

# Year 9 Options Evening

## 26 January 2017



**WOLLASTON**  
**SCHOOL**

# Shape of the evening

Mr Cowell.

The new GCSE and Vocational subject landscape

Mr Bradbury.

Supporting your child through  
the options process

Subject stalls and careers advice



# Department for Education measure of 'Progress 8' from 2016





# Department for Education measure of 'Progress 8' from 2018

## Core subjects

- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths

## Ebacc subjects [3 count]

Either

- GCSE Chemistry
  - GCSE Biology
  - GCSE Physics
- [3 GCSEs]

Or

- GCSE Combined Science
- [2 GCSEs]

Plus

- GCSE Computer science
- GCSE French
- GCSE German
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE History
- 2 or 3 sciences for all.
- 1 other for most students.
- 1 Language plus 1 Humanities subject for students who wish to attain an 'Ebacc.'

## Other subjects [3 count]

- GCSE Art
- GCSE Dance
- GCSE Design & Technology
- GCSE Drama
- GCSE Ethics & Philosophy
- GCSE Food Prep. & Nutrition
- GCSE Music
- GCSE PE
- GCSE Photography
- GCSE Psychology
- GCSE Sociology
- BTEC Health and Social Care
- BTEC Performing Arts
- BTEC Travel & Tourism
- Technical Award. Food & Catering
- Technical Award. Fashion & Textiles
- Technical Award. Materials Technology
- V-Cert. Health & Fitness
- OCR National Award. ICT
- VRQ. Vehicle Engineering
- ASDAN. C.P.E.



# So what will a Year 10 timetable look like in September 2017?

<b>Maths</b> 5 sessions 1 GCSE	<b>English</b> 5 sessions 2 GCSEs	<b>Science</b> 6 sessions 1, 2 or 3 GCSEs	<b>Option 1</b> 3 sessions 1 GCSE	<b>Option 2</b> 3 sessions 1 GCSE	<b>Option 3</b> 3 sessions 1 GCSE	<b>Option 4</b> 3 sessions 1 GCSE	<b>Core PE</b> 2 sessions
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Triple science students will also study science in 1 of these 4 options, depending on their other option choices

Most students will complete 8 or 9 GCSEs; a few may concentrate on 6 or 7



## Comparison of old and new GCSE grades

Current GCSE grades. [Disappear after 2017]	BTEC grades.	<b>Apply to all subjects from 2018 exams onwards.</b>
<b>A*</b>	<b>Distinction* Level 2</b>	<b>9</b>
		<b>8</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Distinction Level 2</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Merit Level 2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Pass level 2</b>	<b>5</b>
		<b>4</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Merit Level 1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>Pass Level 1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>F</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>G</b>		



# Facilitating subjects at Post 16

The Russell Group, 24 of the leading UK universities, have identified several '*facilitating subjects*' which they see as preferred preparation for university courses.

- Mathematics and Further Mathematics
- English Literature
- Physics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Geography
- History
- Languages (Classical and Modern)

Visit <http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk> to find out more.

To begin to get an understanding of university offers for different courses visit <http://university.which.co.uk>



# Timeline

- 26 January:** Options Evening 6.30pm to 8.30pm.
- 1 February:** Assembly explaining process to students.
- 1 February to 2 March:** Options process live on INSIGHT.
- W/C 20 February** Taster sessions given by faculties.
- 23 February:** Year 9 Parents Evening.
- 2 March at 4.00pm:** **On-line Options selection process closes.**
- March – April:** Staff-student interviews to confirm choices





# Mr Bradbury

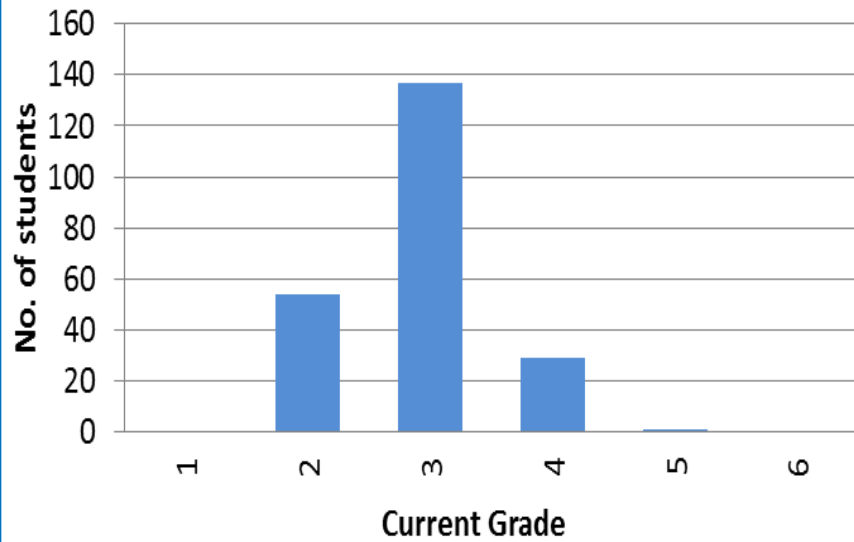
## Choices, Choices, Choices!

- Options booklet on School website  
[Wollaston School](#)
- Select options via INSIGHT
- Select them in **order of preference**
- Ensure the courses you are selecting are best suited to your own needs and future aspirations



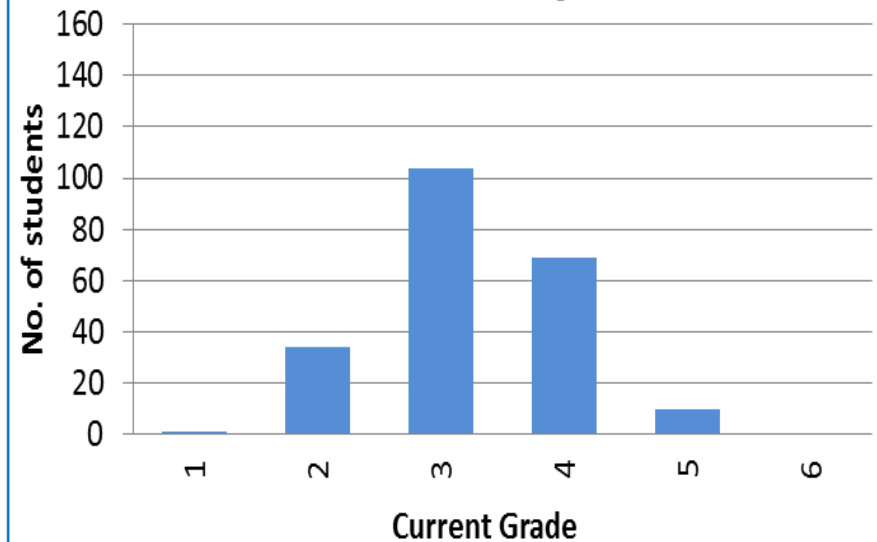
# Assessment Profile

## Art



**Current Attainment: 3-    Effort: Satisfactory**

## History



**Current Attainment: 4+    Effort: Good**



# Things to Consider

All to be discussed during the options process

- *Personal strengths*
- *Effort*
- *Enjoyment*
- *Ability*
- *Progression*



# Careers advice and additional support

- AN1. Should you have any queries about additional needs support, there will be a staff help desk for support.
- Library. Mr Myers & Mrs Downey from Prospects Careers Service available for Careers Guidance.

Be a sponge!

Make sure to soak up all advice

