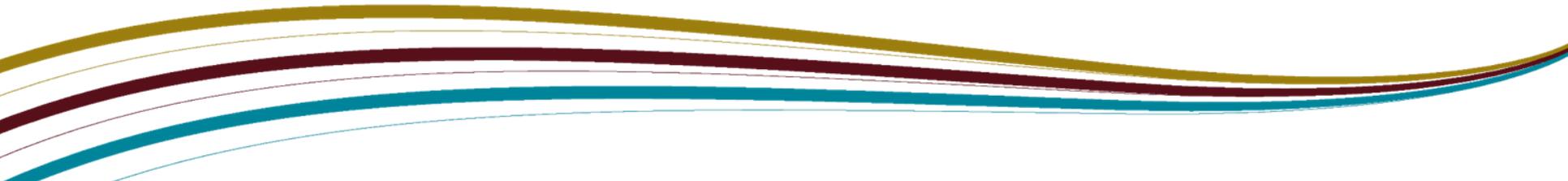


# **Year 9 Options Choices**

**8<sup>th</sup> December 2025**



# Y10 Curriculum - Core Subjects

- English Language and Literature
- Mathematics
- Combined Science (or Separate Sciences)
- Personal Development (PSHCE)
- Physical Education
- Enrichment

## Options Subjects

- Three other subjects



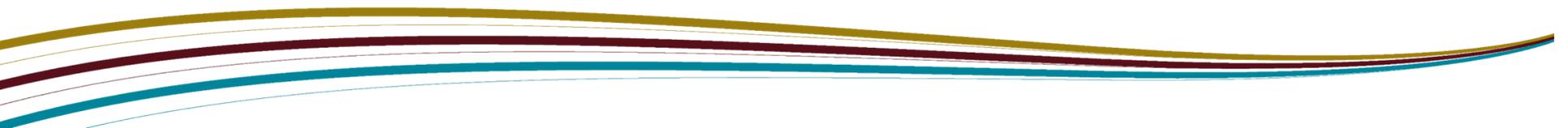
# Combined Science vs Separate Sciences

- Both study **Biology, Chemistry, Physics**
- Both have **required practical and exams**
- Both have the **same number of lessons** each week
- Both prepare students for **A-level sciences** (though Separate Science is often preferred for advanced study).
- Graded using the **9–1 scale**.
- Both require strong commitment and revision!



# Combined Science vs Separate Sciences

<b>Combined Science</b>	<b>Separate Science</b>
<b>2 GCSEs (combined grade)</b>	<b>3 GCSEs (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)</b>
<b>Covers core content</b>	<b>More detailed, extra topics in each science</b>
<b>Good for students wanting a balanced workload</b>	<b>Ideal for students aiming for science careers or A-level science</b>



# Why Options Matter

- **Enjoyment and motivation** (choosing subjects you like makes learning more interesting).
- **Future pathways** (college, apprenticeships, University, careers).
- **Skill development** (critical thinking, creativity, practical skills).

## Begin with the End in Mind

- Where do you want to be?
  - How are you going to get there?
  - Start research now!
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# English Baccalaureate

Recognises breadth of study

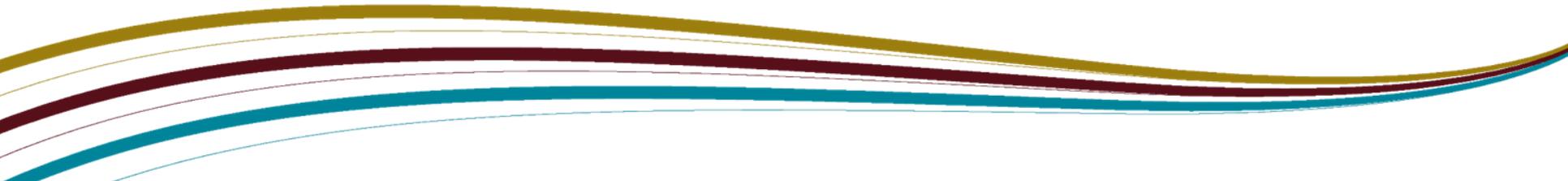
- English and Maths
- Two Sciences (Physics, Chemistry, Biology or Computing)
- A Modern Foreign Language \*
- History or Geography \*

Universities consider the EBacc to be an indication of a broad and balanced curriculum knowledge

\* **Facilitating subjects** are the **subjects** most commonly required/preferred by universities to get on to a range of degree courses. They help you keep your options open when choosing a degree, and many of the top universities will ask you to have at least one A-level in a **facilitating subject** when you apply.

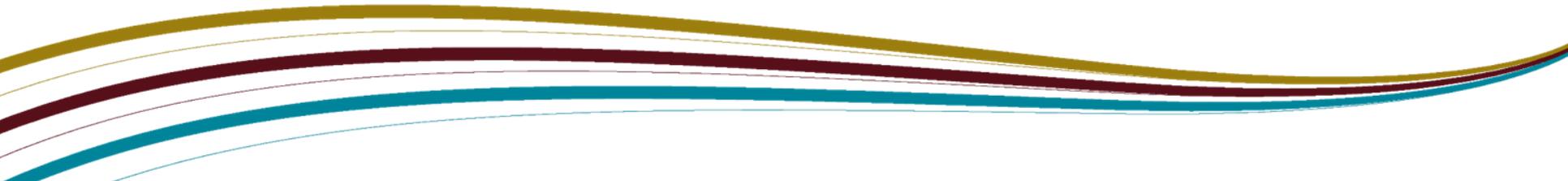
# **MR Trott**

Advanced Mathematics  
Programme



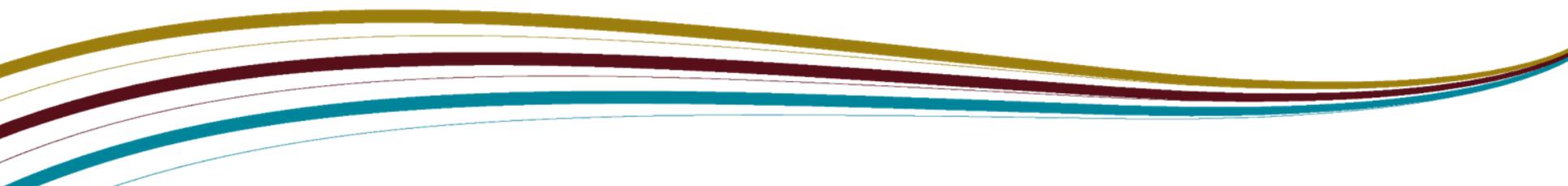
# Where will you go?

- Oxbridge entry requirements for mathematics courses include A\* at A level mathematics and further mathematics
- Most top STEM subjects at university (including medicine) require A at mathematics at A level
- The Russel group of universities cite further mathematics as a facilitating subject
- GCSE statistics underpins key learning on not only maths, but in particular social sciences



# Structure

Year 10	Year 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Main lessons will follow the GCSE maths curriculum.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Main lessons will follow the GCSE maths curriculum, with parallel L2 further maths content</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Enrichment will consist of GCSE statistics content for 1 hour.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tutor times (2 per week) will consist of L2 further mathematics content</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Entry into the Intermediate UKMT maths challenge (January)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Entry into the Intermediate UKMT maths challenge (January)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tutor times (2 per week) will consist of GCSE statistics content.</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Students entered for the GCSE statistics June exam series (higher).</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Following the GCSE exam, time will be given for enrichment activities and trips.</li></ul>	



# Pathways

**Blue** – Students on the Blue Pathway have been selected by the Science Department to study Separate Sciences (Triple Science).

**Green** – Students on the Green Pathway will study Combined Science. However, in line with the Government ambition for all students to have the opportunity to study Triple Science (an important foundation for many STEM careers) students on this pathway may request to study Separate Sciences as part of the options process.

- **Purple** – foundation learning pathway



**It is important to pick a variety of subjects, try to pick subjects from different subject areas. This shows colleges, sixth forms, employers that you have a broad range of skills and knowledge.**

<b>Humanities</b>	<b>Performing arts</b>	<b>Languages</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>PE</b>	<b>DT and Computing</b>
<b>Sociology</b>	<b>Art</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Media Studies</b>	<b>Child Dev.</b>	<b>GCSE PE</b>	<b>DT – timbers</b>
<b>Psychology</b>	<b>Dance</b>	<b>French</b>			<b>Sports Studies</b>	<b>DT – Textiles</b>
<b>History</b>	<b>Drama</b>					<b>Food &amp; nutrition</b>
<b>Geography</b>	<b>Film studies</b>					<b>Computing</b>
	<b>Music</b>					<b>Business studies</b>
	<b>Photography</b>					<b>Engineering</b>
						<b>Creative iMedia</b>



# What happens next...

- **10<sup>th</sup> December** - Parents' Evening
  - **Options booklet!**
  - **4<sup>th</sup> February 2026**– Options Evening
  - **5th February 2026** – Options Choices Form Released
  - **22nd February 2026** – Submission Deadline for Options Forms
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