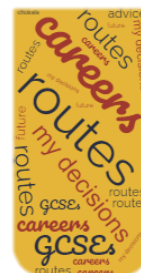


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**For her options your daughter will be studying 7
mandatory subjects and will be choosing three
optional subjects**

Pupils with additional needs can follow a tailored programme

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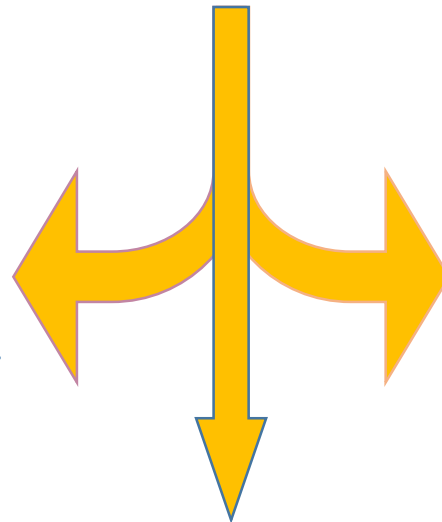
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Year 11

Work Based
Training
such as an
Apprenticeship or
traineeship



Work or
volunteering
(with training)

School with a Sixth Form, or a Sixth
Form College; A Levels; T Levels;
Technical/Vocational qualifications;
Applied qualifications

The participation age for education has risen to 18

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Activity Survey Year 11 leavers 2023	Thurrock	Grays Convent High School					
	2023	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Remaining in full time education	2032	121	124	120	125	118	81
Training	23	0	0	1	0	0	0
Full time employment (inc Apprenticeships)	108	1	1	1	0	1	1
Full time employment no structured training	28	0	0	0	0	1	0
Working not for reward & part-time activities	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEET -active in the labour market	84	1	0	0	2	1	0
NEET not available to the labour market	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
NEET Total	86	1	0	0	3	1	0
NEET Total%	3.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.8%	0.0%
Total Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Custodial institution (juvenile offender)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cohort	2278	123	125	122	128	121	82

The majority of our pupils study A-Levels at post-16. Our leavers are educated across a vast range of post-16 providers.

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If you not aware GCSES are now graded from 1 to 9

- ✓ 1 is the lowest grade and equivalent to an old G grade
- ✓ 9 is the highest grade , the equivalent of an A**
- ✓ 7 is the equivalent of an A
- ✓ Grades 8 and 9 cannot be targeted but are taught in the band of assessment for each subject
- ✓ They are a statistical award, awarded to the top 20% of grade 7's & distributed across grade 8 and 9

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- To study A-Levels, colleges and sixth-forms stipulate that pupils must achieve a grade '4'/'5' or above in English and Maths
- Some colleges and sixth-forms, including Coopers, Harris and Southend High School for Girls, collate a points score across 8 subjects to determine entry. Others may stipulate different entry requirements
- A grade '6' is the general requirement for study at A level ; a grade '7' or '8' is generally required to study Maths/Science.
- Technical/ vocational and applied subjects have an array of requirements, usually 4's in Maths & English to study at the equivalent of A level

What are the requirements at Post-16?

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Everyone does roughly
the same **core** subjects
**and has 3 option
choices**

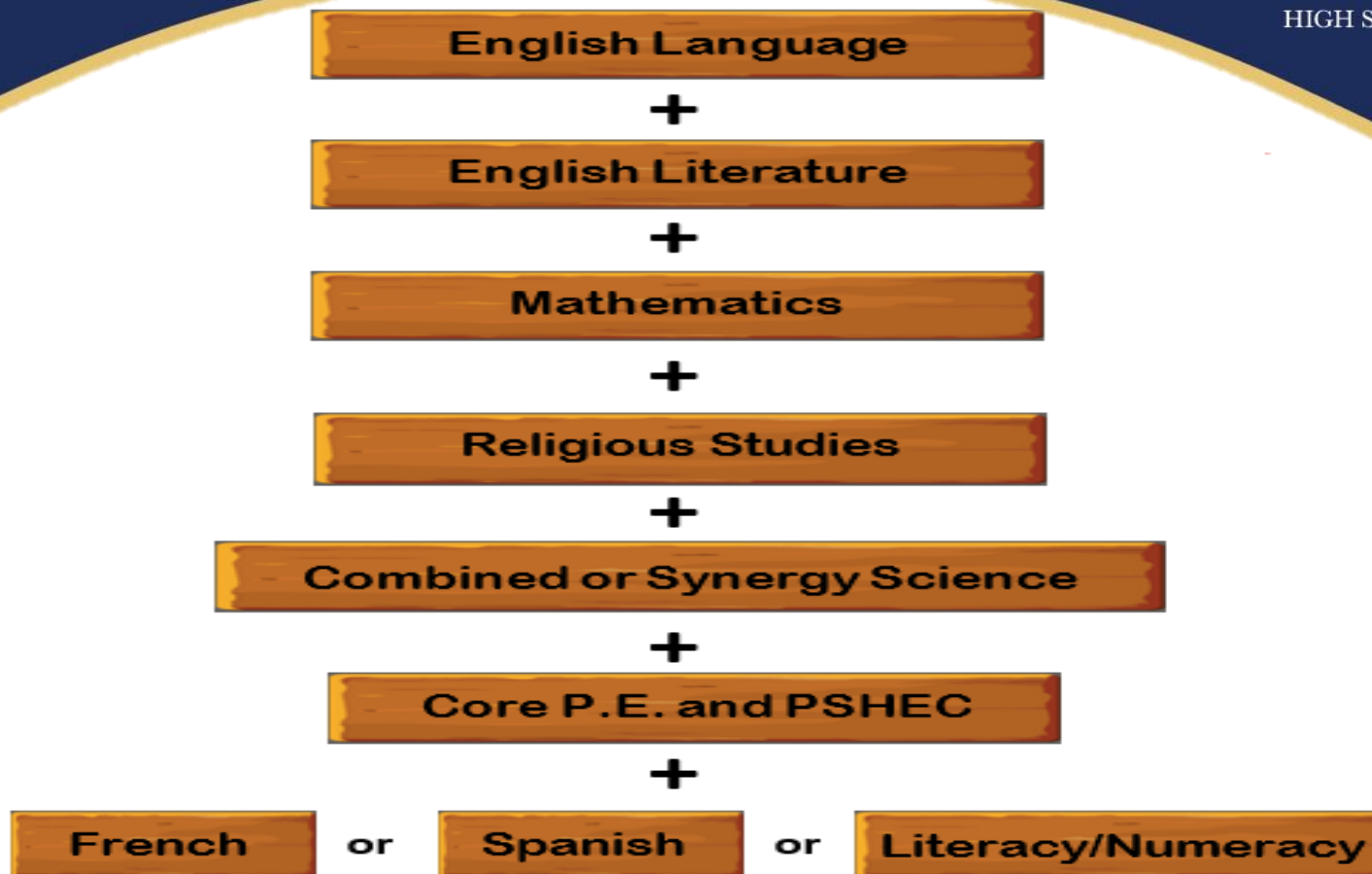
What are the Options?

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The Core all students study

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The English Baccalaureate is not a qualification, it is a performance measure. At present, it is not an entry requirement for any post-18 establishment included in the Russell Group 'Informed Choices' guidance.

However, some university courses may require you to have studied a specific subject prior to entry, others may not. There are some subjects that are required more often than others. These subjects are sometimes referred to as **facilitating subjects** and are included in the EBacc measure.

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The English Baccalaureate is made up of :

- ✓ English Language & Literature
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Two Sciences including Computer Science
- ✓ A Modern Foreign Language: French or Spanish
- ✓ **A Humanity: either Geography or History**

Informed Choices

Choosing the right subjects to study post-16 is very important in helping you to get into university, particularly a Russell Group university.

If you don't know what degree subject you want to study, it's important to choose A Levels (or equivalent qualifications) that keep as many options open to you.

Whatever your situation, Informed Choices can give you the start you need in deciding what to do next.

Get started

The Russell Group represents 24 leading UK universities which are committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience and unrivalled links with business and the public sector

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Before making option choices ...

Think about careers and the English Baccalaureate
by looking at:

National Careers Service website
and

Russell Group's **'Informed choices'** :

www.informedchoices.ac.uk

Contact our Careers Advisor Ms Bennett

JBennett@thurrock.gov.uk or careers@graysconvent.thurrock.sch.uk

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Discover

Undergraduate

Postgraduate

Money & student life

Apprenticeships

Careers



Sign in

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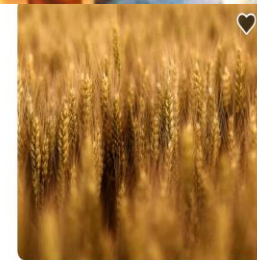
Studying a course at university, college, or a conservatoire



Accounting and finance



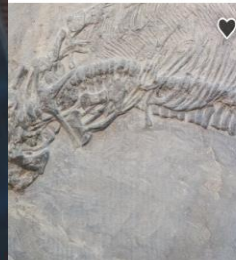
Aeronautical and aerospace engineering



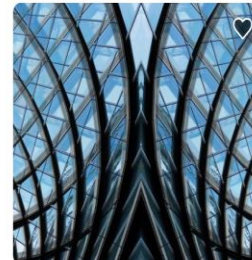
Agriculture and related sciences



Anthropology



Archaeology



Architecture and planning



Art



Biology

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What are the option subjects?

Further information:

- In the booklets
- At Options Evening
- 'Taster' Sessions
- Talking to older pupils
- Talking to staff
- Independent research



Art Textiles	Geography
Computer Science	History
Design & Technology	Media Studies
Drama	Music
Fine Art	Photography
Food Preparation & Nutrition	Physical Education
French	Spanish
Triple Science	

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- ✓ All of the core subjects are 100 % exam
- ✓ Mathematics, MFL and Science remain tiered:
Foundation & Higher
- ✓ English Language and Literature : 100% exam & no tiers
- ✓ Non Examinable Content (NEA)
- ✓ We do not do any early entry exams until Year 11 - *except in Home Languages.*

Some changes have happened....

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Your daughter can opt to take a **home or community language** such as Urdu, Polish or Italian for example; just mark it on your options form.

We do not teach these options but will enter students at our centre. Tuition must be delivered via home and students must be literate in both reading, writing and speaking.

Being entered for a home language does not replace a student's entry for a Language as part of her core curriculum at GCSE.

Home Languages

Options Timeline

w/b 25th March

**Options Assembly/
Booklets Issued**

**w/b 25th March- 19th
April**

**Option Projects 'taster'
events**

Tuesday, 26th March

**Options Evening
Presentation**

w/b 27th March

**Options
Documentation**

Monday 22 April

**Deadline for returning the
Option Choice Form to Ms
Desgoutte**



Key Dates for your diary.

**The deadline is very
important and may impact
option allocation.**

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING – TUESDAY 26th MARCH 2024 – 6:00-7:30PM

6:00-6:20pm	6:20-6:40pm		6:40-7:00pm		7:00-7:20pm		7:20-7:30pm
Options Talk Ms.Desgoutte	Subject	Room	Subject	Room	Subject	Room	<i>Parents with any further questions to see Ms Boller (Head of Year)/ Ms.Desgoutte (Assistant Headteacher) in the Hall</i>
	Art & Design/Photography	16/17	Art & Design/Photography	16/17	Art & Design/Photography	16/17	
	Art Textiles	16	Art Textiles	16	Art Textiles	16	
	Food	30	Food	30	Food	30	
	Technology	31	Technology	31	Technology	31	
	Drama	28	Drama	28	Drama	28	
	Computer Science	27	Computer Science	27	Computer Science	27	
	Geography	26	Geography	26	Geography	26	
	History	22	History	22	History	22	
	GCSE PE	35	GCSE PE	35	GCSE PE	35	
	Music	5& 6	Music	5 & 6	Music	5&6	
	French & Spanish	13&11	French & Spanish	13 &11	French & Spanish	13 &11	
	Media Studies	12	Media Studies	12	Media Studies	12	
	Triple Science	2	Triple Science	2	Triple Science	2	
<i>Our Careers Officer, Ms.Bennett is available in the Hall throughout the evening</i>							

You are encouraged to go to three different subject sessions. Subject sessions last 15 minutes and you will have 5 minutes to get to your next session