select from the option blocks which have been created.

W/C Monday 26th March

- All pupils' options will be finalised and confirmed by letter

Pathways

- There are 4 pathways A,B,C and D
- You have been assigned to a particular pathway after consultation with your teachers.
- These pathways have been created so that you maximise your time at school and choose the options that are the most appropriate for you.

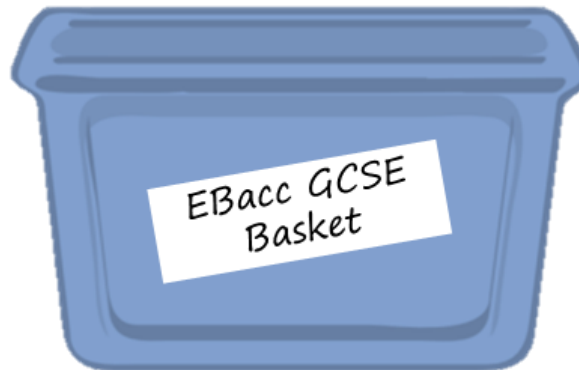
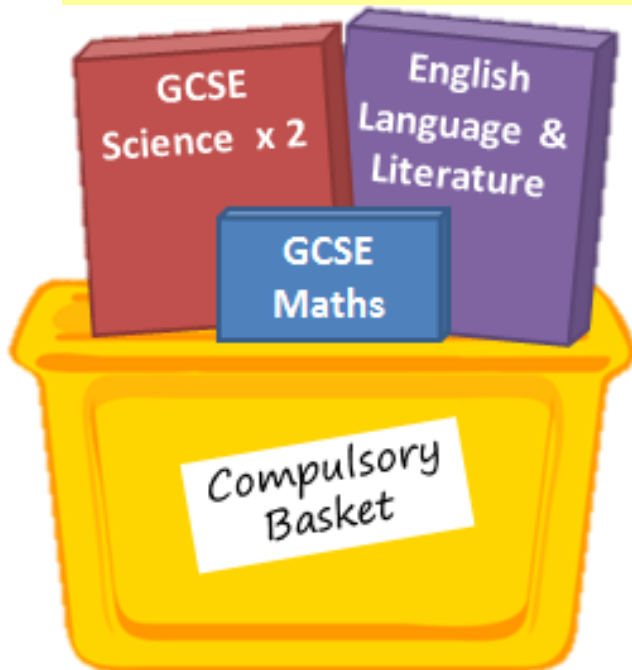
Not every subject is optional!

To ensure all pupils receive a broad and balanced curriculum the government has said that all students must **take a minimum of eight subjects** which must include:

- GCSE English
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Triple Science
- 1 hour of PE per week

- Geography or History,
- Language

One further subject, which can be from a range of academic, or vocational qualifications.



Options Choices

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Pathway A	History/Geography	MFL	Triple Science	Free Choice
Pathway B	History/Geography	MFL	Free Choice	Free Choice
Pathway C	History/Geography	Free Choice	Free Choice	Free Choice
Pathway D	History/Geography	Extra Numeracy and Literacy	Free Choice	Free Choice

What is the English Baccalaureate Award?

The English Baccalaureate will be awarded to any student who secures good GCSE passes in English, Mathematics, two Sciences, a Modern Foreign Language and a Humanities subject (History or Geography). This combination of GCSEs at grades 1-9 will entitle the student to a certificate recording their achievement.

The English Baccalaureate subjects happen to be the ones most regularly asked for by college and university courses – worth bearing in mind when deciding which GCSEs to take.

You do not need to study all of these to go to university, but having your GCSE mix steered towards the English Baccalaureate subjects will help keep your options open especially if you are not sure what you want to do yet.

What if I just can't bear the thought of two more years of History/Geography/MFL?

We should start to look at these subjects as compulsory up to the age of 16 just like we do for English, Maths and Science.

The UK is virtually the only place in Europe where these subjects are not compulsory up to age 16 so it is clear other countries see them as incredibly important!

Pathway A

Humanities Block

Choose one:

Geography

History

Language Block

German or French

Pupils will study ONE from:

Business	Sport Science
Art and Design	French
Childcare	Performing Arts
Engineering	Drama
Food	Photography
Graphics	Travel and Tourism
Geography	DT
Hair and Beauty	Media
History	
ICT	
Music	



What if I want to take certain options but can't because my choice is being limited by the Ebacc?

Remember that most careers want to see a good set of GCSE qualifications across 'traditional' subjects – this is why the Ebacc was introduced and it is intended to act in your best interests

Our curriculum is structured so it doesn't close any doors. Most non-traditional or vocational subjects can be studied at Level 3 without any requirement to have studied the subject at Level 2.

Choices you make at the end of year 11 will have far more bearing on your future career plans.

How do I make the right decision?

- **By making sure it is your decision** and not the decision of your parents, friends, tutor, teachers, etc!
- **Get advice** from as many people as possible:
 - Students in your tutor group in Y9/Y10
 - Teachers
 - Options booklet
 - Careers adviser if necessary
- **Discuss it** with parents/carers/form tutor/subject teacher
- Make YOUR decision. **Be prepared to be flexible and settle for some second or third choices – remember not every course will run**

Other Important Points

1. Not every course will run so some students will be disappointed that they haven't received their first choices. **Take care over your reserve choices as they may be the courses you end up studying!**
3. You can select a second humanities subject. **You cannot select the same subject twice.**

Completing your options form online

Log on to the options form using the link that has been sent today to parent emails

Alternatively there will be computers logged on in the ground floor computer room for anyone ready to make their option choices tonight.

If anyone requires a paper form please ask a member of staff at the signing in point.

STEP 1. Complete your name and aspirations



Year 9 Options Pathway A

Please complete all of the questions in this form with a responsible adult.

*Required

If you know what you want to do for a job/career, write it in this box. if you are not sure, tell us what you expect your next steps at 16/18 to be such as sixth form, college, apprenticeship, university etc *

Child's First name *

Child's Surname *

Continue »



25% completed

STEP 2. Make your pathway specific choices



Year 9 Options Pathway A

*Required

Pathway A - English Baccalaureate

The English Baccalaureate Pathway requires students to study the following;

- Triple Science
- GCSE German
- and EITHER GCSE Geography OR History
- Then you have one other choice, you can choose another Language and study both History and Geography

Please choose Triple Science *

Please choose German *

Please choose History or Geogrpahy *

1st Choice

2nd Choice

3rd Choice

Art and Design	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Childcare	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Design and Technology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Engineering	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Engineering with Motor Vehicle	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Graphics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Geography	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
French	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hair and Beauty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
History	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ICT	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Music	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
PE	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Religious Studies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

STEP 4.
Choose your top 3 subjects for the “Other Qualifications Basket”.

What happens next?

- We will take great care to match student choice combinations with the creation of option blocks.
- Please note that we **cannot guarantee that all courses will run and some combinations of subjects may not be possible.**
- We will try to get as close to your child's highest preferences as possible, but cannot guarantee that all students will be able to get their top choices.
- After creating the option blocks we will send confirmation of your child's options.
- You will be given opportunity to amend your child's choices based on the blocks which have been created.

Who is here to help you?

Subject teachers and Heads of Faculty

Can give advice on what their course involves and a true picture of your ability in the subject. Located on the first floor in the English and Maths rooms

Heads of House

Can discuss individual student concerns and will be available on the first floor near the subject stalls.

Careers Advisor

Can discuss any specialist needs or how curriculum choices can affect future career options. Located where you signed in.

What is Business Studies?

- Business Studies is designed for students finishing secondary school to learn skills for running a business, such as managing money, advertising and employing staff. Essentially Business studies aims to prepare students for the realities of life in the working world
- It also teaches valuable life skills such as interview technique and how to be successful when applying for Jobs.
- Students will have to use business knowledge and apply this to real life scenarios
- It is the most popular degree subject in the UK
- Business Studies is the most popular option choice here at Baysgarth

Why choose Business

1. Our results are in the top 1% when compared to all other schools nationally
2. Business trips to Alton Towers and Meadowhall.
3. An experienced teaching team of Mr North and Mr Roberts
4. 75% Coursework
5. 25% exam that can be taken at a time of my choice
6. Business is probably the best option you can take if you are still undecided about your future job, as it a subject that will teach you skills you can use regardless of eventual career choice.