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# GCSE OPTIONS 2024

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INFORMATION

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RUGBY HIGH SCHOOL

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## Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11)

We want students to be able to pursue a broad and balanced programme of study at Key Stage 4. Some years ago, the government introduced the English Baccalaureate or E Bacc as a measure of how well schools are performing and to encourage students to study a broad range of subjects at KS4. Students are said to have obtained the E Bacc if they gain GCSE passes in English Language and Literature, Maths, either GCSE combined Science or 3 single Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Computer Studies), a language (including Latin) or a humanity (either History or Geography).

At Rugby High School we decided not to make the E Bacc compulsory as we felt that our curriculum model offered students a broad choice of subjects and that it was important to preserve the element of student choice. At the moment universities and employers don't require students to have the E Bacc. However, this may change in the future so you should bear this in mind when making your choices.

## The Year 10 Curriculum will be as follows:

Core Curriculum (Compulsory for all students)	Qualification
English	1 GCSE
English Literature	1 GCSE
Mathematics	1 GCSE
Language: Spanish or French or Latin	1 GCSE
Triple Science: Biology, Chemistry & Physics	3 GCSEs
<b>OR</b> Combined Science	2 GCSEs
Non - examined PE	

## Options

Students choosing to study **triple science** should **choose two options** from the list below.  
 Students choosing **Combined Science** should **choose three options**:

Art and Design <b>OR</b> Textiles	Geography
Business	History
Computer Science	GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition
Drama	Music
French or Spanish or Latin (the language not chosen as part of the core curriculum)	Philosophy and Religious Studies (PRS)
PE	

## **Entitlement Curriculum (Compulsory for all students)**

- Philosophy & Religious Studies\*
- Physical Education
- Personal Health and Social Education  
(includes Careers Education and Guidance, Sex Education, Work-Related Learning, Enterprise Education, Citizenship, Economic Well-Being and Financial Capability)

These are non-examination subjects.  
In PE, students may opt for GCSE PE instead.

PSHE will be delivered through a series of collapsed timetable days rather than as a timetabled lesson.

### **\*Philosophy and Religious Studies can be studied in one of two ways:**

1. Compulsory single lesson a week (non-examined)
2. Taken as an option = GCSE full course

Please note: if you choose non-examined Philosophy and Religious Studies you do not need to specify this on your options form.

## **Making Your Choice**

### **Do**

- Choose subjects that you enjoy
- Choose subjects that you are good at
- Choose subjects that you may need to follow a particular career or educational path
- Talk to your parents and teachers about your choices

### **Don't**

- Choose a subject because your friends have chosen it
- Choose a subject simply because you like the teacher (you may get a different teacher next year)

**Please note that all choices are subject to staffing and timetable constraints, some subjects have a number restriction on the size of the group, e.g. Drama. Some optional subjects may not run if insufficient numbers opt for them.**