



# Welcome to HCCS

## Year 9 Options Evening 2024

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# How is the curriculum structured in year 10 and 11?

## The core curriculum

The compulsory offer

## The option curriculum

Your choice of vocational and technical and GCSE courses



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# The Core Curriculum

## The core curriculum. Compulsory

English Language

English Literature

Maths

Combined Science

Core PE (non-examined)

## Combined Science Vs Triple Science - Misconceptions

- Triple and combined science cover **all three** sciences AND allow you to progress to **any** science A level.
- Combined science is **NOT** a lower level qualification. It's a GCSE course
- Combined science gives **two GCSEs** and triple gives **three GCSEs**. Remember though, more doesn't mean better.
- The **quality of teaching** and range of learning experiences in combined science is just as high as in triple science
- Combined scientists go on to being doctors, vets, engineers.....
- If you opt to do triple science instead of combined science, this takes one of your four option choices.



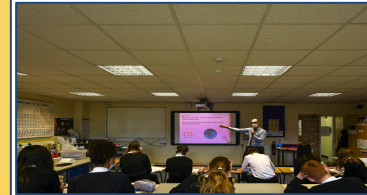
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# The Option Curriculum

What should you base your decisions on?



1. Your choices should be **broad and balanced**
2. Choose a **range** of subjects, learning opportunities and assessment styles
3. Think about your possible **pathway after year 11**
4. Consider doing what you **enjoy** and what you feel will **benefit your future**
5. Listen and think carefully
6. Your options are your decisions, your qualifications, your results...
  - **Own your options**. Once they're made, they're made.
7. Choose **wisely** and choose **once**... it's your future



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# Vocational and Technical qualifications (VTQs)



- Same degree of rigour and challenge as GCSEs
- Are key part of our curriculum across years 10 and 11 then through to 12 and 13
- Huge growth in uptake from 30 students to now over 300
- Ongoing 'modular' assessment structure rather than final examinations
- Range of assessment methods including practicals, coursework and projects
- Recognised by universities, apprenticeship providers, employers
- Well established grade equivalents to GCSEs
- Current offer for year 10 includes Enterprise & Business; Health and Social Care; Information Technology; Creative Media Production



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# The EBacc. It's your choice

The 'EBacc' is NOT a qualification in its own right. It reflects a child's choices in a specific group of subjects



## EBacc is a group of GCSE subjects.

- English language
- English literature
- Maths
- The Sciences  
Combined Science **OR** 3 separate sciences from Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Computer Science
- Geography **OR** History
- A foreign language

## 'The EBacc' is not a qualification

But it is a way of ensuring that your choices are broad and balanced

And still gives you 2 more choices

New government - curriculum review



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# Information to help you

## Interim reports - 11th December

Attendance %*	Minutes late to lessons YTD	Achievement Points	Behaviour Points
94.66	177	991	-84

Reading Age	Test 1 -10.06	Test 2 -10.05	Test 3 -13	Test 4 -13.03

Assessment Banding	Core

This is changing

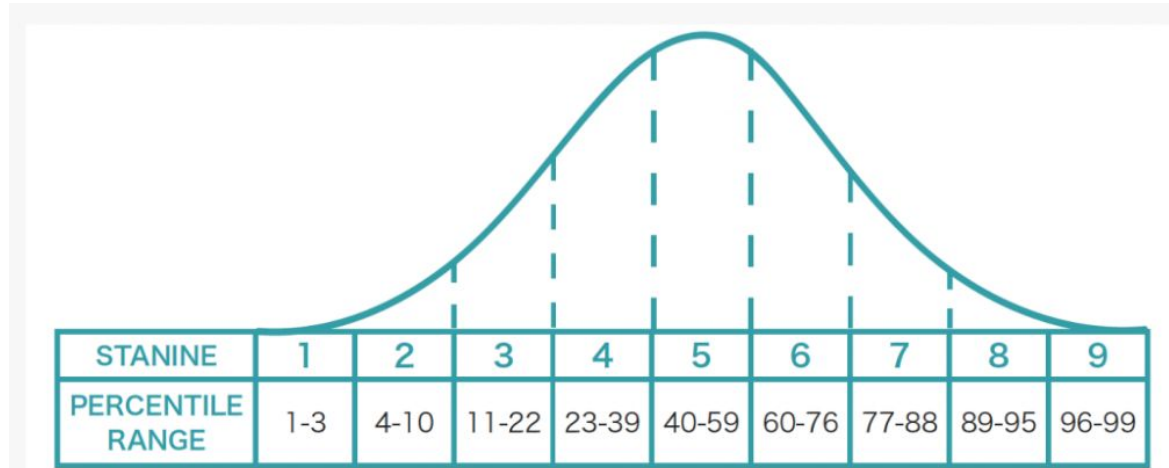
Subject	Current Performance	Approach to Learning	Progress Towards Target	Student Actions
Art	Core +	Very Good	Expected	
Design Tech	Core	Good	Expected	
Drama	Core		Expected	



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# Bandings - Standard 9 (Stanine)



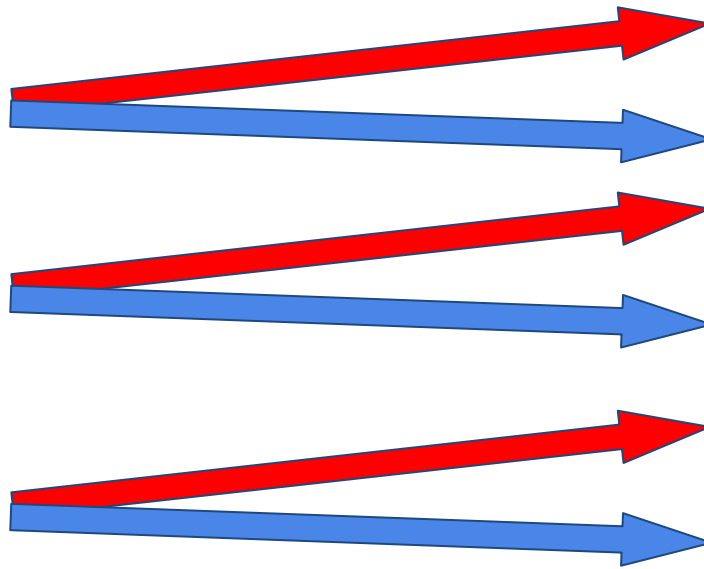
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Stanines</b>	4%	7%	12%	17%	20%	17%	12%	7%	4%
<b>2024 results</b>	3%	6%	13%	15%	21%	17%	11%	8%	6%



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# Future GCSE potential

Year 9  
Bandings



GCSE  
Potential  
Outcomes



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Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
History	Geography	Geography	Geography
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Spanish	Spanish	German	French
Computer Science	Triple Science	Triple Science	Computer Science
Art	Business	Creative Media BTEC	Art
Design & Technology	Creative Media BTEC	Design & Technology	Business
BTEC Enterprise	Drama	Music	Digital ICT BTEC
Physical Education	Health and Social Care BTEC	Physical Education	Food Studies
Psychology	Religious Education	Religious Education	Psychology

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# Making your options choices

Week Beginning 11/11/24 will be Week Two

Year 9 Options Information

### The Options Process

What do you need to do?

Your to do list:

1. Start to think about what you enjoy and are interested in
2. Come to Options Evening to find out more about them and talk to students who already study them
3. Talk to the careers advisor
4. Listen to your teachers' advice at parents evening
5. Look at the Options Blocks (released 21st Nov) and decide which 4 you want to study
6. Complete the online form with your parent by 16th December.

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Art & Design | Drama | BTEC L2 Creative Digital Media | Computer Science | Design & Technology | English | Film Studies | Food Preparation & Nutrition | Health & Social Care | Geography | History | RE | BTEC ICT | Maths | Modern Languages | Music | BTEC Performing Arts | PE | Science - Combined | Science - Triple | BTEC Enterprise | Business | Psychology | Dance

T.O.O.L.S  
Timetabler Options On-line System



Collecting Student Choices On-line



Please enter your details:

Username:

Password:

[options@hccs.info](mailto:options@hccs.info)



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# Making your option choices

## T.O.O.L.S

TimeTabler Options On-Line System



Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School GCSE Option Choices

To leave without making any choices: [Log out](#)

### Choices for: Student Test Default

**Extra information:** Click [here](#) for an **example**/instructions. Click [here](#) for **course information**.

### Step 1 of 6

[Start](#) > [Choice 1](#) > [Choice 2](#) > [Choice 3](#) > [Choice 4](#) > [Free choice \(with reserve\)](#) > [Confirmation](#)

#### Choose ONE of the following Subjects from Option A

- CreativeMediaBT (CMe)
- Dance BTec (Da)
- Food & Nut GCSE (Food)
- History (Hi)
- PE GCSE (PE)
- RE Studies GCSE (RE)
- Spanish (Sp)
- Triple Science (TS)

Next

To mark your Reserve choice, put 'R' by that subject.

Subject	Choice
Art (Ar)	<input type="text"/>
Business GCSE (BS)	<input type="text"/>
CreativeMediaBT (CMe)	<input type="text"/>
Computing (CS)	Already selected
	<input type="text"/>
German (De)	<input type="text"/>
Drama (Dr)	<input type="text"/>
D&T GCSE (DT)	<input type="text"/>
Ent & Mark Camb (En)	<input type="text"/>
Food & Nut GCSE (Food)	Already selected
French (Fr)	<input type="text"/>
Geography (Gg)	Already selected
History (Hi)	<input type="text"/>
Health&SocBTec (HS)	<input type="text"/>
IT BTec (IT)	<input type="text"/>
Music (Mu)	<input type="text"/>
Option Drop (OpD)	<input type="text"/>
PE GCSE (PE)	<input type="text"/>
Psychology (Psy)	Already selected
RE Studies GCSE (RE)	<input type="text"/>
Spanish (Sp)	<input type="text"/>
Triple Science (TS)	R <input type="text"/>

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# YEAR 9 OPTIONS INFORMATION

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## OPTIONS GUIDELINES

1. Choose **1 subject from each of the columns** labelled A, B, C, D.
2. At least **1 of your 4 choices must be from the subjects in the shaded area** (History; Geography; Computer Science; French; German; Spanish; Triple Science)
3. We recommend that you take a Modern Foreign Language
4. Your option choices should give you a broad and balanced curriculum. With this in mind **we recommend that you do not opt** for more than two from each of the following subject combinations:
  - a. Geography; History and Religious Studies
  - b. French; German and Spanish
  - c. Art, Drama and Music

## KEY DATES

DEC 2024  
**2nd**  
Issue individual student logins to register options

DEC 2024  
**12th**  
Year 9 Parents Evening (Online)

DEC 2024  
**16th**  
The deadline for registering option choices

FEB 2025  
Confirmation of option choices

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 16.30 – 18.15

Talk 1 – 16.45

Talk 2 – 17.30

Visit [www.hccs1978.co.uk/upper-school](http://www.hccs1978.co.uk/upper-school) for:  
Options Subject Sheets & Subject Information Sheets



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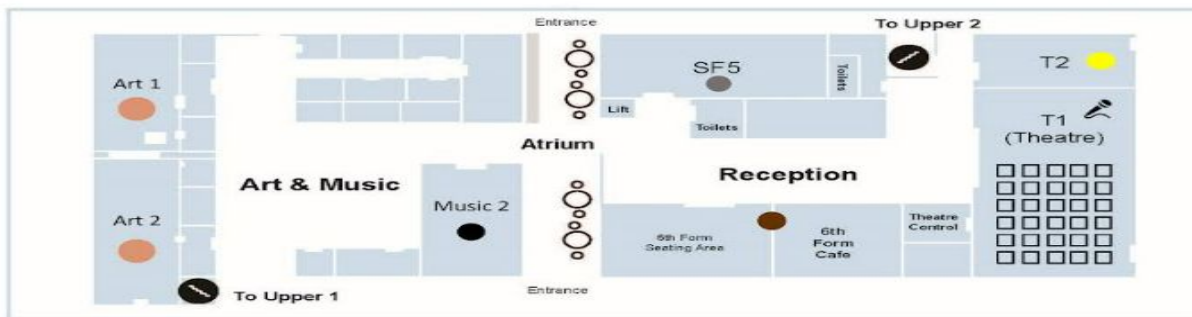




# YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING 2024



Upper Floor



Ground Floor

- SF1a  
PE
- SF2  
Business  
BTEC Enterprise
- SF3  
Maths
- SF4  
English Language  
English Literature
- SF5  
Food Technology  
Design & Technology
- Study Area  
Triple Science – Combined Science, History,  
Geography, Religious Studies, Spanish, German,  
French, Computer Science, BTEC ICT.
- Independent Learning Zone (ILZ)  
Psychology, Health & Social Care BTEC, Creative  
Media BTEC.
- Theatre 2 (T2)  
Drama
- Music 2  
Music
- Seating & Café Area  
Sixth Form Team
- Art 1 & 2  
Art
- Sixth Form Office  
Careers Officer



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