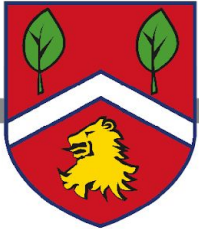


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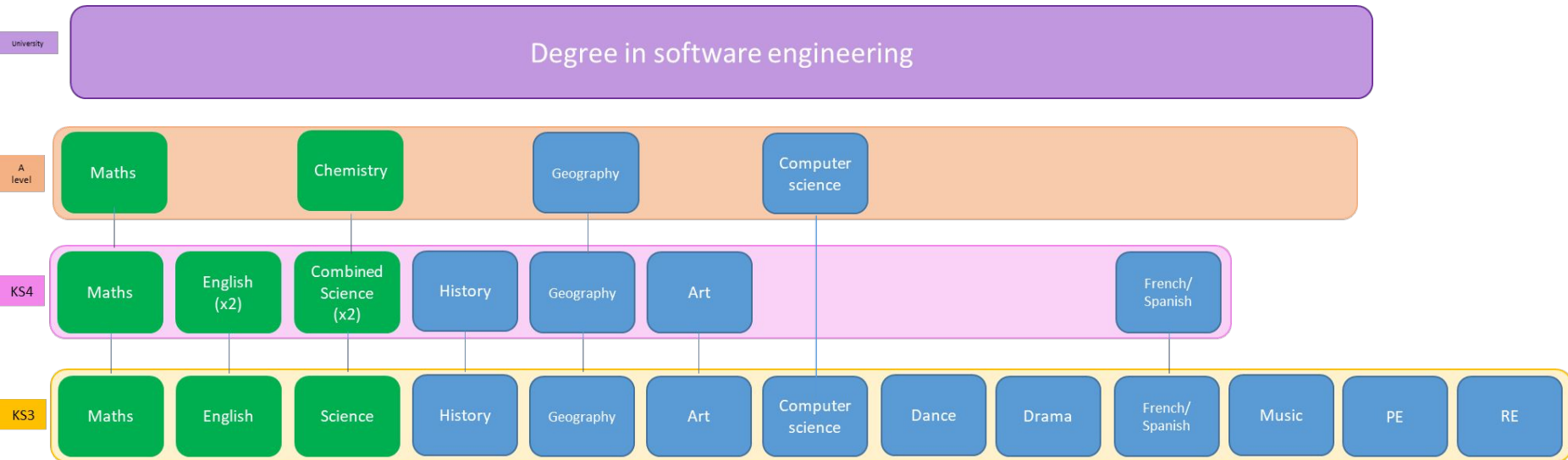
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9 GCSEs

**6 compulsory subjects (5 core
and a humanity, either
History or Geography)**

3 options subjects



Compulsory Core Subjects

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Combined Science (2 GCSEs)
- Core PE*
- Core Religious Education*
- PSHE*

Compulsory Humanities (select one)

- Geography OR
- History

Options subjects (select 3)

- Art
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Drama
- French
- Geography
- History
- Photography
- PE (NCFE)
- Religious Education
- Separate Science
- Sociology
- Spanish



Assessment

Most subjects are linear

- *Exams at the end of Year 11*
- *Make up 100% of the grade*
- *Multiple opportunities for exam practice*

Some have a coursework element

(Art, Dance, Drama, Photography, PE)

- *Coursework makes up part of the final grade*
- *Some exam element as well*
- *Coursework is completed in controlled conditions*



The English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

Students complete the EBacc by choosing a specific set of subjects:

- *English, Maths, Science*
- *History or Geography*
- *Language*

Benefits of choosing the EBacc

- *Well-regarded*
- *Post-16 options*

“A study by the UCL Institute of Education shows that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education.”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-baccalaureate-ebacc/english-baccalaureate-ebacc>



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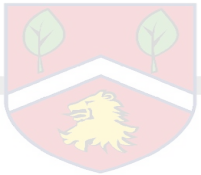
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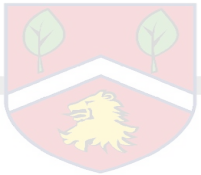
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A form will be emailed to you at your school account. You must log in through your school email and electronically submit the form. Please note, you can only submit the form once, so make sure you have considered everything fully before doing so.



Key dates:

Tuesday 28th March	Students receive the options booklet and attend the options assembly. Over the half term, students should read the information and prepare questions in advance of the options fair for the teachers of subjects they are interested in.
Wednesday 26th April	Options Fair - Options form to be completed by following a link emailed to students. <i>NB: This google form link can only be accessed by the students, by using their school log-in</i>
Friday 5th May	Deadline for student to submit options
Friday 14th July	A letter will be sent home confirming students options confirmed



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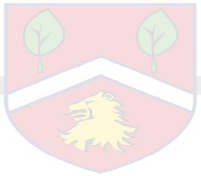


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