
Year 9
Subject Preferences
Thursday 23rd February 2023



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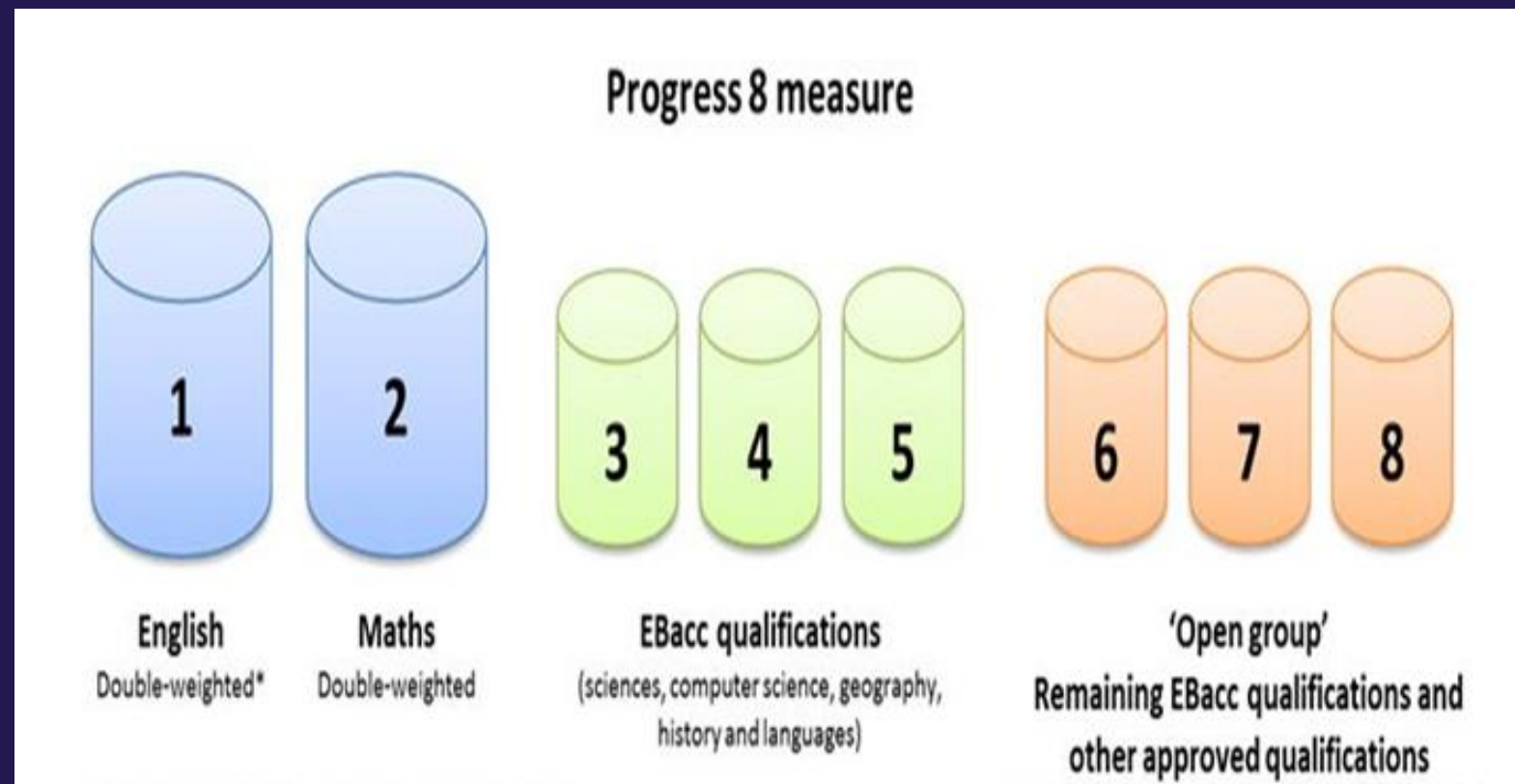
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Y9 SUBJECT PREFERENCE

- Students are at a very exciting time in their school career.
- They are about to make some very important decisions about which courses to take in Years 10 and 11.
- We want to help them make the right choices.

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GOVERNMENT CHANGES



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New GCSE Grading Structure

NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
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3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

- **Some courses for 2024 are still being accredited by the DfE - which are subject to change.**
- **If numbers are low, courses might not run.**

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THE CORE CURRICULUM

All students must take the following:

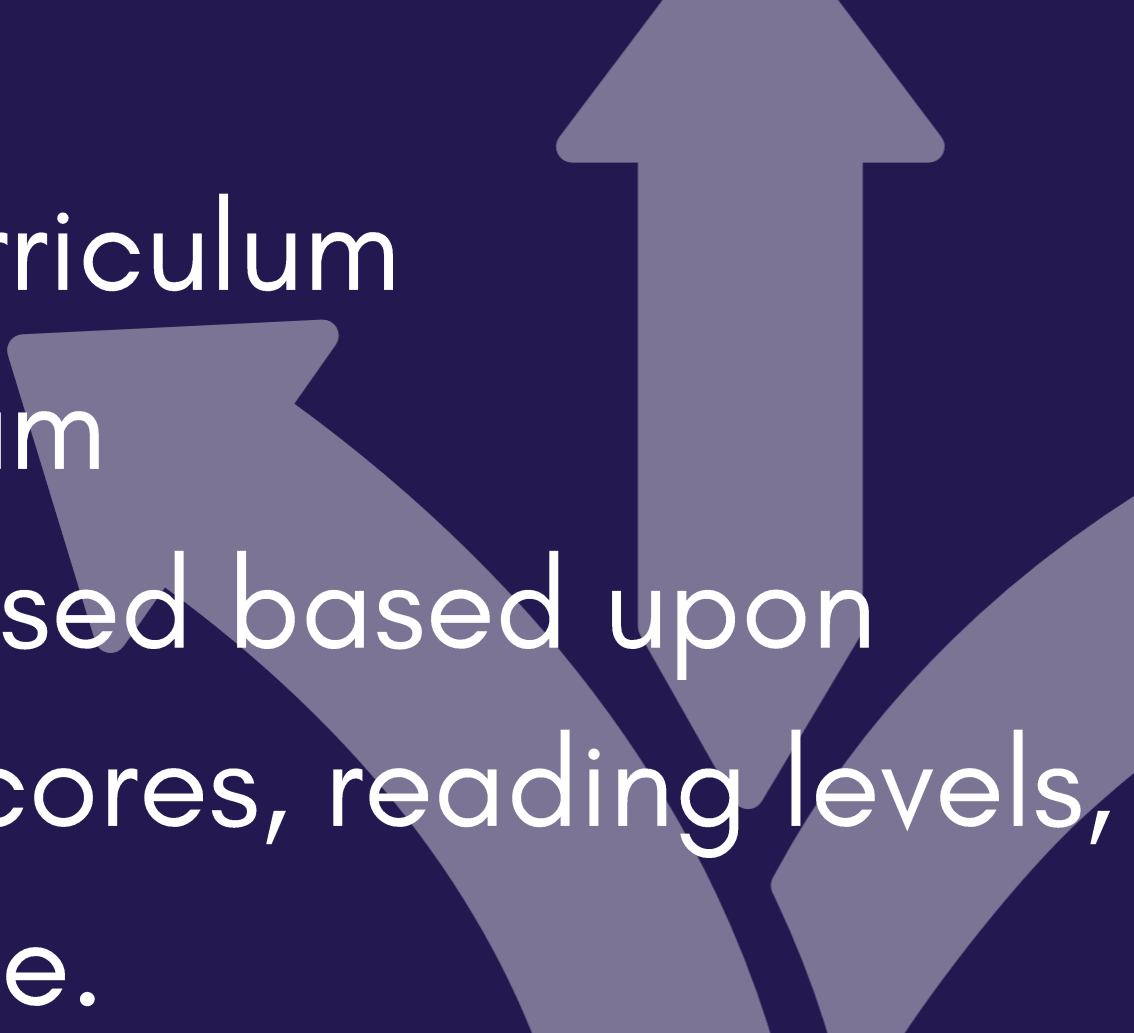
- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science – Combined
- Core PE (non examined)



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PATHWAYS

Students will be advised to take one of 3 pathways

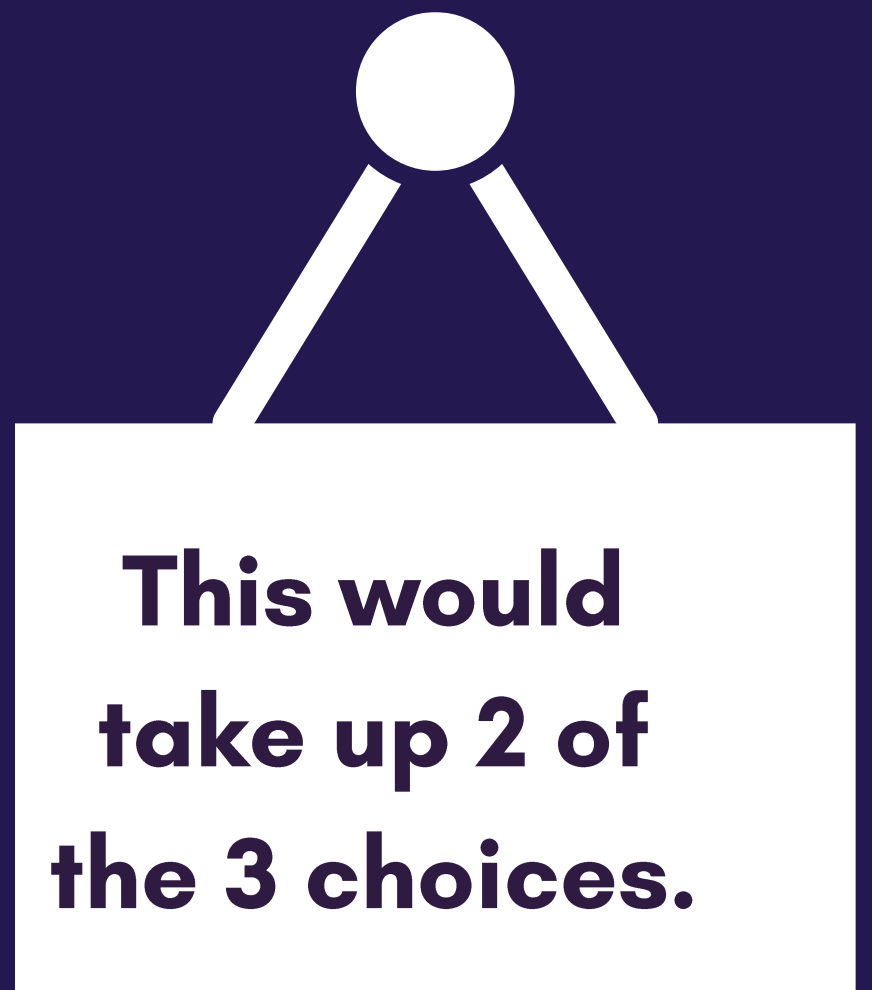
- Pathway 1 – The Ebacc
 - Pathway 2 – The KC Central Curriculum
 - Pathway 3 – The Open Curriculum
 - These pathways have been devised based upon various factors including CATs scores, reading levels, current progress and attendance.
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PATHWAY 1 - THE EBACC

An extra qualification gained through the taking of the following subjects:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- A Language – French/German/Home Language
- History or Geography



**This would
take up 2 of
the 3 choices.**


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PATHWAY 2

THE KC CENTRAL CURRICULUM

The expectation that everyone studies at least one of the following:

- History
- Geography
- A Language – French/German/Home Language
- Computer science (subject to entry requirements)
- **This allows 2 other option choices**



90% of the cohort are expected to take pathway 1 or 2.

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PATHWAY 3

THE OPEN CURRICULUM

- **Students will study the core subjects (Eng, Maths & Science) plus 3 other subjects.**
- **Only a small minority of students will be on this guided pathway.**

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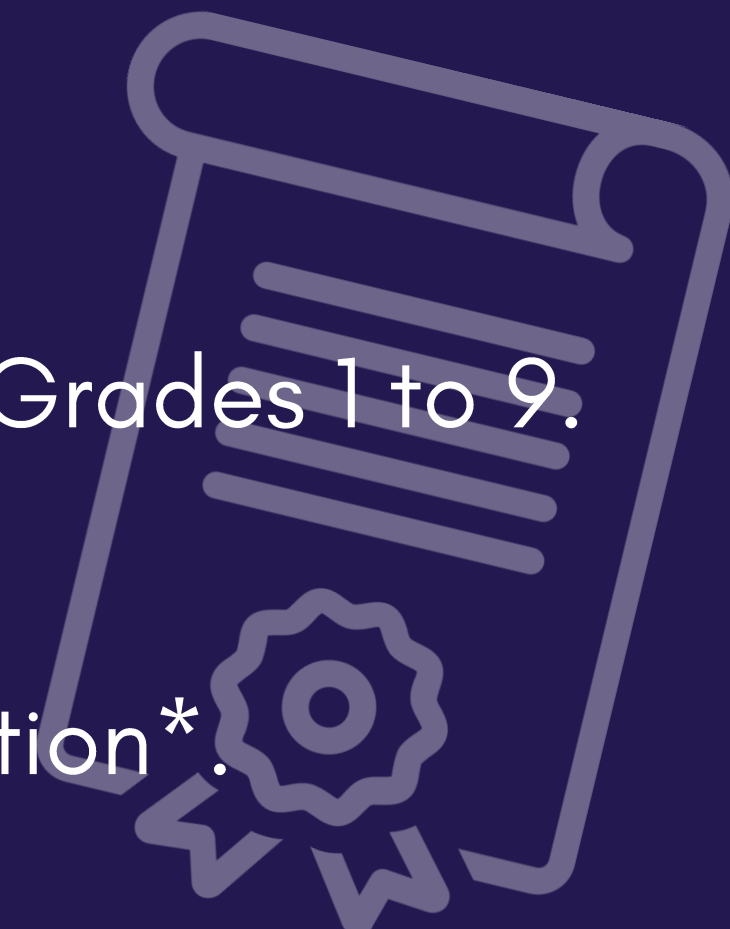
PATHWAYS

- Students' optimal pathway will be stated on their individual subject preference form, along with suggested subjects based on their current performance, attendance and CATs test scores.

TYPES OF QUALIFICATION

- GCSE – General Certificate of Secondary Education – Grades 1 to 9.
- VOCATIONAL – Graded as Level 1 Pass – Level 2 Distinction*.

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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN COURSES

Vocational

- 3 units studied over 2 years.
- 1 exam sat at the end of Year 11.
- 2 internally assessed units where content is taught and applied to an assignment brief in controlled conditions.
- Students will be aware of their grades for each unit as they progress through the course.
- A mixture of theoretical and practical learning.
- Every unit assessment throughout the 2 years counts towards the final grade.

GCSE

- Assessed through exams at the end of the course.
- Content is taught across the 2 years of study.
- Content has to be retained and revised for exams at the end of Year 11.
- The number of exams you will sit will be dependent on the subject.

SUBJECTS YOU CAN CHOOSE

Ebacc Subjects (A minimum of one subject must be selected)
Modern Foreign Languages French or German
History
Geography
Computer Science (Must be in the top 30 students for Year 9 summative assessments in Maths or show an aptitude for Computer Science)
Triple Science

Open Subjects (A maximum of 2 subjects may be chosen)	
GCSE Subjects	Vocational Subjects
Art & Design - Fine Art	Enterprise
Art & Design - 3D Design	Dance
Photography	Drama
Philosophy & Ethics	Health & Social Care
Sociology	ICT
Music - GCSE	Sport Science
Textiles	
Media	

SCIENCE PATHWAYS

- At Kingsthorpe College we offer two science pathways at GCSE: Combined Science and Triple Science.
- **What is Triple Science?**
- Triple Science consists of 3 single GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
- **What is Combined Science?**
- Students also study all 3 sciences, however, there is less content. It is the equivalent of 2 GCSEs.



SCIENCE PATHWAYS

- **Who is eligible to study Triple Science?**
- Students from 9P1 or 9G1 can opt to study Triple Science at GCSE.
- If you are not in 9P1 or 9G1 and wish to discuss this option with your teacher, please do so. You will need good assessment results to support your application if you are in a lower set.
- **When do I choose my science pathway?**
- Following your final science assessment in term 6.



SCIENCE PATHWAYS

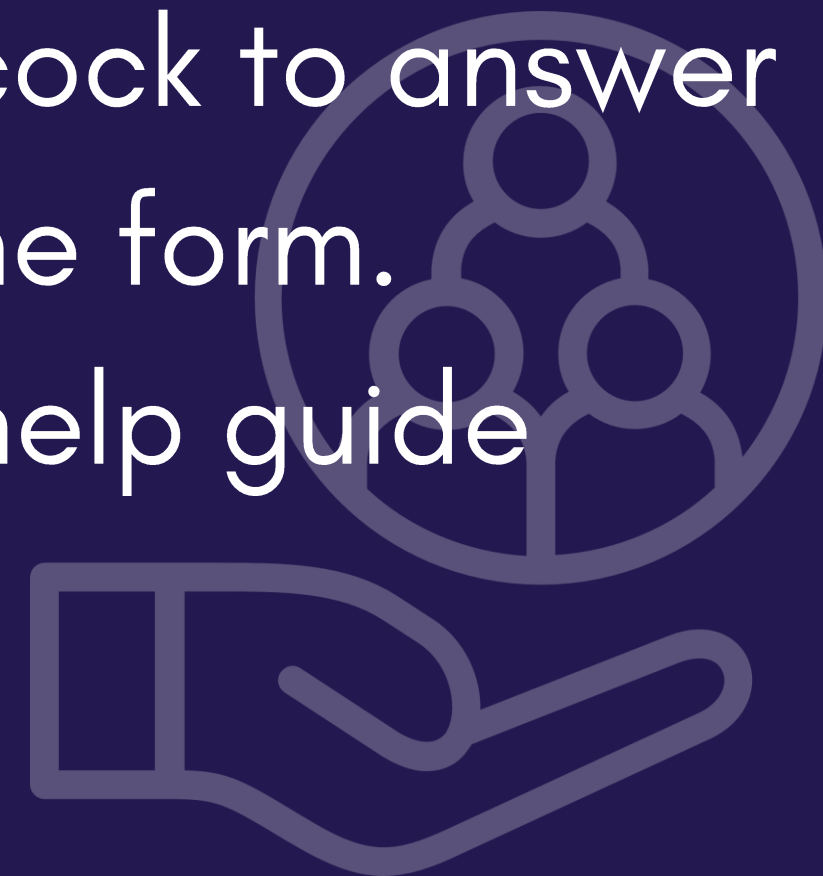
- **What about A-level science?**
- Students who wish to study A-level sciences can access A-levels through either the Triple or Combined Science pathways.
- Their final GCSE grades must meet the college's entry criteria for the subject of their choice.



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

- Short screencasts for each subject to give a flavour of each subject and show what a typical lesson looks like.
- Careers and Aspirations booklet so students can consider some of the career choices available to them.
- Tutor Drop-In Sessions with Mr Wade and Mr Hancock to answer any questions and support in completing the online form.
- More Able cohort screencast from Mrs Wright to help guide students through Pathway 1 – Ebacc.

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SUBJECT PREFERENCE FORM

Identified pathways for students will be indicated on your electronic subject preference form.

- To opt for Computer Science, students must rank in the top 30 in Mathematics based on summative assessments or show an aptitude for Computer Science.
- To opt for Triple Science students must be in Set 1.

Students cannot choose:

- Both **Computer Science** and **ICT**.
- You can only pick 1 **Art and Design** course.

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Key Stage 3

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Year group

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Form

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Head of Year

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Form tutor

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Attendance*

[Redacted]

Lates

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Unauthorised Absences

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Authorised Absences

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BP

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Achievement Points

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Report date
10 Feb 2023

KS3 Core Subjects

Our core subjects at KS3 are assessed using a Summative Assessment task that assesses your child based on the knowledge and skills that they have learnt in their curriculum up to this time.

We monitor students on their progress from their starting point with us at Kingsthorpe College, comparing their rank order in the year group of this assessment with their rank order in the year group when they joined us at Kingsthorpe College (using end of KS2 results or where not available CAT results).

The rank order group of your child is recorded in deciles. This means that decile 1 is the top 10% of the year group, decile 2 is the next 10% and so on. In the report, first of all, you will see your child's current performance.

In the grid at the bottom, you will see your child's performance when they joined us at KC for your comparison.

This supports parents, carers and teachers in monitoring their child's progress as they develop with us at Kingsthorpe College.

Course	Outcome	Attitude to Learning KS3
English: Rank Group	4	Good
English: Progress Comment	Working Toward	
Mathematics: Rank Group	4	Good
Mathematics: Progress Comment	Excelling	
Science: Rank Group	4	Requires Improvement
Science: Progress Comment	On Track	

Geography: Rank Group	6	Good
Geography: Progress Comment	Emerging	
History: Rank Group	4	Good
History: Progress Comment	On Track	
French: Rank Group	8	Requires Improvement
French: Progress Comment	Emerging	
German: Rank Group		Absent
German: Progress Comment		
Ethics: Rank Group	4	
Ethics: Progress Comment	Excelling	
Food Technology		
Dance		
Core PE		

CATs Mean Rank Group	Mark: 6
CATs Quantitative Rank Group	Mark: 5
CATs Verbal Rank Group	Mark: 2

Mastery Subject PE

Statement	Outcome
Ability to make in game decisions.	E
Ability to perform core skills.	E
Understanding of theory content.	E
Understanding sport rules and regulations.	E

Mastery Subject Dance

Statement	Outcome
Ability to perform.	S
Be able to analyse the works.	D
Be able to maintain focus during rehearsals.	S
Understanding choreography and movement.	D

The table above shows your child's rank order group from when they started with us at Kingsthorpe College. (please note 1 is the highest)

KS3 Mastery Subjects

Our mastery subjects assess key skills using the assessment strands shown below. Your child will be assessed against these skills during their lessons over the course of the assessment period.

Outcome M = Mastered **Outcome S** = Secure **Outcome D** = Developing **Outcome E** = Emerging

Attitude to Learning Key

Advanced: You behave consistently well, demonstrate high levels of self-control and positive attitudes to your education. You are highly motivated and persistent in the face of difficulties.

Good: You display a positive attitude towards your education and commitment to learning. You take pride in your achievements and demonstrate resilience in the face of setbacks.

Requires Improvement: You display inconsistent attitudes towards your education and commitment to learning.

Unsatisfactory: You display negative attitudes towards your education and commitment to learning.

Progress Monitoring Summary

- Arbor App
- Download PM report
- Refer to the assessment guidance that was sent
- Complete the form if you need any further details



MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE

- Do I like the subject?
- Will I do well at the subject?
- Do I know what the course involves?
- Will it help me in the future with my career?
- Will it keep my options open regarding courses I might want to do in the future?
- Am I choosing it because my friends have chosen it?
- **Choose wisely – unable to change options after Sept.**

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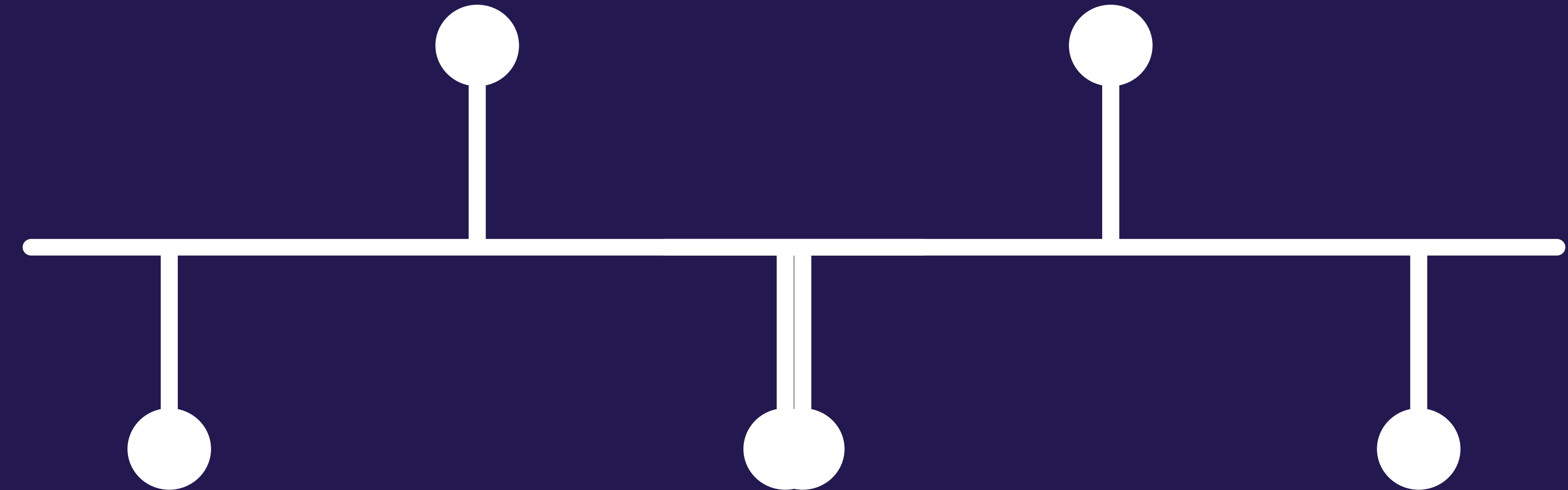
TIMELINE

Friday 10th February

- Launch Assembly to Y9 students.
- Subject booklet shared with parents/carers/students.
- Careers and Aspirations booklet shared with parents/carers/students.

Monday 27th February

- Subject Preference form shared with parents/carers
- Subject Taster Session Screencasts shared.



Thursday 9th February

- Y9 Parents/Carers Evening 3.30pm to 7.00pm.

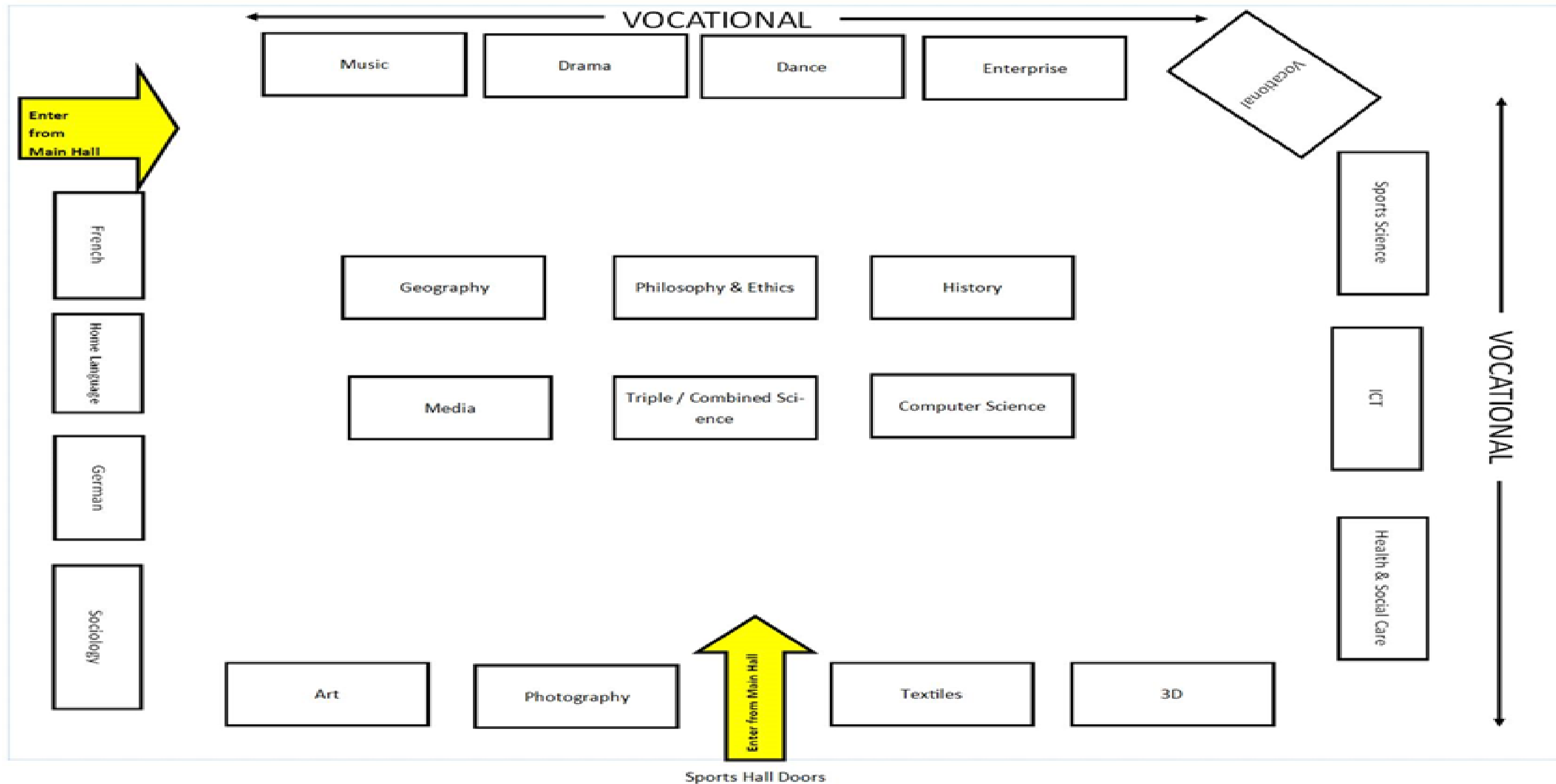
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- Y9 Subject Preference Evening 6.00pm.

Thursday 9th March

- Subject Preference deadline - 3pm.

Sports Hall – Floor Plan



EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE

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WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS THROUGH OUR CORE VALUES OF

Aspiration, Responsibility, Respect and Care.

THESE VALUES WILL BE SHOWN DAY TO DAY WHEN WE

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