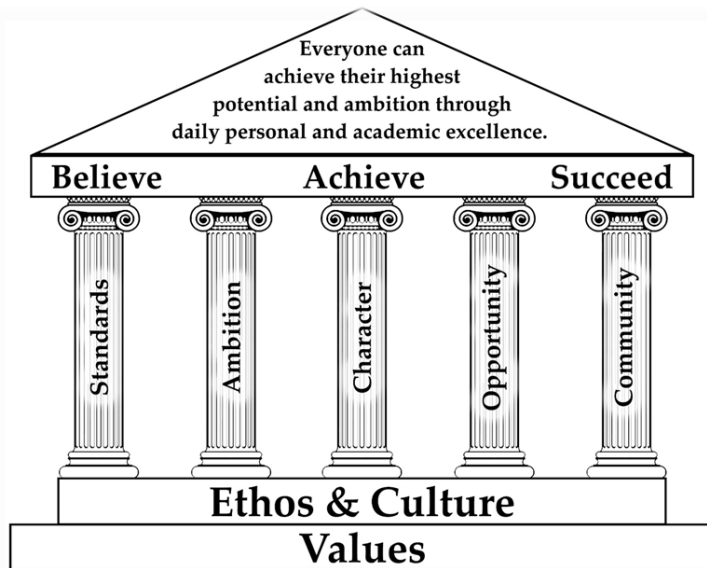


Year 9 Progress and Options Evening

Thursday 6th February 2020



Aims:

- To help you to understand what are the best Key Stage 4 choices for your child
- To better understand the process of options and the demands of Key Stage 4
- To give you a chance to speak to subject teachers and understand the current progress and attainment of your child
- To make the first options choices via our *Options Online* system.



Year 9 is a transition year: There are many challenges ahead

Selecting KS4 options

Starting KS4 Curriculum

Mock exams

**Practice application and interviews with
employers**

Making career and Post-16 choices

College/Sixth Form/Apprenticeship interviews

**Completing coursework, GCSE terminal exams,
receiving final results on results day**



How the evening works:

- 1) Listen to this presentation to gain an insight into the Key Stage 4 curriculum and how best to make choices
- 2) Visit subject teachers
- 3) Speak to representatives from local colleges/sixth forms, training providers and our careers advisor, Miss Ford
- 4) Take some time to fill out first choices on the paper form
- 5) Visit G06 or the Library before leaving to submit your choices via our online system with the help of our staff and prefects

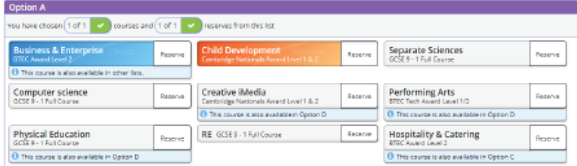


Deadlines:

- Deadline for first choices is Monday 10th February.

We highly recommend that you submit your first choices this evening in G06 or the library.

- After this, options blocks will be refined and final choices will be requested.



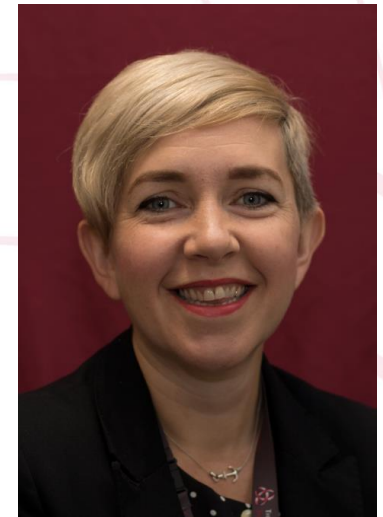
The screenshot shows the 'Options Online' interface for Dean Trust Ardwick. At the top, it says 'DEAN TRUST Ardwick' and 'How to: Options Online'. Below this is the heading 'Using Options Online:' followed by three numbered instructions: 1. Once signed in, click 'Year 9 Options 2020'. 2. Use the paper 'Pathway Form' to decide which pathway you are most suited to. Ask your teacher if you are unsure. 3. Use the form to help you select your 4 subjects by clicking on the subject name, turning them blue. You may select a reserve choice in each block by clicking 'Reserve', turning it orange. Below the instructions is a screenshot of the options selection screen. It shows a grid of course options with 'Reserve' buttons. The courses listed are: Business & Enterprise (ITC Award Level 2), Child Development (Cambridge Nationals Award Level 1 & 2), Separate Sciences (GCSE 9-1 Full Course), Computer science (GCSE 9-1 Full Course), Creative iMedia (Cambridge Nationals Award Level 1 & 2), Performing Arts (BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2), Physical Education (GCSE 9-1 Full Course), RE (GCSE 9-1 Full Course), and Hospitality & Catering (BTEC Award Level 2). Each course has a 'Reserve' button next to it. The interface also shows a progress indicator at the top: 'You have chosen 1 of 1 courses and 1 of 1 reserves from this list'.

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Support your child has received already:

- Assembly to explain the process and how to make the best choices
- Optional meeting regarding the Separate Science pathway
- A log on to Unifrog, the careers and destinations platform
- Drop ins with Miss Ford, our careers advisor
- Form time sessions on how to make the best choices
- Taster Lessons in options subjects



Miss Ford

unifrog



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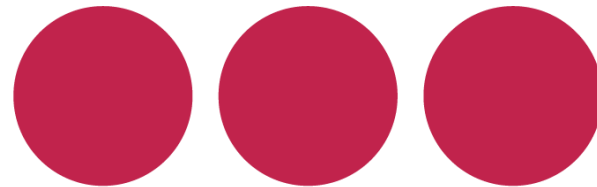
KS4 Programme of Study

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English* Maths

Double weighted



EBacc qualifications x3

sciences, computer science, history, geography and languages



Other x3

Further GCSE qualifications or any other DfE approved non-GCSE qualification



2 types of Qualifications

GCSEs

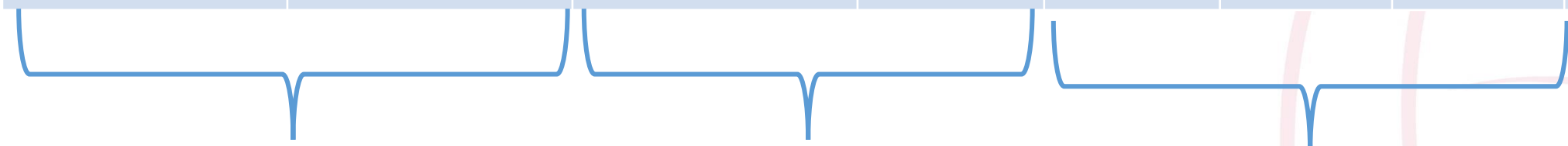
- ✓ Be awarded in **grades from 1-9**, with 9 being the highest grade.
- ✓ A pass is a **grade 4**. A good pass is a **grade 5**.
- ✓ Where possible pupils will be **assessed by exam** although some subjects have a heavy coursework element like Design and Technology and Art and Design.
- ✓ **All exams** will be **at the end** of a two year course of study.

Vocational Qualifications

- ✓ Be awarded at Level 1 and Level 2
- ✓ Level 2 Pass is equivalent to a grade 4; **Level 2 Merit** is equivalent to a **grade 5.5**; **Level 2 Distinction** is equivalent to a **grade 7**
- ✓ Assessed **throughout the 2 years** with **coursework submission** and exam elements
- ✓ Helps to **share the workload** over the years of study

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6 GCSEs are compulsory:

English Language
English Literature
Maths
Combined Science
Humanities or Language

3 other options are a mixture of GCSE and vocational qualifications



Entry Requirements for A-Level Study

College/ Sixth Form **Entry Requirements for A-Level Study**

You will normally need six passes at GCSE including two at Grade 6.

You must have passed two or more of English, Science and Maths at least with Grade 4.

More advanced courses and degree courses may require different entry requirements so check online.



Pathways

- You have 3 pathways to choose from:

EBacc Pathway (English Baccalaureate)
History/Geography + a Language + 2 others

Open Pathway
History/Geography/Computer Science OR a Language + 3 others

Separate Science Pathway (includes EBACC)
3 Sciences + History/Geography + a Language + 1 other



The English Baccalaureate

- The EBACC is not a qualification itself but a particular group of GCSE subjects.
- It is a measure of success in core academic subjects.



To achieve the EBACC, you must achieve:

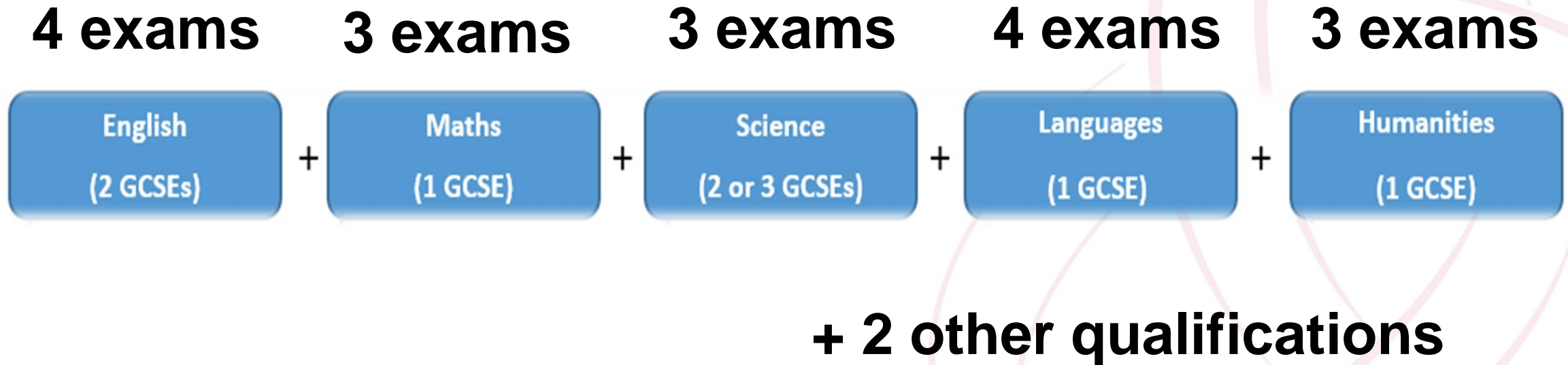
Standard Pass =- Grade 4 in each subject
element

Strong Pass = Grade 5 in each subject
element

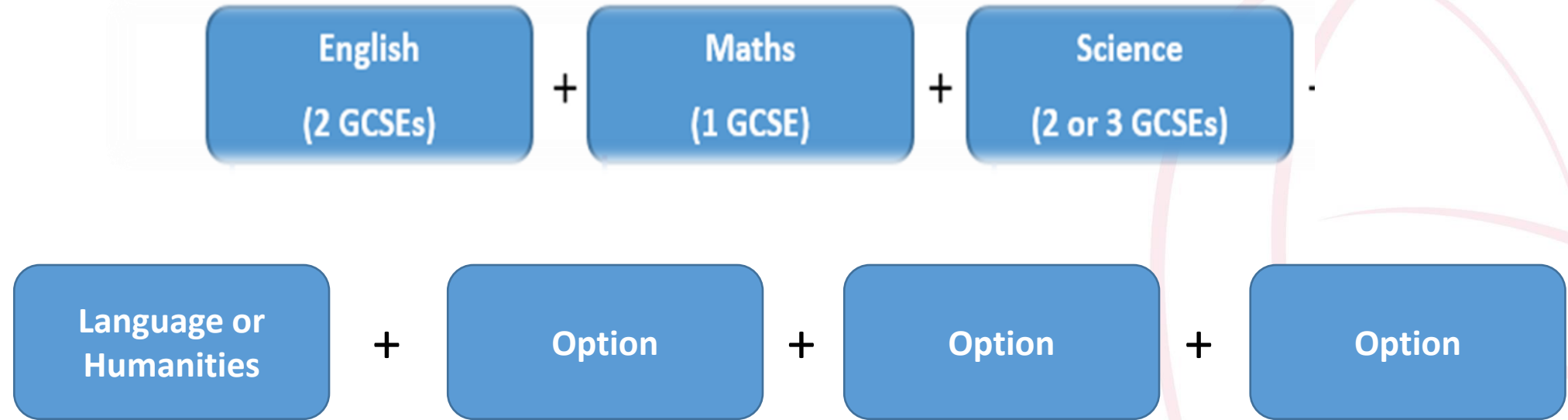


The English Baccalaureate

- This is a challenging pathway because to do these subjects means that you will sit at least 17 exams.



The Open Pathway



6 x compulsory GCSEs plus 3 other options



The Separate Science Pathway

• Combined Science

- Combined Science will be a compulsory part of the curriculum at Key Stage 4 and it will be taken by the majority of pupils.
- 5 periods a week
- 2 GCSEs
- Pupils who study Combined Science can still move on to A-levels in a Science subject if they chose to and can still pursue career paths in Science.

• Separate Sciences

- Separate Science will be an optional route at GCSE. It is being offered to pupils who have shown a keen interest and an aptitude for the subject.
- Pupils must be motivated and prepared to work incredibly hard, often completing individual research and reading that furthers their own understanding of the subject.
- 8 periods a week (5 core + 3 option)
- 3 GCSEs



MBCChB Medicine / Entry requirements

GCSE

We require **at least seven GCSEs at grade A (7) or A* (8+)**.

English Language, Mathematics and **at least two science subjects** are required at GCSE minimum grade B. If Dual Award Science or Core and Additional Science are offered, the minimum required is BB.

If you are resitting any GCSE subjects, you must explain the circumstances that prompted this. We do not currently accept short courses; however, Level 2 BTEC qualifications are acceptable (at distinction grade or above) in lieu of one GCSE.

Due to the phased introduction of GCSE reform in England, we will accept a mixture of GCSE grading scales. We can confirm our position in terms of equivalencies:

- A* = 8
- A = 7
- B = 6
- C = 4



The Separate Science Pathway

- This pathway is subject to an entrance exam, as you will know.
- Results for this exam will be available from 10th February.
- If you have taken the entrance exam and are still interested in this pathway, then still select it on your first options form.
- In the event that you are unsuccessful, we will re-submit the



Making the Best Choices

- ✓ Think carefully about which subjects interest you and you like the most.
- ✓ Remember you can't go very wrong as long as you choose subjects which interest you.
- ✓ It is the grades which determine entrance onto courses in the future and not the subjects you have studied.
- ✓ Use Unifrog to search entry requirements onto courses and into careers/ professions you are interested in.
- ✓ For example, not studying DT at GCSE will not limit your study of engineering in the future. Similarly, not studying Business at GCSE will not limit you studying this at A-Level or Level 3 BTEC in the future.

