

Dear Year 9 Parents, Carers and students

### Options 2023

This term marks the start of the GCSE options process for our Year 9 students. This is an exciting time for them as they will need to decide which GCSE subjects they wish to study. We are aware of the significance of this process and take it very seriously. This year, we are presenting information about the options process in several formats:-

- Options Evening on Thursday 9 February 2023 – 4:30pm-6:00pm. This evening is open for parents, carers and students to attend and will commence with a talk from our Headteacher, Mrs N Gould at 4:30pm
- Options Booklet – which will be sent home with students on Tuesday 10 January 2023
- Taster sessions in lessons

### Future Curriculum

**Core:** Studied by all students.

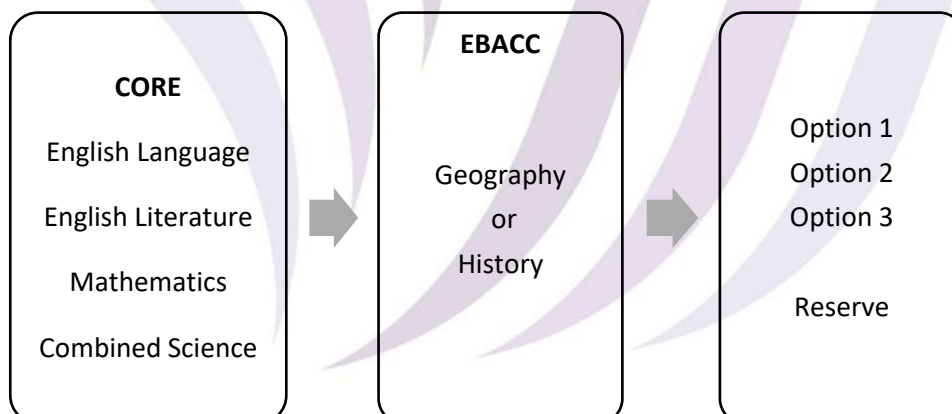
**Ebacc:** Students are required to select either Geography or History on their options form.

**French:** We strongly recommend that students choose French as an option as it is a facilitating subject that can widen future choices.

### In addition, students must then select 3 other options and indicate a reserve

Students need to select the best combination of subjects for them as individuals for their GCSE's, whilst at the same time ensuring that their curriculum experience at school is broad, balanced and enjoyable.

The diagram below gives an insight on the structure of your child's future curriculum. We advise parents and carers to spend time at home discussing options to support students making an informed decision.



**Key Dates**

Thursday 9 February 2023 - 4:30pm-6:00pm	Options Evening
Monday 6 March 2023 - 12:00pm	The closing date for option choices
Summer Term	Option choices confirmed

We understand that students, parents and carers may need further guidance. We would encourage students to talk to their teachers and tutors.

Option choices are to be submitted electronically, please scan our QR code. If you are unable to submit your response or have any parental enquiries please email [enquiry@jws.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@jws.bham.sch.uk) and a member of our admin team will contact you.



Yours faithfully

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