

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School



GCSE Options Information

February 2026

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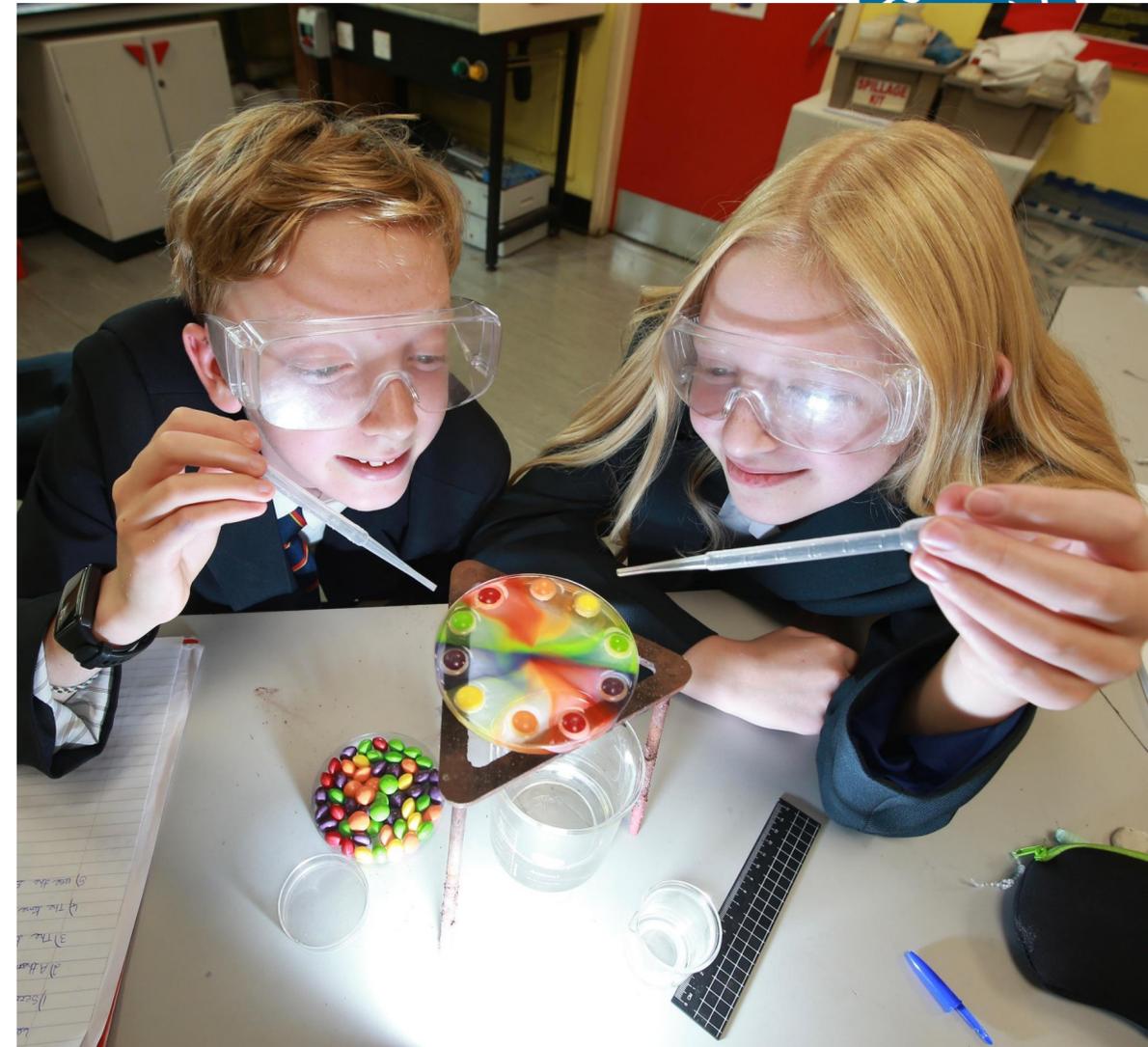
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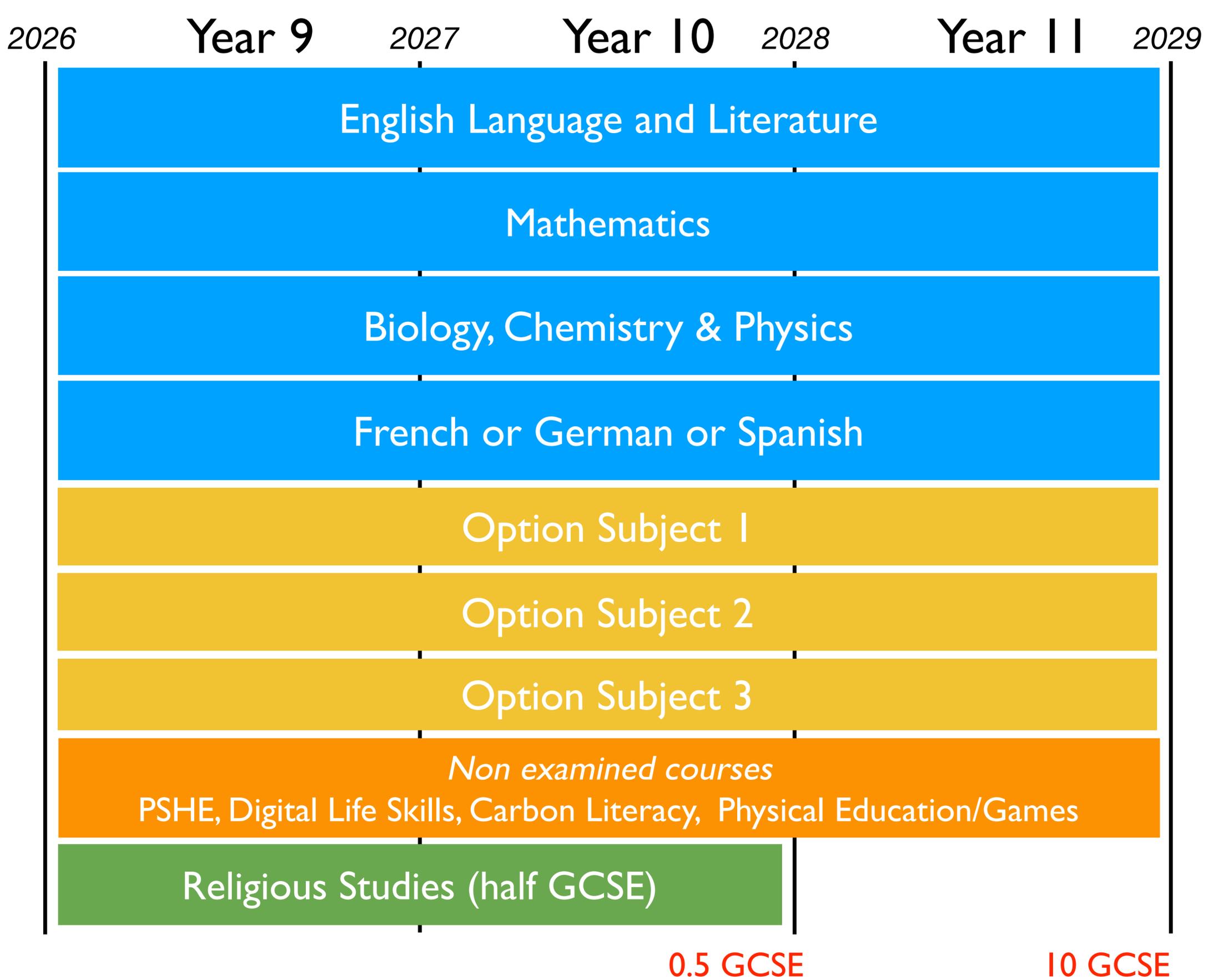


Curriculum Structure



- Three years of study for all subjects
- Significant increase in expectations
- Important staging post for all students
- 9-1 linear examinations
- Success at GCSE increases the number of options for future study or careers
- Access to the Queen Elizabeth's Sixth Form is dependent on students making good progress at GCSE
- *Applicants must achieve 33 points from their best 6 GCSEs*





GCSE Programme 2025-28



The English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

“The EBacc is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people’s options open for further study and future careers”



The EBacc is made up of a combination of subjects which include:

- English Language/Literature
- Mathematics
- 2 x Sciences
- 1 x Modern Foreign Language
- Geography or History

As the subjects in green are compulsory, at Queen Elizabeth’s, if you would like to meet the EBacc criteria, choose either Geography or History

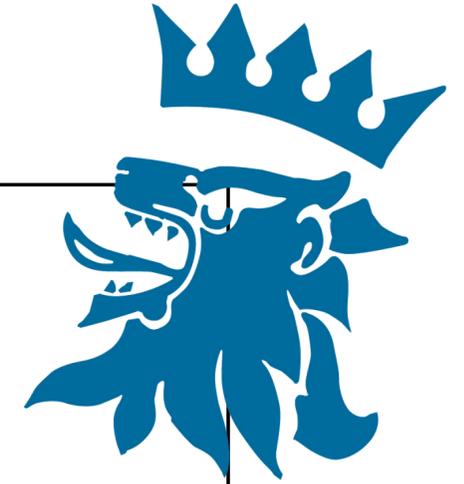
N.B. the DfE have proposed phasing out reporting on the EBacc by 2029



I. Language

Choose 1 from the two studied at Key Stage 3

The Subject Offer



German

Spanish

French

2. Other Options

Choose 4 Subjects

Geography
(EBacc)

History
(EBacc)

Art and
Design

Design and
Technology

Music

Food
Preparation and
Nutrition

Drama

Economics

Film Studies

Physical
Education

Computer
Science

German

Spanish

French



This is an example of the google form you will be completing for your option choices.

The link for this will go LIVE on FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

Year 8 Options Form 2025/2026

Please can you complete this form by Friday 13th March 2026.

Every student takes a non-examined subject: Digital Life Skills, PSHCE, P.E/Games.
Every Student takes a half GCSE course in Religious Education.
Every Student takes a GCSE course in the following subjects:

English Language
English Literature
Mathematics
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
And one Core Language (from German, Spanish or French).

The form must be completed in full before submitting. Only one submission per student is required.

Please add parental email address and not your child's

* Indicates required question

Email *

Your email

First name of Student *

Your answer

Surname of Student *

Your answer

Form *

- Q
- E
- G
- S
- F
- K

Core Language (select your chosen language) *Reminder that you can only choose a language that you have studied in Years 7 & 8. *

Choose



Please note **all** students **must be prepared** to study a **combination** of any three of their four option choices

PLEASE NOTE **ALL** STUDENTS **MUST BE PREPARED** TO STUDY A **COMBINATION** OF ANY THREE OF THEIR FOUR OPTION CHOICES

Please Read

You need to **select 4** of the following options below, numbering your choices 1,2,3,4. The order you select **must be in order of preference**. All students **MUST** be prepared to study a **combination** of three of their 4 choices.

Option One - First Preference *

Option Two - Second Preference *

Option Three - Third Preference *

Option Four - Fourth Preference *

Please make sure you have checked your form carefully before submission

Parental Signature *

Date: *

Date
dd/mm/yyyy

A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided.

Submit

Clear form

Why must I be prepared to take any three of my four options?

- Not enough students select an option and it cannot run
- Subjects clash within blocks:
 - Blocks are arranged to give the maximum number of students their preferred options
 - Preference order is taken into account by the Options programme
- Too many students opt for a subject and extra classes cannot be added, for example, owing to staffing or rooming constraints
 - If a subject is really important to you please make sure it is your first preference
 - We will explain any oversubscription criteria if this situation occurs
- Very occasionally we will advise students to only take three option subjects - this would be through a parental discussion after option choices are submitted

Contact Information



Subject Leaders

Art - Mr McDermott:

Computer Science - Mr Thornhill:

Design & Technology - Mr Harvey:

Drama - Mrs Oben:

Economics - Mr Moffett:

Film Studies - Dr Dedman:

Food & Nutrition - Mrs Lancaster:

Modern Languages - Mrs Chandler:

Geography - Mrs Brunger:

History - Mr Buckland:

Music - Mr Caborn:

PE - Mrs French:

Options advice and support

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Plan for Subject Presentations



	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
Timing	6.25 -6.40	6.45-7.00	7.05 – 7.20	7.25-7.40	7.45-8.00
D1	Drama		Drama	Drama	Drama
D2	Music	Music		Music	Music
E2				Taking 2 Languages	
G2	Food & Nutrition	Food & Nutrition	Food & Nutrition	Food & Nutrition	
G4	Art & Design	Art & Design	Art & Design		Art & Design
G6		Design & Technology	Design & Technology	Design & Technology	Design & Technology
H1	Economics	Economics	Economics	Economics	
H3	Physical Education		Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
H4	Computer Science	Computer Science	Computer Science	Computer Science	Computer Science
H8		Film Studies	Film Studies	Film Studies	Film Studies
Hall	Geography QE	Geography FK	Geography GS	Geography QEG	Geography FSK
Theatre	History GS	History QE	History FK	History FSK	History QEG

Year 8 Parents' Evening

- Year 8 Options Evening is on Thursday 26th February
- Year 8 Parents' Online Consultation Meeting is on Thursday 5th March
- The Options Google form will be LIVE to students on Friday 6th March
- The Options Google form to be submitted by Friday 13th March
- Final Options confirmation letter to be sent out at the start of Term 6.

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Parents' Consultation Meeting will take place, online, on Thursday 5th March starting at 16:00.

This meeting will give you and your child an opportunity to meet with their current subject teachers and to discuss progress and option choices.

This meeting is specifically designed to ensure your child makes the right GCSE choices for Key Stage 4 - please only book to see the teacher of the options your child is thinking of taking for GCSE.

English, Science, Mathematics and RE teachers will also be present to discuss your child's progress. Please book an appointment with them using the usual format.