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Year 9 Options

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'If you enjoy something and you are good at it, then at this stage of your life, take advantage of your opportunities by gaining a qualification in what you are good at. It is much easier to succeed at something you are good at and enjoy'

Year 9 Options information evening

- 1. Careers support in KS3 – what information students have had so far**
- 2. Year 9 Options process – from now until 3rd February 2025**
- 3. Post-16 Options and implications**
- 4. Careers support & Unifrog**

Careers Support in Key Stage 3



Planning for progress

Students have had fortnightly Planning for Progress lessons in form time since Year 7. These sessions continue throughout KS4, to ensure students are well prepared for life after Allerton Grange School.

Guest Speakers

Students regularly hear from guest speakers in assemblies, form times and lessons.

Assemblies

All students have a half-termly careers assembly, with themes and speakers appropriate to their age and stage.

Subject talks

This term, each curriculum area has delivered a talk to Year 9 in an assembly. They have explained the curriculum from Year 7 through to Year 13, the GCSE Option available and future courses and careers linked to their curriculum area.

Additional Assemblies

We recognise that not GCSE all subjects are taught at KS3, so Business Studies, Psychology and Health and Social Care have all had an additional full assembly, to ensure students fully understand the subject and GCSE course that is offered.



Year 9 Options

This is the first opportunity in a *student's* school journey when *they* will be given some choice over what *they* can study.

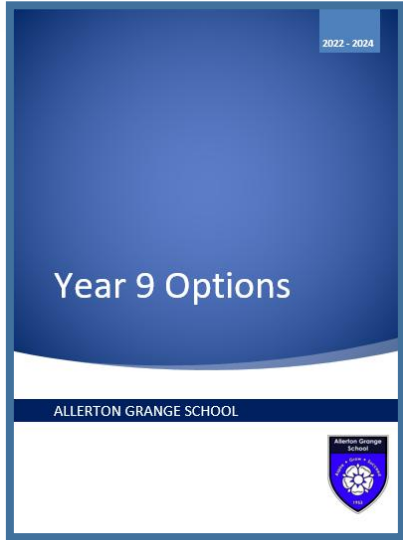


At Allerton Grange we value the English Baccalaureate (Ebacc) subjects at GCSE level. Studying these subjects is also known to improve outcomes in English and Maths.

The EBacc subjects are:

- English Language and Literature
- Maths
- Science (Students will either study biology, chemistry and physics separately, or gain two science qualifications)
- A language
- A humanity - geography or history
- **One option subject**

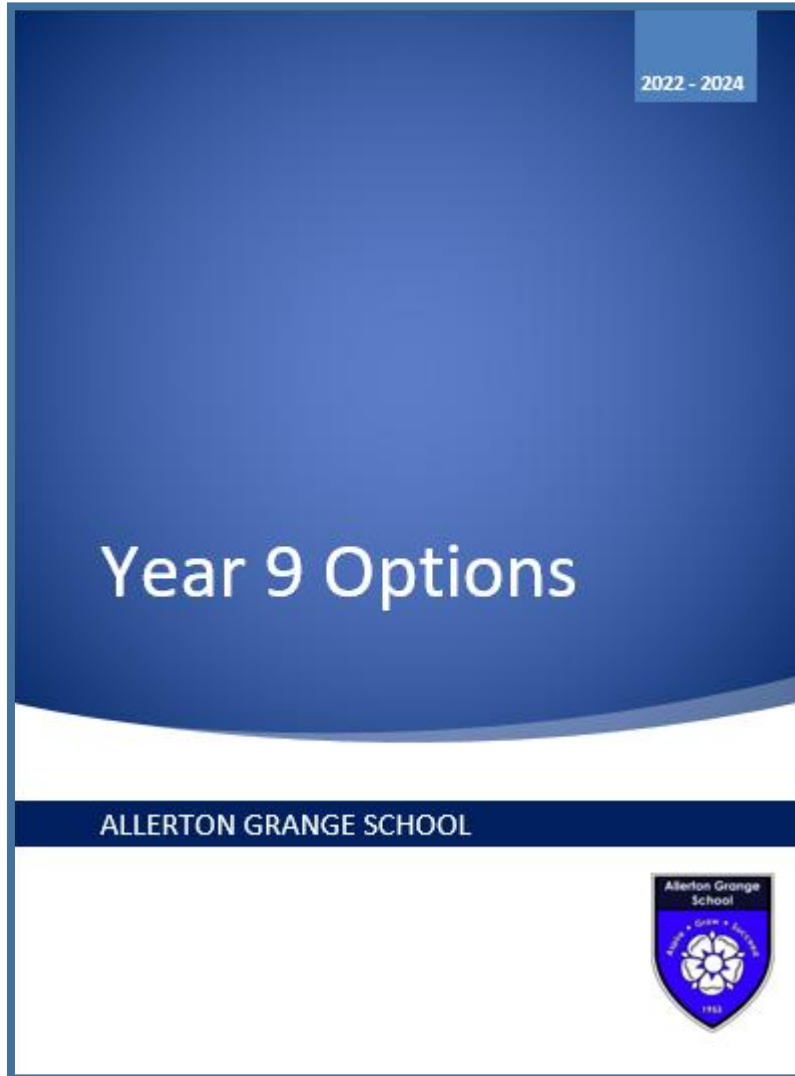
We believe the Ebacc holds important value. It allows us to teach a broad and balanced curriculum, incorporating powerful knowledge in all subjects. It is well regarded by universities, and we want every student to have choice of a Russell group university.





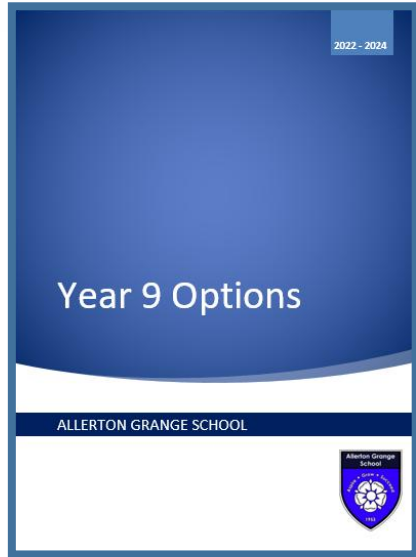
Your child may already have some ideas about what they would like to study but here are tips in thinking about what to pick to study at GCSE:

- Pick a subject based on a genuine interest in that subject - this is their future; and, after all, they have to sit the exam/s for that subject.
- **Think about how this fits into their long-term career goals.**
- Ask your teachers for advice about what you will study in the course and how you will be assessed
- **Think about your options carefully, don't pick a subject in the spur of the moment; carefully think about the benefits studying that subject could bring to your learning journey**



The Options Booklet details every subject available and what is included in every subject's curriculum. The Booklet includes suggested careers, what the exam breakdown is, and what content will be studied.

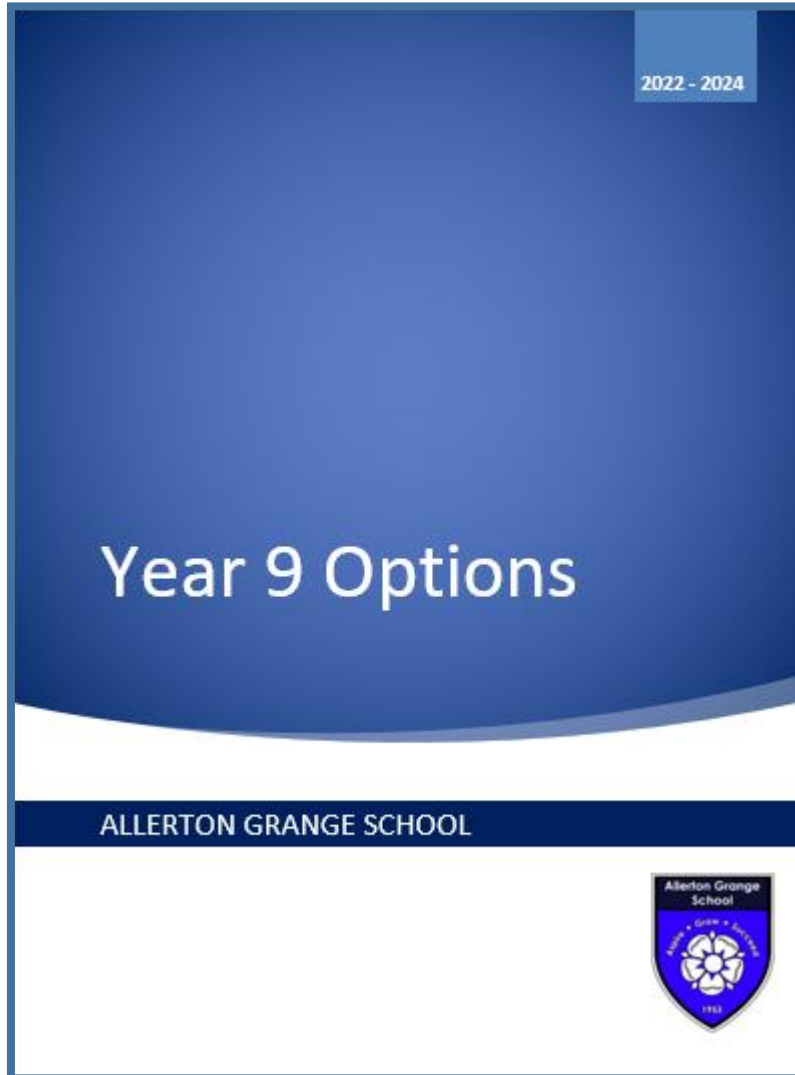
Please read it in full!



In the final week of term (w/c 16th Dec) the Options Booklet will be sent out electronically via Class Charts to parents and students.

The Booklet will accompany the Year 9 reports which should land on your doorstep on Monday 16th Dec. Use the report and the booklet to help inform you how your child is doing now and what are their strengths.

Don't worry if you are unsure, the Booklet has information on 'What qualifications you'll get at the end of year 11, and where they can take you as well as careers advice and guidance'. Louise Mills will be explaining this in more detail shortly.



Each of the option subjects have 6 sessions per fortnight.

All students will continue to study RS and PE which are compulsory at Key Stage 4.

It is possible to pick an additional language or (History and Geography) but student forego their Option choice subject

Key Stage 4 Option Choices

Once completed, hand in to your form tutor. The deadline is 3rd February 2025.

Name: _____ Reg: 9ag5 Admission No: 123456

Please choose whether you would most like to study History or Geography GCSE by **ticking 1** of the boxes in the following table. If you would like to study both History and Geography there is opportunity to choose your second choice in the bottom table, just **tick 1** box in this table:

Humanity	Choice (tick)
Geography	
History	

We cannot guarantee all students will get their first choice so please make **two** choices in the next table and in the "Rank" column write a **1** for your favourite choice and a **2** for your second favourite choice. **Do not** choose the subject you have already ticked in the above table. **Do not** choose the foreign language you are currently studying in Year 9, but you can choose another foreign language if you like:

Subject	Rank (number)
Art	
Business Studies	
Classical Civilisation	
Computer Science	
Drama	
French	
Geography	
German	
History	



- To choose the Options, an **Options form** must be completed.
- Options forms will be given in form **w/c** **6th Jan 2025**
- It must be returned to your form tutor before **Mon 3rd Feb.**

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Students with SEND

Our SEND team will work with all students to accommodate their needs based on the individual.

Please contact **Michaela Child (SENDCo)** if you have any questions on accessing the Option subject.



In summary

- **Options booklet** to be issued **via ClassCharts** next week
 - It must be read carefully, please, consider all **the** Options
- **Options forms** will be handed out **w/c 6th Jan 2025**
- Options form must be completed and handed to your form tutor
- Deadline **Monday 3rd Feb 2025**



Careers at Allerton Grange

Year 9 and beyond

Careers Support

Mrs Mills is the Allerton Grange Careers Lead



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I work Monday - Thursday

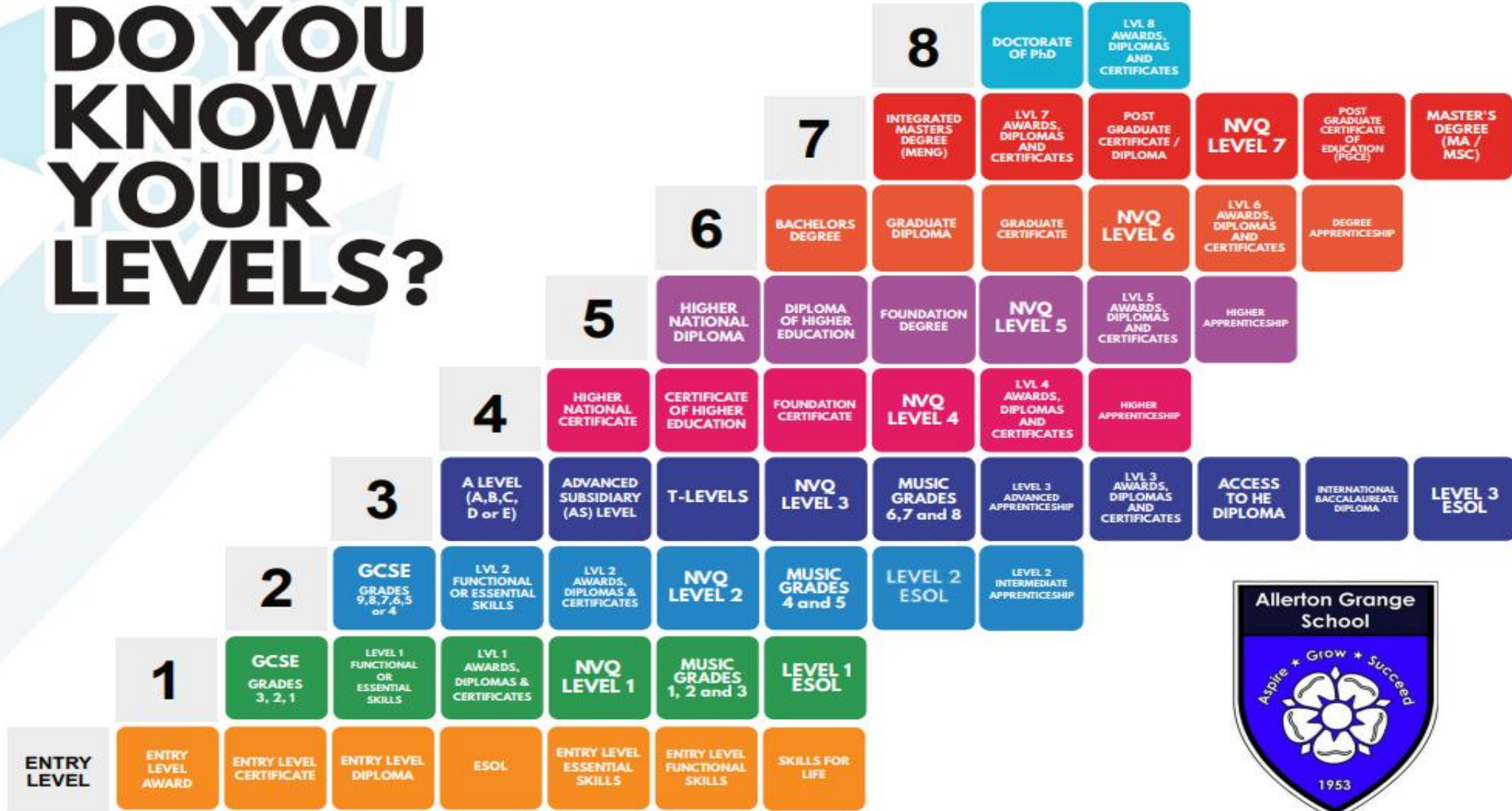
Post 16

Options and implications

What are the options?

- A Levels
- T Levels
- Vocational Qualifications
- Apprenticeships
- Traineeships
- Part-time study with employment or volunteering
- Re-engagement/study programmes

DO YOU KNOW YOUR LEVELS?



What does this mean?

- If students get 5 or more GCSE's at Grade 4 and above, they have passed Level 2 and can move on to Level 3 (T Level, A Levels, Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma).
- If students do not have 5 or more passes at GCSE, they have the following options of course levels...

**Entry
Level**

No Formal Entry
Requirements Needed

Level 1

Typically x3/4 GCSEs
Any Grade

Level 2

Typically x3/4 GCSEs
Grade 9-3

Level 3

Typically x5 GCSEs
Grade 9-4

BTEC vs A Levels for University

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma*	UCAS Point	A Level Grades
D* D* D*	168	A* A* A*
D* D* D	160	A* A* A
D* D D	152	A* A A
D D D	144	A A A
D D M	128	A A C
D M M	112	A C C
M M M	96	C C C
M M P	80	C C E
M P P	64	C E E
P P P	48	E E E

Considerations

- University course
- The university
- What post-16 option will give me the best result?
- Post-16 course/s

Specific Courses

Some courses at Level 3 (and beyond) are only possible with specific grades in specific subjects at GCSE, and these grades may depend upon the level of paper you are entered for.

For example...

Medicine at
The University of Leeds

▼ A level - AAA

AAA including Chemistry and Biology. We welcome general studies and critical thinking as a fourth A2, but they do not typically form part of our offer. Certain combinations are not acceptable, specifically: Biology and Human Biology or Sports Science plus Chemistry and another Mathematics and Further Mathematics or Statistics plus Chemistry and another EPQs are not considered within our scoring.

▼ GCSE/National 4/National 5

A minimum of 6 GCSEs grade 6 or above required in Maths, English Language, Biology and Chemistry or Dual Science. Please note that applicants applying with these minimums are unlikely to be shortlisted to interview and that scoring is based on 8 GCSEs.

Allerton Grange Sixth Form Entry Requirements 2025-26.

Progression to A-levels/Level 3 courses at Allerton Grange requires students to have a minimum of 5 GCSE subjects at grade 4 and above.

A Level/BTEC	Maths Requirement	English Language Requirement	Subject Specific Entry Requirement
Biology	5 (Higher paper)	5	GCSE Biology grade 6 or Combined Science grade 6:6.
Business	4	5	You can study Business if you haven't taken it at GCSE. If you have taken Business GCSE you must achieve grade 4 or above or a Pass in BTEC.
Chemistry	6	5	GCSE Chemistry grade 6 OR Combined Science grade 6:6.
Classical Civilisation	4	5	A grade 5 or above in Classical Studies OR a grade 5 in English Literature, History and Religious Studies which will give a strong foundation for the exploration of classical texts.
Computer Science	6	5	A background in GCSE Computing would be an advantage.
Criminology -Applied Diploma	4	5	
Drama & Theatre Studies	4	4	GCSE Drama is desirable. You will be an accomplished, competent, and confident performer.
Economics	5	5	
English Language	4	5	
English Literature	4	5	GCSE English Literature grade 5.
Fine Art	4	4	A grade 5 or above in either Fine Art, 3D Design or Photography. Portfolio submissions from students who have not completed this subject at GCSE will be considered at the discretion of the subject teachers.
French	4	5	GCSE French at grade 6 or above.
Further Maths	7	4	
Geography	4	5	GCSE Geography grade 5 or above.
German	4	5	GCSE German at grade 6 or above.
Health & Social Care - L3 Cambridge Tech Diploma (Single)	4	5	
Health & Social Care - L3 Cambridge Tech Extended Diploma (Double)	4	5	
History	4	5	GCSE History grade 5 (grade 4 in English and/or History may be considered on an individual basis).
IT - BTEC Information Technology Extended Certificate L3	4	5	
Law	4	5	
Maths	6	4	Additional support lessons will be provided for students who achieve a grade 6 at GCSE.
Music	4	4	GCSE Music grade 6 or above OR at least grade 5 in a graded instrument/vocals.
Photography	4	4	A grade 5 or above in either Fine Art, 3D Design or Photography. Portfolio submissions from students who have not completed this subject at GCSE will be considered at the discretion of the subject teachers.

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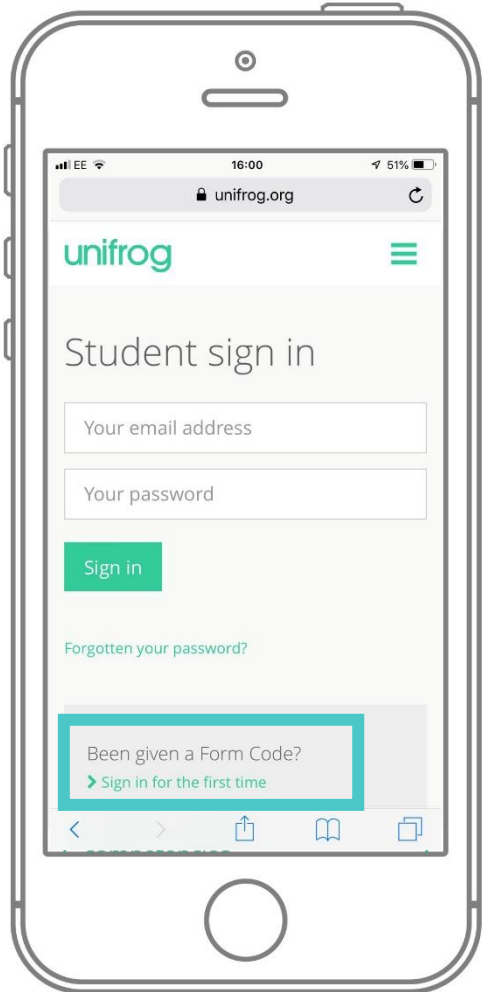
A Level/BTEC	Maths Requirement	English Language Requirement	Subject Specific Entry Requirement
Physical Education - Cambridge Tech L3	4	4	GCSE PE grade 6 or equivalent is essential you also need to be playing sport outside of school to club or county level.
Physics	6 (Higher paper)	4	GCSE Physics grade 6 OR Combined Science grade 6:6.
Politics	4	5	The subject requires a high level of written ability, as the assessments consist of extended written answers. The ability to evaluate and analyse is essential.
Psychology	5	5	GCSE Science at grade 5 or above.
Religious Studies	4	5	GCSE Religious Studies grade 5 or above in both full GCSE or Short Course.
Sociology	4	5	
Spanish	4	5	GCSE Spanish at grade 6 or above.
Three-Dimensional Design	4	4	A grade 5 or above in either Fine Art, 3D Design or Photography. Portfolio submissions from students who have not completed this subject at GCSE will be considered at the discretion of the subject teachers.
Additional Options for Sixth Form			
Hairdressing - VTEC level 2	4	4	Level 2 qualification. A desire to pursue a career in the hairdressing industry is required.
Extended Project Qualification	4	4	A Level standard qualification designed to prepare students for university or their future careers.
Core Maths AS Level	4	4	1 year AS Level designed to develop students quantitative and problem-solving skills.

Careers Support

- All students in Year 11 will have a 1:1 Careers Appointment with a qualified careers advisor.
- The notes from these meetings will be saved to your child's Unifrog account and will include links to useful information/websites/webinars/work experiences/programmes etc.
- Throughout Year 10 and Year 11, Mrs Mills will work closely with students to ensure they are well informed about their options and that applications are made on time and at the right level for each child.

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Questions?