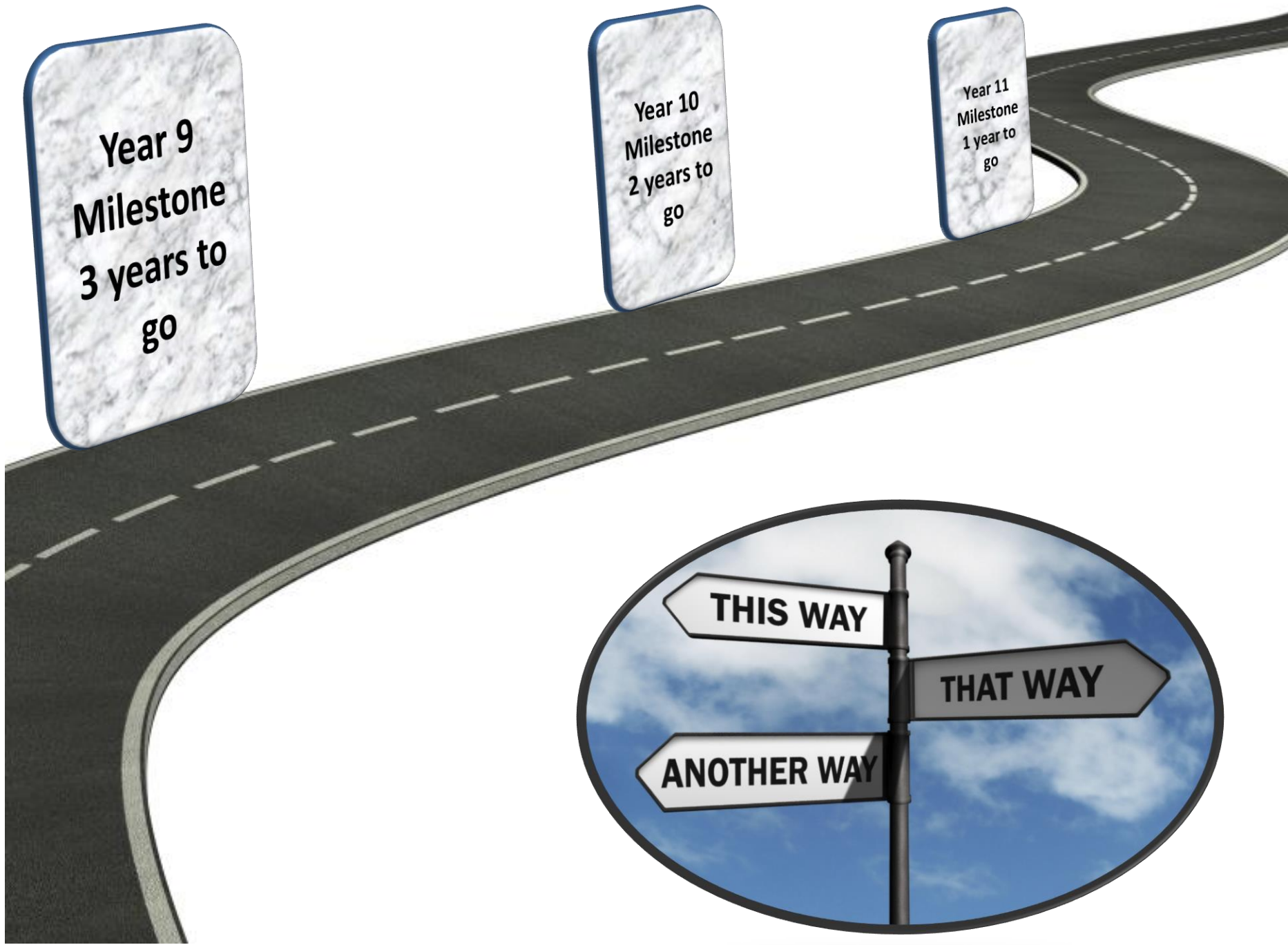




Year 8 Options 2018



**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 8 students. Find out information from teachers about the various subjects on offer.

Monday 29th January

- Taster sessions

Tuesday 20th February

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

Friday 23rd 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

- This pathway has been designed to ensure that, you receive all the best possible support with your numeracy and literacy skills. You have been chosen for this pathway after discussions with the English and maths departments. It was only in 2013 the government announced changes to the educational system for 16-year-olds and from 2015 students would be required to stay on and continue studying if a grade 5 hadn't been achieved.
- These updated regulations were off the back of Baroness Alison Wolf's recommendations from a review in 2011 and Education Secretary Michael Gove admitting English and maths "are, quite simply, the most important vocational skills a young person can have."
- For students without this basic grasp they will struggle in the competitive labour market and also won't impress potential employers, with poor literacy and numeracy skills. In fact, for many entry-level jobs, qualifications will be the first filtering stage to get a refined pool of successful applicants.
- What this means for those leaving school and college, is their chance of finding a better career without English and maths are seriously reduced. As a result there will be fewer opportunities and the likelihood of earning less as a result.

Not every subject is optional!

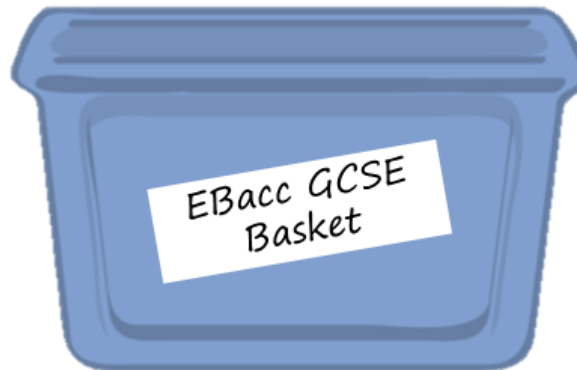
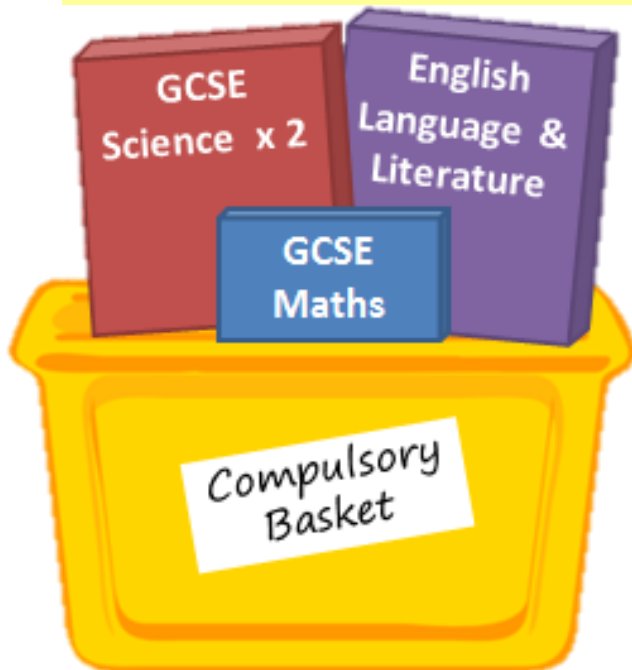
To ensure all pupils receive a broad and balanced curriculum the government has said that all students must **take a minimum of eight subjects** which must include:

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

One from:

- Geography,
- History

Two further subjects, 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

Pathway D

Compulsory Choice:

History or Geography

Extra Literacy and
Numeracy

Pupils will study two from:

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



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 Y10/11
 - 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!**
2. 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 D

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 »



STEP 2. Make your pathway specific choices

Take care over your reserve choices as well, as these may be the courses you end up studying. If you select GCSE PE/ OCR Cambridge National Sport the PE department reserve the right to decide which course is most suitable for your child. You cannot take PE and Sport together. You can select more than one humanities subject.

- If you select Engineering/Engineering with Motor Vehicle the DT department reserve the right to decide which course is most suitable for your child. You cannot take them together.

You cannot select the same subject twice.

Please choose either History or Geography *

Please select Numeracy and Literacy *

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice
Art and Design	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Childcare	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Design & Technology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Engineering	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Engineering with Motor Vehicle	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Geography	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hair and Beauty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
History	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ICT	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Music	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
PE	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Religious Studies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Performing Arts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Graphics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

STEP 4.
Choose your top six 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.