

King Ecgbert School

Year 9 Options 2024

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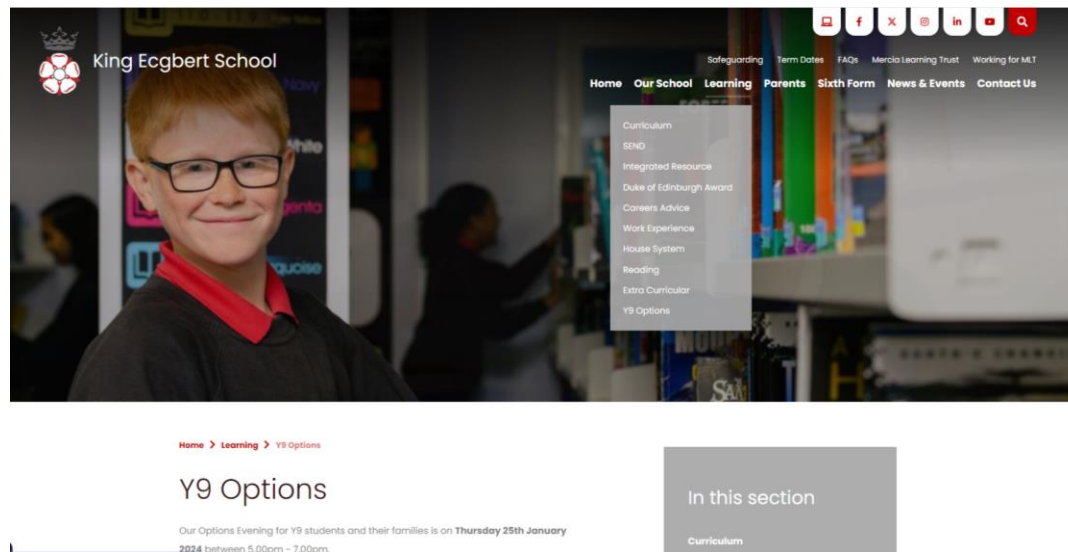
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Click [here](#) to go to the Y9 Options page.

Available soon on our website:

- Presentation
- Options Booklet
- Handout
- Urdu translated information



GCSEs

- ‘New’ GCSEs (since 2015) – greater content and more demanding
- GCSE grades have changed (9 to 1)
- No modules – all exams at end of Y11
- Reduced controlled assessment/NEA
- Some marks specifically for spelling, punctuation and grammar in some subjects
- The continued promotion of the English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)

New GCSE Grades

9/8	A* and above
7	A
6	B
5	B/C
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F/G

English Baccalaureate

- English GCSE
- Maths GCSE
- Two Science GCSEs (includes Computing)
- Humanity GCSE (Geography or History)
- Modern Foreign Language GCSE
(French, German)

Broad and balanced academic curriculum



Department
for Education

HELP YOUR CHILD MAKE THE BEST GCSE CHOICES

You and your child may currently be considering, with advice from their school, what GCSE subjects they should take next year.

The Department for Education recommends these core subjects, which make up the English Baccalaureate (EBacc), and help keep options for young people open:

— **English language and English literature**

— **Maths**

— **Science**

Combined science or 3 single sciences from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Computer science

— **History or Geography**

— **A language**

Ancient or modern



WHAT IS THE EBACC?

The EBacc is not a qualification in its own right – it's a combination of GCSE subjects, including a language, that offer an important range of knowledge and skills to young people.

EBACC FUTURE PROOFS YOUR CHILD'S PROSPECTS

While your child may not have decided on their future career path yet, choosing the EBacc at GCSE gives them access to a full range of employment options when they leave secondary school and the broad knowledge that employers are looking for.

If they are thinking of going to university, the EBacc is also recommended by Britain's most prestigious universities.

The research found that students studying EBacc subjects for GCSE, were more likely to stay in education after 16.

The Centre for Longitudinal Studies,
August 2017

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Core Courses in Y10 and Y11

Core subjects

- English
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- L@kes (PSHCE + RE)
- PE

Science

- **Separate Sciences**
GCSE Biology, GCSE Chemistry, GCSE Physics
3 GCSEs (7.5 periods)
- **GCSE Combined Science**
Students study Biology, Chemistry, Physics
2 GCSEs (5 periods)

All students express a preference for one of the above courses and we try to ensure as many students as possible get their preference.

L@KES

L@kes lessons promote students' personal development and embed our school values of **excellence, respect** and **aspiration**. L@kes lessons prepare students for post 16 education, the world of work and life beyond King Ecgbert School. We continue to tackle topical issues and follow the core L@kes themes:

- Health and wellbeing
- Relationships
- The wider world
- Religious beliefs

Option Forms

- The school will use assessment data to guide all students
- We will direct many students to study the English Baccalaureate (Ebacc) subjects
- However, for some students more flexibility and a greater number of choices in their options is desirable (these students can choose to study all the Ebacc subjects)
- Some students will need a more personalised curriculum
- SEND staff (e.g. Ms Liddell and Mr Vincent) will be working with targeted students

French half of Y9

Y9 Option Form

Name: _____

Form Group: _____

This option form will ensure you have a broad range of academic qualifications. By studying these qualifications, you will keep your options open for further study in the Sixth Form, and also at university. The skills and qualifications you will gain will be highly valued by employers as well as at the next stage of education.

These subjects (English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, History or Geography and a Language) are known as the **English Baccalaureate (EBacc)**. We have also enclosed a leaflet from the Department of Education (*Help Your Child Make The Best GCSE Choices*), which gives further details.

If you are selecting **Separate Sciences**, please use the left-hand column.

If you are selecting **Combined Science**, please use the right-hand column.

You **must** select a **Reserve Choice (R)**.

Please make sure both student and a parent/carer sign at the bottom. Forms should be returned to form tutors or placed in the box in Student Reception.

Separate Sciences Pathway		
English Language & Literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Mathematics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Separate Sciences (Bi, Ch, Ph – 3 GCSEs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
French	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Choose either Geography or History (please tick)		
Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
History	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Choose 1 of the subjects below (please tick). Put R next to your reserve choice .		
Art & Design	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Business	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Computer Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Construction & the Built Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	L1/2 Award
Design & Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Digital Information Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC
Drama	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Fashion & Textiles	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Food Preparation & Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
German	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Health & Social Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC
History	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
PE	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC

Combined Science Pathway		
English Language & Literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Mathematics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Combined Science (Bi, Ch, Ph – 2 GCSEs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
French	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Choose either Geography or History (please tick)		
Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
History	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Choose 2 of the subjects below (please tick). Put R next to your reserve choice .		
Art & Design	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Business	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Computer Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Construction & the Built Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	L1/2 Award
Design & Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Digital Information Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC
Drama	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Fashion & Textiles	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Food Preparation & Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
German	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Health & Social Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC
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Parent/Carer signature: _____

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German half of Y9

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Design & Technology		GCSE
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Drama		GCSE
Fashion & Textiles		GCSE
Food Preparation & Nutrition		GCSE
French		GCSE
Geography		GCSE
Health & Social Studies		BTEC
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PE		GCSE
Sport		BTEC

Combined Science Pathway		
English Language & Literature	✓	GCSE
Mathematics	✓	GCSE
Combined Science (Bi, Ch, Ph – 2 GCSEs)	✓	GCSE
German	✓	GCSE
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Geography		GCSE
History		GCSE
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All students will study English Language & Literature, Mathematics and either History or Geography.

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English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, History or Geography and a Language are known as the **English Baccalaureate (EBacc)**. If you wish to study the EBacc, you must select a language as one of your option choices.

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Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
PE	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE	PE	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE
Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC	Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC

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Option Forms

- They will be sent out in the week beginning 5th February 2024
- Option forms can be handed to Mr Jones, to your Form Tutor, or put in the box in Student Reception
- Forms must be returned by 8th March 2024
- On the back of your form, you can add any further information (optional)
- On the back of your form, you can request a telephone call if you would like to discuss any issues
- Forms must be signed by a parent or carer
- FAQs are included on the back of the form

Choices in Y10 and Y11

GCSEs

Art

Business Studies

Computer Science

Design & Technology

Drama

Fashion & Textiles

Food Prep. & Nutrition

French

Geography

German

History

Music

PE

Choices in Y10 and Y11

Other courses - these lead to GCSE equivalent qualifications:

- BTEC Health & Social Studies
- Construction and the Built Environment
- BTEC Digital Information Technology
- BTEC Sport

Limited exams and more controlled assessment throughout the course.

Technology

- Design & Technology GCSE
- Fashion & Textiles GCSE
- Food Preparation & Nutrition GCSE
- Construction and the Built Environment

Construction and the Built Environment.



Graded A* - C



HE/FE Approved Pathway

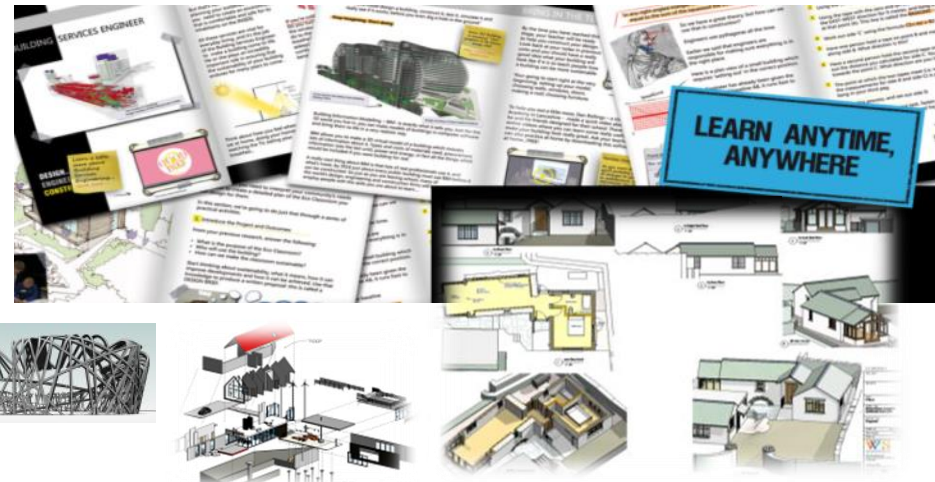


Professional Software Modelling



Architect Structural Engineer
Engineer Civil Engineering Surveyor
Quantity Surveyor
Land Surveyor Building Services Engineer
Facilities Manager

21st Century Careers



State of the Art Equipment



Industry Sponsorship

Computing

There are 2 different Computing courses

- BTEC Digital Information Technology
- Computer Science GCSE
(on track for a high grade (grade 6 or above)
in Maths)

Physical Education

There are 2 different sport courses

- PE GCSE
- Sport BTEC

We are also exploring whether there is demand from students to take Dance GCSE.

(Write on as optional comment if selecting a PE or Sport course.)

Students selecting a course in PE or Sport will be guided to make the right choice by PE staff.

Helping Students Make the Best Choices

Sources of information and advice

- Teachers give information in Y9 lessons
- Options Booklet (online)
- Parents and carers
- L@kes lessons

Year 9 L@kes lessons

In L@kes lessons this half term, the students have been:

- Developing their understanding of the essential skills needed in the world of work.
- Understanding skills and qualities they have and how these can be linked to selecting subjects.
- Linking their essential skills and qualities to subject options.
- Able to have one to one conversation with their L@kes teacher about the options process.
- Able to meet Mr Fennell (Careers Leader).
- Guided through the option form.
- Use of Unifrog to explore courses and careers.

Points to Note

- Subjects only run if there are enough students who want to do each course
- Every combination of choices may not be possible
- It is therefore necessary to express preferences and give alternatives (Reserve Choice)
- All students will be completing a 25-hour curriculum – dropping subjects at a later date is not possible

Timetable

- November/December 2023 Y9 reports issued
- 30th November 2023 Parents' Evening
- 25th January 2024 Options Evening
- W/b 5th February 2024 Option forms sent out
- 8th March 2024 Option form deadline*

***Forms returned after this date risk not getting on oversubscribed courses.**

Thank You

All subject presentations and drop-ins
are on B Short, B Long or in the
Drama spaces.