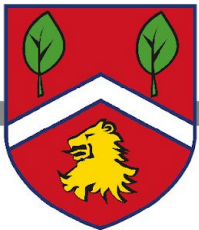
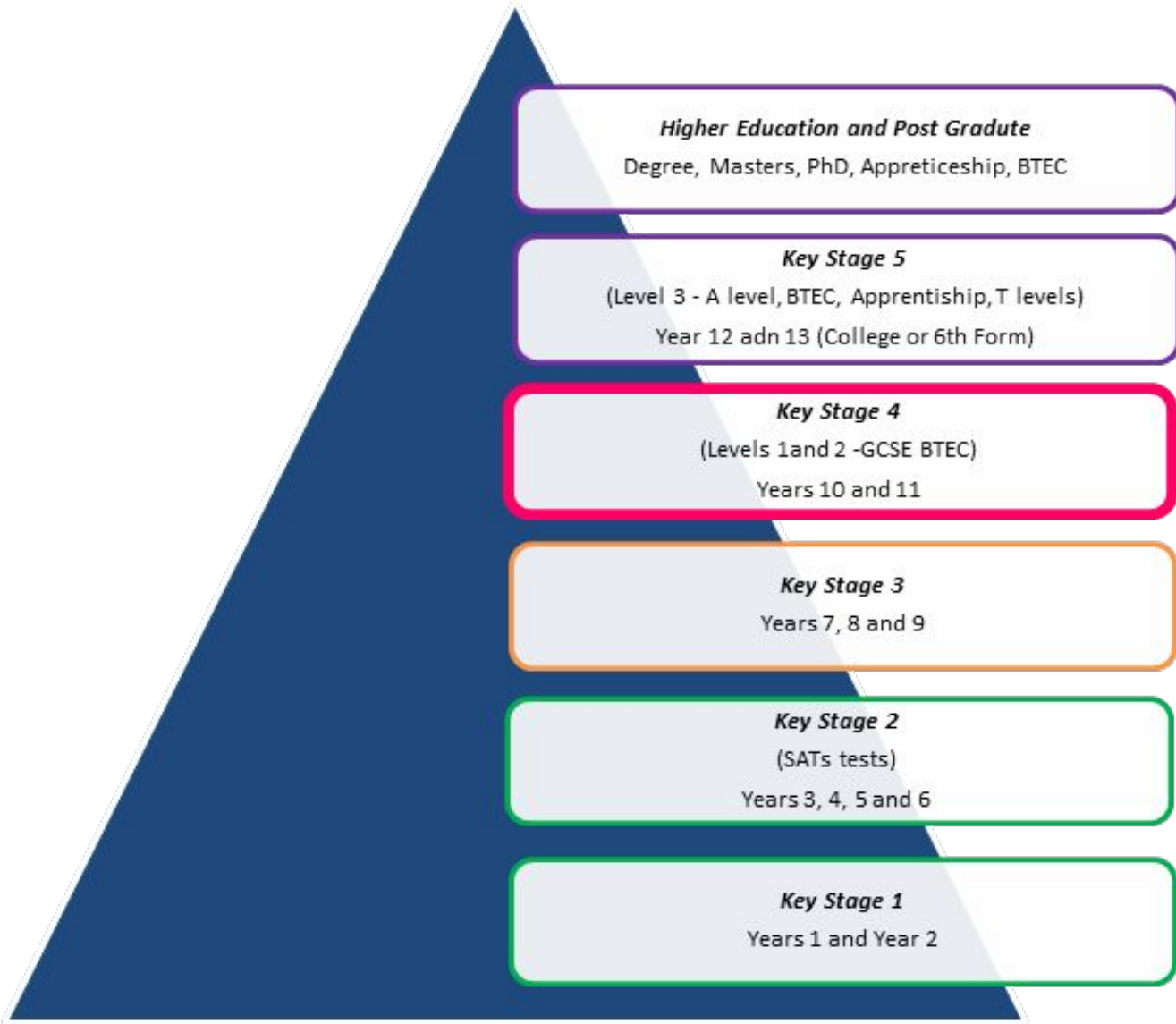


GCSE Options



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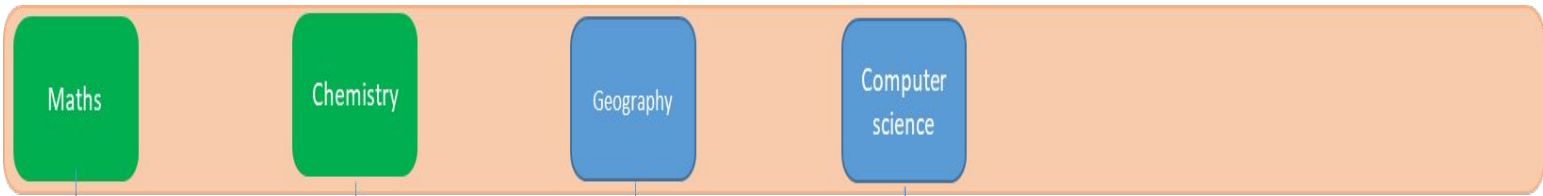
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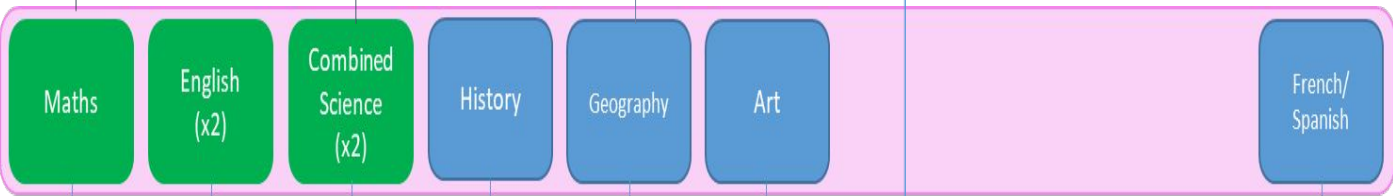
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Degree in software engineering

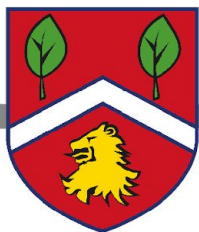
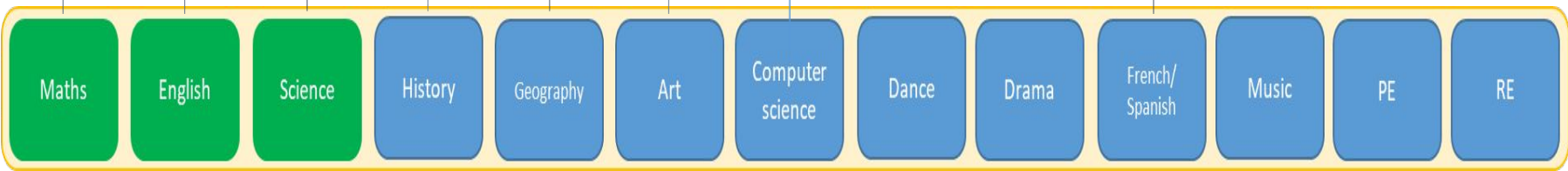
A level



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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 (BTEC)
Drama
French
Geography
History
Music (BTEC)
PE (NCFE)
Religious Education
Separate Science
Spanish



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Assessment

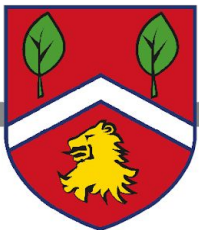
Most subjects are linear

- *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, Music, 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:

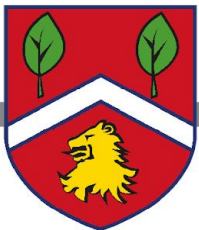
- *English, Maths, Science*
- *History or Geography*
- *Language*

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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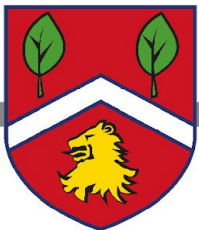
How to choose your subjects:

You should consider:

- *Which subjects you enjoy*
- *Which subjects you are good at*
- *The advice from your teachers and the Head of Departments*
- *What possible careers you are interested in and the skills you want to develop for employment*
- *What post 16 courses you are interested in (find out what the course entry requirements are at 6th form/ college/ apprenticeships)*

What not to consider when making your choices:

- *What subjects your friends are doing*
- *Making a decision because you couldn't think of anything else*



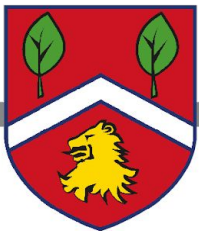
Will you get your first choice?

We will try to ensure that everyone gets the choices that they request. However, there are some reasons why you might not:

- 1. Appropriateness of the course*
- 2. Limits on numbers*
- 3. Low numbers*

In all cases, a conversation will be had with you.

The likely outcome is that you will get your reserve choice instead.



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Can I take both History and Geography?

Yes

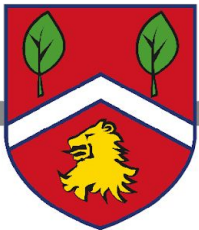
What if I'm not sure what I want to do post 16?

We recommend you keep your options open, and suggest you take Ebacc subjects.

- *English language and Literature*
- *Maths*
- *The Sciences*
- *Geography or History*
- *A language*

How do I submit my preferences?

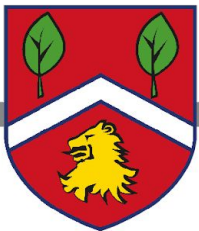
Using the options form.



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- *Sent to your school email address at 6pm today*
- *Must be completed by **Wednesday 8th May***
- *Cannot be amended once submitted*



The Form



ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Year 9 Option Choices 2024

Name: Tutor group: 9HAWK

Dear Year 9

Please find below a link to your GCSE Options form.

You have until 8pm on Wednesday 8th May to complete this. Please only access the form once you are ready to complete it - once you have submitted your form, you cannot change it.

Please speak to Miss Goodwin or Mr Clarke if you have any questions.

Mr Clarke

Common rules: Total Main choices 4 Total Reserves 1 • A subject can only be selected once as a main or reserve choice



Humanities

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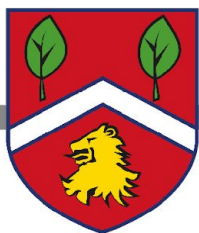
Other Subjects

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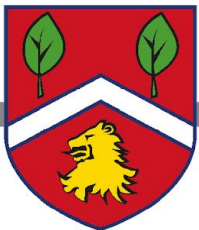
Humanities

Choose only 1 item from Humanities

Geography

History

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







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Other Subjects

Pick 3 choices from Other Subjects • Choose exact 1 reserve subjects from Group Other Subjects

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| <input type="radio"/> Drama | <input type="radio"/> Reserve |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Music | <input type="radio"/> Reserve |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Business Studies | <input type="radio"/> Reserve |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Computer Science | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Reserve |  |
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Geography

Other Subjects [Edit](#)

Art, History, NCFE PE, Reserved: Computer Science

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Key dates:

Wednesday 17th April	Students receive the options booklet and attend the options assembly. Students should read the information and prepare questions in advance of the options fair for the teachers of subjects they are interested in.
Thursday 2nd May	Options Fair Options form emailed to students
Wednesday 8th May	Deadline for students to submit options
Friday 5th July	A letter will be sent home confirming students options



What to do next

- *Visit the fair - ask lots of questions*
- *Discuss at home*
- *Ask your teachers any further questions*
- *Complete the form by next Wednesday (8th May)*
- *Continue to work hard in all your subjects*

