

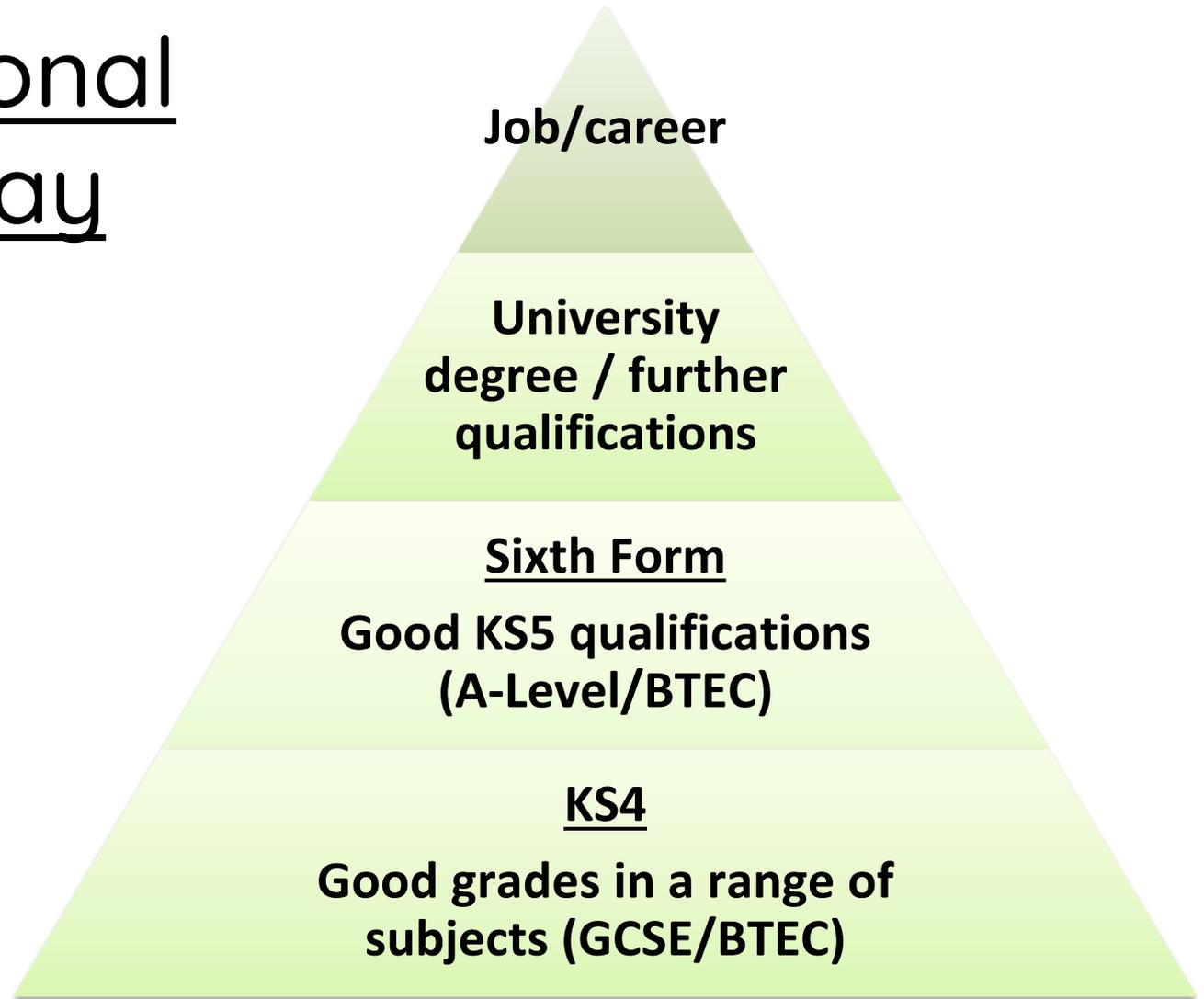
# Year 8 GCSE Options 2022 – 2025

Parent Information Evening

# What support will my child receive?

- Deep Learning Day (Tuesday 22nd Feb)
- Opportunity to meet and discuss GCSE and Post 16 Options PHS Year 12 students.
- Access to Morrisby, an online learning portal identifying possible career paths.
- Discussions and advice during form time and PSCHE sessions.
- Information assembly led by Head of Year.
  - 1:1 Options Interview with staff member.
- Guest speakers from a range of professions and pathways.

# Educational Pathway



# The EBacc Pathway

- The EBacc is not a qualification in itself; it is a group of qualifications in ‘facilitating’ subjects.
- The idea behind the EBacc is about studying a wide range of subjects – allowing students to keep their options open for further study.
- The EBacc is not necessary to be admitted to university.

# What subjects are included in the EBacc?

English +  
Maths  
GCSEs

Two  
Science  
GCSEs

A Geography  
or History  
GCSE

A  
Language  
GCSE

Alongside this students will choose a further two optional subjects.

# What other options make up the curriculum?

<b>Art</b>
<b>Business</b>
<b>Computer Science</b>
<b>DT: 3 Dimensional Design</b>
<b>Drama</b>
<b>Economics</b>
<b>Food Preparation and Nutrition</b>
<b>Music</b>
<b>Physical Education</b>
<b>Religious Studies</b>

# What happens now?

1. Provisional Forms – students will be asked to suggest their preferences after DLD in order for us to check groupings/staffing.
2. Following further information sessions students will bring home a Final Options Form - this should be completed together with parents and will form the basis of discussion at the 1:1 interviews.
3. All students will have a 1:1 interview with a member of staff to discuss their options. This information will be shared with you. Students will be bring home their options forms for final signatures before submitting at the end of term.

# How can you help?

- Please use this evening to discuss attainment, and suitability for GCSE study with your child's teacher.
- Read through the Options Book provided as this will give full details of each subject.
  - Talk through the options with your child, and encourage them to seek advice from friends and family too.

## FINAL - Options Choices

**NAME:**

**FORM:**

All pupils will take Maths, English Language and Literature and Science GCSEs. In addition, all pupils will study PE and PPE as non-examined subjects.

**Languages** – All students are encouraged to pick a language, either Chinese Mandarin or Spanish. Should you wish to study both languages you must make a second choice in the block options below.

**Student** participating in the MEP must choose Chinese Mandarin MEP in this choice.

Should you NOT want to choose a language please leave this box blank and explain reason in the space given. Parents will need to consent to this decision.

Please place an X in the box.

Chinese Mandarin	
Chinese Mandarin MEP	
Spanish	

Reason for not selecting a language:

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**Humanities** – Students must pick at least one Humanities subject. Should you wish to study both languages you must make a second choice in the block options below.

Please place an X in the box.

Geography	
History	

**Options Subjects** –

For pupils taking a language, place an X in Block A and Block B to indicate your two further options choices. For pupils who are NOT choosing a language you should indicate two a choices in Block A and one choice in Block B.

Block A		Block B	
Art		Business	
Computer Science		Economics	
Three Dimensional Design		Computer Science	
Drama		Food Preparation and Nutrition	
Music		Physical Education	
Physical Education		Philosophy, Religion and Ethics	

# What do we suggest students consider?

The **content** you'll be studying

The **skills** you will acquire

The way the course is **examined**

Your **personal experiences** of the subject so far

# What are the common mistakes?

- × Choosing an option because your friends are doing it.
- × Choosing based on who might teach the course.
- × Choosing because you've never done the subject before, so it must be good.
- × Choosing without research or reading the booklet, asking questions, and speaking to teachers & family.

# Frequently Asked Questions

What is the process for Triple Science? - to be decided by the department based on attainment at the end of Year 9.

How many options will they have? 2 options plus humanities (Geography & History) and a language.

Will we have options blocks? Yes, but they are designed to be flexible and not limit choice.

Can they do both History and Geography? Yes

Can they do two languages? Yes

When will pupils make their final decision? End of Easter Term