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Year 9 Progression Evening: Thursday 8th January

WELCOME

Your child has already received their option booklet in school. An electronic copy has also been shared via Class Charts.



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Our core values: **Respect, Honesty & Kindness**



Our school is a **safe, inclusive and welcoming** community that everyone feels proud to be a part of.



We hold **high ambition, positive relationships** and **mutual respect** at the core of our school culture.



Our school develops **confidence, resilience** and **independence** for all by delivering a high-quality, **evidence-informed education**.

We celebrate our achievements, learn from our mistakes and support each other to be responsible and hardworking citizens.



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- Honesty** in our guidance
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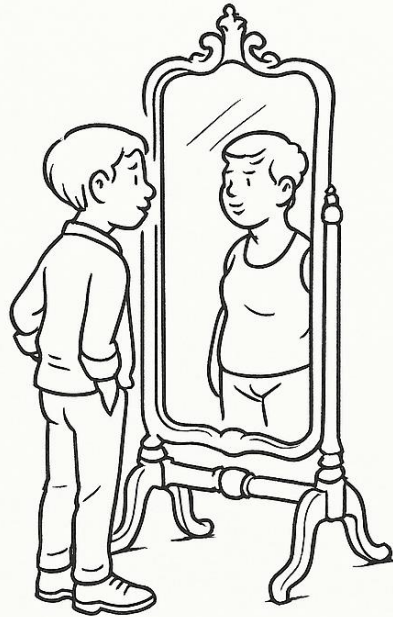
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Thursday 15th January

Year 9 Parents Evening. This event will allow subject specific teachers to discuss pathway choices further and the potential suitability of the course.

Monday 12th January – Friday 16th January

Students will receive further details about GCSE courses during their current subject lessons. Alternative arrangements will be made for subjects not studied at Key Stage 3.

Monday 19th January

The online Pathway application form will open. Students can submit their choices at this time. Additional guidance will be available for those who need support.

Monday 9th February at 9:00am

The Pathway application form will close. Students requiring further guidance or needing to make alternative choices after this deadline will be supported on a case-by-case basis.



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What are the different qualifications at Level 2?



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GCSE	BTEC	<u>Cambridge Nationals</u>
<p>Focus: Broad, academic introduction to subjects.</p> <p>Assessment: Primarily exams, with some subjects having NEA (coursework).</p>	<p>Focus: Specialist, practical, work-related learning, often with placements.</p> <p>Assessment: Mix of exams, projects, and coursework (NEA).</p>	<p>Focus: Engaging, practical, vocational skills for specific sectors (e.g., Health and Care professions).</p> <p>Assessment: Significant Non-Examination Assessment (NEA) (around 60%) and external exams (around 40%).</p>



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New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	
2	E
1	F
U	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

BTEC Grade (Level 2)	GCSE Equivalent Grade
Distinction* (D*)	9
	8
Distinction (D)	
	Merit (M)
Pass (P)	



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What will I study?



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Compulsory Subjects



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Core Subjects

These subjects are compulsory for all Key Stage 4 students

Core subjects

- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths
- Science (two qualifications)

Non-examined core subjects

- PSHE/RE/Citizenship (delivered through M1 sessions/wider co-curriculum)
- PE



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English

- Students will study both English Language and English Literature. All students will sit the same AQA paper.
(8 hours a fortnight)

Maths

- Mathematics Students will sit either higher tier (grades 9-4 available) or foundation tier (grades 5-1 available).
(8 hours a fortnight)



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Science

There are two different pathways in science.

All students are expected to study **Combined Science**. This gives students two GCSE qualifications and is a combination of biology, chemistry and physics.

Students can then choose to study **the separate sciences**. This gives students three separate GCSE qualifications in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Students wishing to follow the separate science route should choose this as **one of their four options**.



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Semi-compulsory Subjects



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A traditional pathway alongside freedom of choice

- We very strongly recommend that most students aim to maintain a strong academic basis within their curriculum. This has previously been described as the English Baccalaureate. To achieve this, students should select:
- **A foreign language** (French, German or Spanish)
- **A humanity** (History or Geography)
- **Most students will choose both Modern Foreign Languages and a humanity.** All students must select at least one of these.
- Students who are suited to studying a language will receive an invitation to do so.





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Optional Subjects



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GCSE Option Subjects

GCSE History

GCSE Geography

GCSE French

GCSE German

GCSE Spanish

GCSE Textiles (Art and Design)

GCSE Fine Art (Art and Design)

GCSE Computer Science

GCSE Design and Technology

GCSE Drama

**GCSE Food Preparation and
Nutrition**

GCSE Media Studies

GCSE Music

GCSE Physical Education

GCSE Religious Studies



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Vocational Option Subjects

Enterprise BTEC Level 2 Tech Award

Health and Social Care: OCR Level ½ Cambridge National

Home Cooking Skills BTEC Level 1 (By invitation only)



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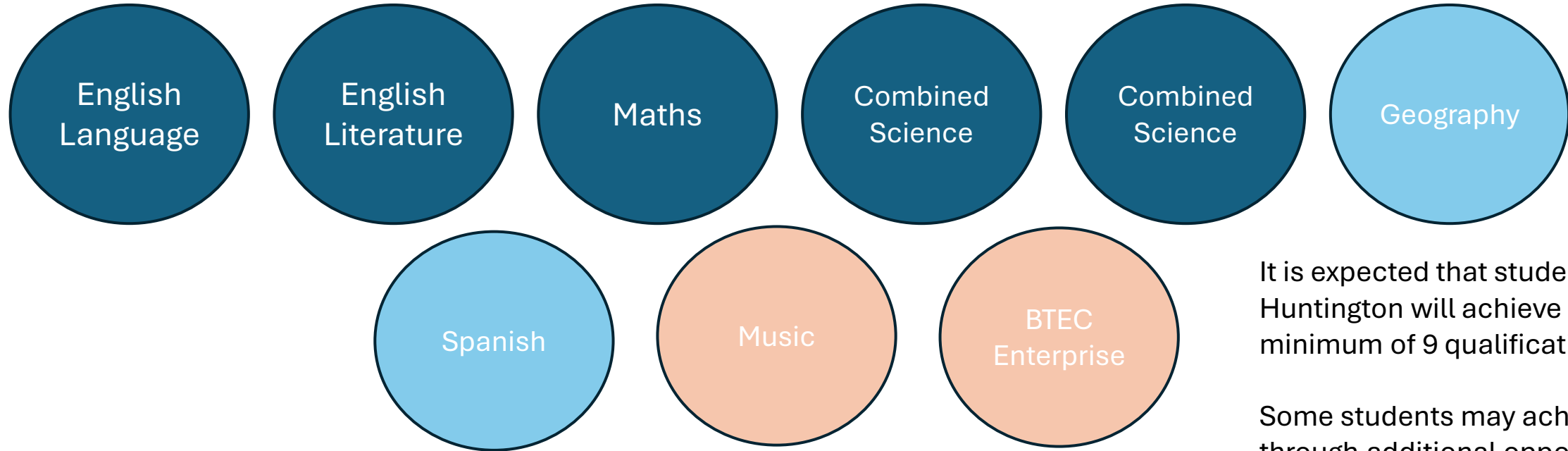
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An example Key Stage 4 suite of qualifications



It is expected that students at Huntington will achieve a minimum of 9 qualifications.

Some students may achieve 10 through additional opportunities.



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Aspiration and guidance



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How does the process fit within the careers curriculum?

- Explicit careers lessons as part of PSHE
- Careers days and events
- **Careers teaching and guidance embedded throughout the school curriculum (in every subject)**
- Personal careers guidance-every year 9 will receive a careers meeting in the coming term.



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What we want for you by the end of Year 11

- Strong grades and work ethic for future study
- Expansive personal development
- A broad set of skills and knowledge



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What do I enjoy? + What am I good at? + How do I learn best? + Are my choices balanced?

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The right decision for you*



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Where will this lead?

- Huntington Sixth Form (Mostly 5s and above)
- York College (5s and above for T Levels; other courses vary)
- Apprenticeships (Vary but are extremely competitive so the higher the grades, the better)
- Askham Bryan College (4s and above for T levels; other courses vary)





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Students:

- You can contact Mr Daniel via email at s.daniel@huntington-ed.org.uk for remote advice.
- You can book face to face meetings with Mr Daniel by emailing directly or by speaking to your form tutor.
- You can call into the Aspirations Office before school, after school, during break and during lunch without an appointment.

Parents/Carers:

- You can also contact Mr Daniel via email at s.daniel@huntington-ed.org.uk for remote advice.
- If you would rather telephone, please contact school Mr Daniel on 01904 752113 (please leave a message if Mr Daniel is unavailable).

Everybody:

- You may also find the answer to your question on the Huntington School Aspirations website:
<https://www.huntingtonschool.co.uk/page/?title=Aspirations&pid=88>

Every Year 9 student will be scheduled a careers chat with myself or Miss Barker this year. If your child would like one sooner to discuss their options, please contact Mr Daniel!



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How do students submit choices?

The options form will be sent to all **Year 9 students' school email address**.

This will be **Monday 19th January**.

Students will be asked to rank their choices 1-5.

Students must be prepared to study any four of these five subjects.

We will work hard to ensure as many students get their first four subjects but cannot guarantee this.

The form closes on Monday 9th February. Choices cannot be guaranteed after this point.





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Frequently Asked Questions:

Do I have to study a language?

We believe most students should study a language. Languages are an important part of an academic curriculum and we hope the vast majority of students will choose to continue studying a language at GCSE.

Do I have to study a humanity?

Like languages, we believe history and geography are an important part of an academic curriculum, therefore we expect students to study either history/geography or a language. Most students will choose to do both.

Can I change subjects before September?

We hope this won't happen as you will have lots of time and support to make the right choice. We will work to accommodate changes where we can but these must be completed by the summer. They may also be limited by blocks/class numbers.



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Frequently Asked Questions:

Can I study triple science, languages and a humanity?

Absolutely. This would take up three of your choices, leaving you one final subject.

Can I do both food qualifications?

No. You can do either GCSE food or, if invited, BTEC Level 1 in Home Cooking.

Can I take more than one language?

Yes, in exceptional circumstances. Please speak to Mr Williams if you would like to do this.

I speak another language fluently-can I study this?

We are able to support students to complete additional language qualifications. These would sit outside the normal choices.



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Thank you.

Members of the senior leadership team are available in the Sixth Form Common Room for individual conversations and questions.

Please do take the opportunity to raise any questions you might have this evening, it is important you have all the information you need.



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