

# Welcome

The aims of this presentation are to help ensure that you:



Know what courses we offer at KS4



Understand how to complete the Options Form



Know where you can find additional support and guidance

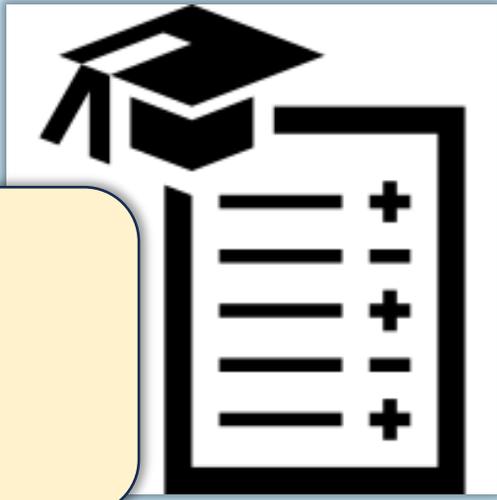


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# What's in your pack?



## Individual Progress Report and Guidance



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### Year 9 Options Form 2026

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read the **options booklet** for more information about compulsory subjects and a detailed description of the GCSE and Vocational option subjects we offer at Key Stage 4.

For your first option, please pick a Humanities subject (if you wish to do both Geography and History, please tick one and select the other as an additional option subject)

Humanities option	
Geography	History

Please pick in order of preference three other option subjects from the lists below.

**Priority choices** - Please write 2 next to your second choice, 3 next to your third choice and 4 next to your fourth choice.

**Reserve choices** - Please write R1 and R2 next to your reserve choices (Not choosing reserves does not increase your chance of getting your first-choice subjects; everyone must pick reserve subjects).

GCSE Subjects	Preference
Business	
Computer Science	
Food & Nutrition	
French	
Geography	
History	
Photography	
Religious Studies	
Spanish	
Triple Science	

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Fine Art	
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### GCSE

#### Triple Science

Laser surgery, looking for life in a meteorite from Mars, cable and satellite television, the internet, gene therapy... These are just a few of the things we take for granted in our times, markers of the late 20<sup>th</sup> and early 21<sup>st</sup> century's scientific and technological revolution. Science has changed the way we work, communicate, and view the world.

#### What topics do I cover?

You will study three separate sciences gaining three GCSEs: GCSE Biology, GCSE Chemistry and GCSE Physics. You are awarded individual grades for each of the three sciences.

Students who select Triple Science will study all the content from the Biology, Chemistry, and Physics disciplines of GCSE combined science, but with added extra material in each discipline. For example, in Physics you will study an astronomy unit, which explores ideas about the solar system, life cycle of stars and discussing evidence for the origin of the universe.

#### How will I be assessed?

There are six exams, each 1hr 45 minutes long. Each exam will cover half of the content for that subject, i.e. 2 papers each for Chemistry, Biology, and Physics. The exams all follow the same format regardless of subject order. There will be a mixture of question types which will include multiple choice questions, short answers, and longer extended answers worth up to 6 marks.

Although this suite of qualifications includes both Foundation tier and Higher tier papers, it is expected that all students will have the aptitude to sit the higher tier papers and be aiming for grades 5-9.

You will receive a grade between 1 and 9 for Biology, Chemistry and Physics GCSE.



#### How will this course help me in the future?

Asides from pursuing subjects at A level, University and beyond, there are countless careers including medicine, engineering, pharmacy, tree surgery, research, hairdressing... the list really is endless! Follow the link below for some ideas of where science can take you!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/z8f84f/jb5thet-use-science/1>

#### What do I need to do to prepare for this course?

You will be provided with all materials to use in class, including all practical materials. In addition to this you will have access to SpagSci Science, though you may wish to purchase revision guides for use at home. These are sold by all bookshops and some online retailers.

#### Anything else I need to know?

Triple Science requires a huge amount of commitment and you need to be willing to complete independent study outside of classroom. Students wishing to do separate sciences should be targeted at least 2 in English, Maths and Science.

#### How do I find out more information?

You can visit the AQA GCSE Science specifications, which can be found at <https://www.aqa.org.uk/qualifications>

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Which subjects are compulsory?**  
Mathematics, English Literature, Language and Combined Science are subjects which everyone must take.

**Which option subjects should I take?**  
This is down to a combination of things, including your own interests, and your future. You are in the driving seat now and can start to shape your own education. This is the first time you can focus on the subjects you like the most and feel you will do well at.

**Should I base my option subjects on what I am good at?**  
It is worth including this as a factor when

Some subject areas have more than one teacher and it is not guaranteed that your teacher will be teaching you on the course next year.

**Should I choose my option subjects because my friends are doing it?**

It is better not to choose a GCSE option just because your friends are taking it. Doing your friendships should not have any effect on lots to talk about when you are together at other times. Plus, you are likely to make new friends in the subjects you choose.



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# Our Curriculum Offer



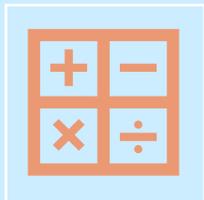
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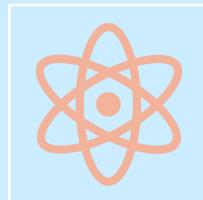
English Language



English Literature



Mathematics



Science  
(Combined)

**(non-examined)**

Religious Education

Physical, Social, Health  
Education (PSHE)

PE (Physical Education)



Health and Social Care

Triple Science

Geography

Photography

History

Food and Nutrition

Religious Studies

Textiles

Spanish

Graphics

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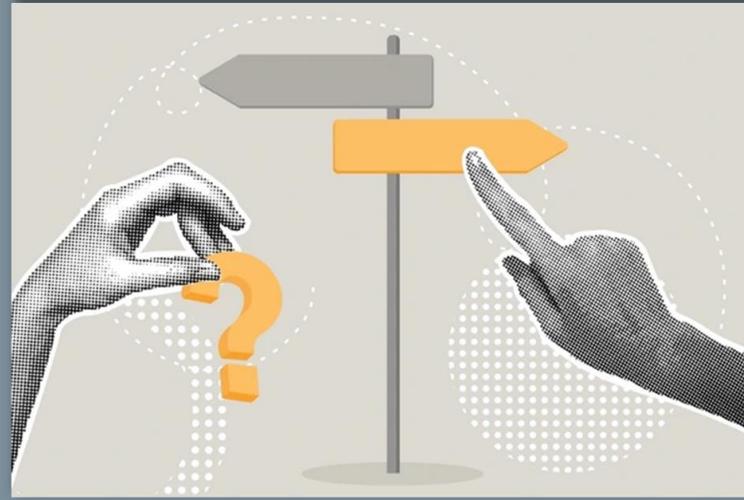
Art

Business

Drama

Sports Science

Computer Science





# So, the key things to know...

- ✓ Students choose 4 Options Subjects
- ✓ All must choose a Humanities subject (Geography or History)
- ✓ We do not insist on choosing a Modern Foreign Language- but DO encourage students to discuss Language as an option with teachers if they have a secure foundation in French or Spanish



# Exam Support Pathway



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- ✓ Core curriculum + **three option choices**
- ✓ Additional guided option of **Access**, which includes additional support for literacy and numeracy.



If we believe this specialised pathway is right for your child, we will arrange an individual appointment with you and your child to discuss this in more detail.

# Options Form



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Once you have decided on your choices, please either return this form to your tutor or Miss Ross.

**The deadline for Option Forms to be returned is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.** Forms which are submitted after this deadline will not be given priority on courses with limited places.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ Deadline is **Friday 27th March**
- ✓ Hand into Tutors or Miss Ross
- ✓ Priority to those that meet deadline

# How to complete the form:

<b>GCSE Subjects</b>	<b>Preference</b>
Business	R2
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French	
Geography	
History	
Photography	
Religious Studies	
Spanish	4
Triple Science	

<b>Humanities option</b>	
<b>Geography</b>	<b>History</b>
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Fine Art	R1
Graphic Communication	
Textile Design	

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Drama (Vocational)	2
Health & Social Care (Vocational)	
Sport Science (Vocational)	

# Additional Support:

- ✓ Parental Meetings with teachers
- ✓ Options Stalls with subject specialists and student ambassadors
- ✓ Curriculum Leader (for subject)
- ✓ Assistant Principal for Curriculum Intent
- ✓ Vice Principal for Quality of Education
- ✓ Head of Year

**Email:** [info@miltonkeynesacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@miltonkeynesacademy.org.uk)

**Email Subject heading:** *FAO person you want to contact*



# Any Questions?



More information and copies of the documents will be available on our website.