



Vyners School

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Year 9 into 10

**Options Evening
January 2025**



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Welcome



Miss Hawes (Year 9 Leader)

Mr Newbey (Assistant Headteacher - Options)



Key Points:

- This is an opportunity for students select the subjects they will study until the end of Year 11.
- We may not be able to offer everybody all of their choices, but will try to accommodate as many students as possible.
- If you have any questions about particular subjects, please direct your questions to the subject teachers.



What we are / will be doing in tutor time:

- Assemblies and loom videos - Information about the options process.
- Reflection tasks and forward planning.
- Encouraging students to have discussions with subject teachers and family.



Selecting Your Options

- Students have had time to experience a range of subjects over your time at Vyners School.
- Now you need to consider which subjects to continue with through to the end of Year 11.
- There is also an opportunity for students to take Economics, Business Studies, Psychology or Media.



Economics, Business Studies, Media and Psychology

- New subjects are available from the start of Year 10.
- Information about these courses will be provided during tutorial time and taster lessons have been given.
- Any student who wants to know a little more should speak to their tutor who can direct them to the Subject Leader.
- **Students can only pick up ONE of these new subjects.**



Pathways

- **The Triple Science Pathway** allows students to study the science separately. They will also have to study at least one Humanities or Language. **We strongly recommend that you do both a Humanities and a Language.**
- **The EBacc Pathway** supports students who have been identified as being particularly good at MFL and Humanities and are not taking Triple Science.
- **The Open Pathway** gives students a wider choice. They will have to study at least one Humanities subject or MFL but the rest is open to them.
- **The Core Pathway** allows similar progression to that of The Open Pathway but is one less GCSE.



The Triple Science Pathway

- **Core**

Mathematics

English Language

English Literature

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Religious Education

Core PE

- **One option from...**

History

Geography

French

German

Spanish

Plus...

Two further GCSE options

**We strongly
recommend that you
do both a Humanities
and a Language**



The EBacc Pathway

Core Subjects:

Mathematics

English Language

English Literature

Combined Science

Religious Education

Core PE

- **A Language** (French, German, Spanish)
- **One option from:**
History or
Geography
- **Plus...**
TWO further option choices.



The Open Pathway

Core Subjects:

Mathematics

English Language

English Literature

Combined Science

Religious Education

Core PE

- **One option from:**

History

Geography

French

Spanish

German

- **Plus...**

THREE further option choices
(including the ones listed above).



The Core Pathway

- **Core**

Mathematics

English Language

English Literature

Trilogy Science (Double
Science)

Religious Education

Core PE

- **Curriculum Support**

Additional curriculum time to
complete L2 Functional Skills

Plus...

Three further options



Triple Science (3 GCSEs)

GCSE Biology

- Paper 1 - 1 hour 45 mins written examination 16.7%
- Paper 2 - 1 hour 45 mins written examination 16.7%

GCSE Chemistry

- Paper 1 - 1 hour 45 mins written examination 16.7%
- Paper 2 - 1 hour 45 mins written examination 16.7%

GCSE Physics

- Paper 1 - 1 hour 45 mins written examination 16.7%
- Paper 2 - 1 hour 45 mins written examination 16.7%



Combined Science (2 GCSEs)

GCSE Biology

- Paper 1 - 1 hour 15 mins written examination 16.7%
- Paper 2 - 1 hour 15 mins written examination 16.7%

GCSE Chemistry

- Paper 1 - 1 hour 15 mins written examination 16.7%
- Paper 2 - 1 hour 15 mins written examination 16.7%

GCSE Physics

- Paper 1 - 1 hour 15 mins written examination 16.7%
- Paper 2 - 1 hour 15 mins written examination 16.7%



Option Subjects

Humanities

Geography
History

Arts

Art & Design
Drama
Music
Performing Arts
Photography

Languages

French
German
Spanish

Technology

Food Preparation
DT
ICT
Computing

New Subject Options

Business Studies
Economics
Media Studies
Psychology

P.E

Sports Studies
Physical Education



English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

English Language

Mathematics

At least 2 Science GCSEs

One Humanities subject (History or Geography)

One Modern Foreign Language

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English Baccalaureate



Vocational Awards

Level 2 Qualifications

Equivalent to GCSE

- Sport - OCR Cambridge Technical
- ICT - BTEC
- Performing Arts - BTEC



Functional Skills

Level 2 Qualification

Equivalent to 1 GCSE

- English - Miss Hockley
- Maths - Mrs Vorce



Choosing Wisely

Some good reasons:

Enjoyment

Abilities

Progression

Some possible bad reasons:

Liking/disliking the teacher

Choice influenced by friends



A Balanced Choice

A student unsure of their future path but considering going to university.

Example option choices might include:

- History
- German
- Photography
- Triple Science



A Balanced Choice

A balanced EBacc pathway choice leaves future options open.

Example option choices might include:

- Spanish
- Geography
- Music
- Design Technology



A Balanced Choice

Students may have a particular career-related aptitude they wish to pursue.

Example: a student looking for a career in the creative industries might choose:

- Media Studies (GCSE)
- Art (GCSE)
- Sport Studies (OCR National)



Next steps in the process

- Year 9 Parents Evening (11th March 2025)
- Options brochure and subject information (available online)
- Options Form - to be completed by **17th March 2025** (available online)



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Year 8 into 9

Please [click here](#) to view the Year 8 into 9 Options Brochure for September 2024.

[Click here](#) to view the Subject Information Booklet. Information videos on subjects can be viewed from [this document](#).

The Option Form is available using [this link](#). Please complete this form by Friday 22nd March.

PLEASE NOTE that to complete the Option Form, you will need to be **logged in with your Vyners School Google account**.

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Filling in the Form

You will receive an email telling you which Pathway you should take within the next two weeks.

Once you have this you need to complete this form.

<https://forms.gle/dnaDUETMFmAaYS7h9>



What happens after the Options form is submitted?

- Students' choices reviewed and matched against classes and staffing
- Individual discussions with students if necessary
- Students receive an offer letter (after May half term)