Torpoint Community College

Year 9 Option Information Evening

January 2018

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Aims of the evening

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1. Provide an **overview** of the Year 9 Options Process

2. Introduce you to the **core** curriculum and curriculum **choices** for September 2018

3. Provide you with the opportunity to **circulate** and **talk** with subject leaders and teachers about their different **subjects** and **courses**

4. **Provide students with their "Option form"**

It is time to make some choices

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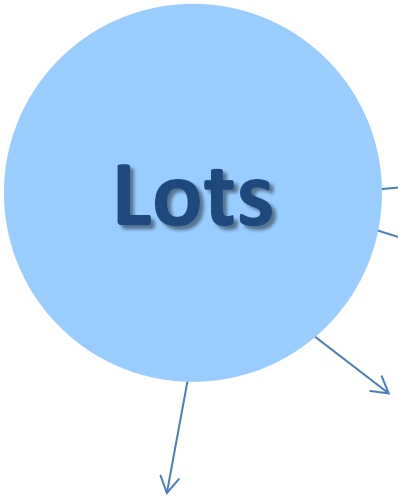
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Art
- Catering/Food
- ICT/Computing
- Drama
- Ethics (Religious Studies)
- Spanish
- Geography
- History
- Music
- PE
- DT - Product Design
- DT – Textiles

Current changes in education



1. Linear exams
2. RPA (Raising the Participation Age to 18)
3. English Baccalaureate (EBacc)
4. New National Curriculum – implemented in September 2014

- September 2015 - New English and Maths GCSE for Year 12
- September 2016 – Majority of new GCSE for Year 11
- September 2017 – All new GCSE for year 10
- You are 2nd year through **all** new GCSES

A student's curriculum and qualifications are for life and not just for the period of office of a secretary of state.

English Baccalaureate Certificate

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To achieve the **English Baccalaureate** (EB) students must achieve a GCSE in:

- Core GCSE English (Literature and Lanuage)
- Core GCSE Mathematics
- Core GCSE Science
- Option GCSE History **or** Geography
- Option GCSE Modern Foreign Language, Spanish

New GCSEs for you!

Current Grading A*- G	New Grading 9 - 1	Tier of entry	
A*	9		Higher Tier: Grade 4-9
	8		
A	7		
B	6		
	5	Foundation Tier: Grade 1-5	
C			
	4		
D	3		
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Core Curriculum

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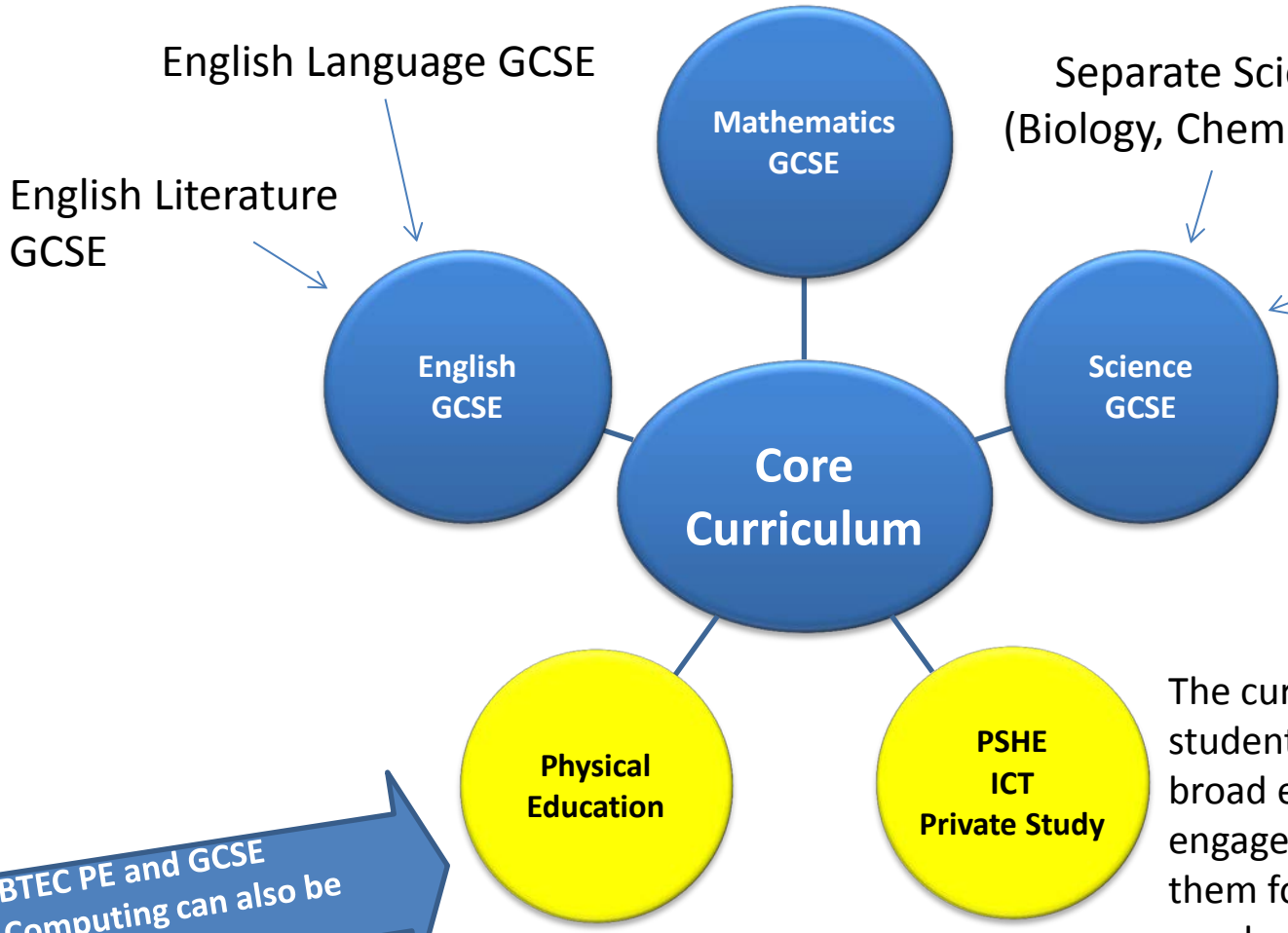

The curriculum provides all students with a rich and broad education which engages them and prepares them for their life and employment
Therefore, between 6 and 5 core GCSE courses for all.

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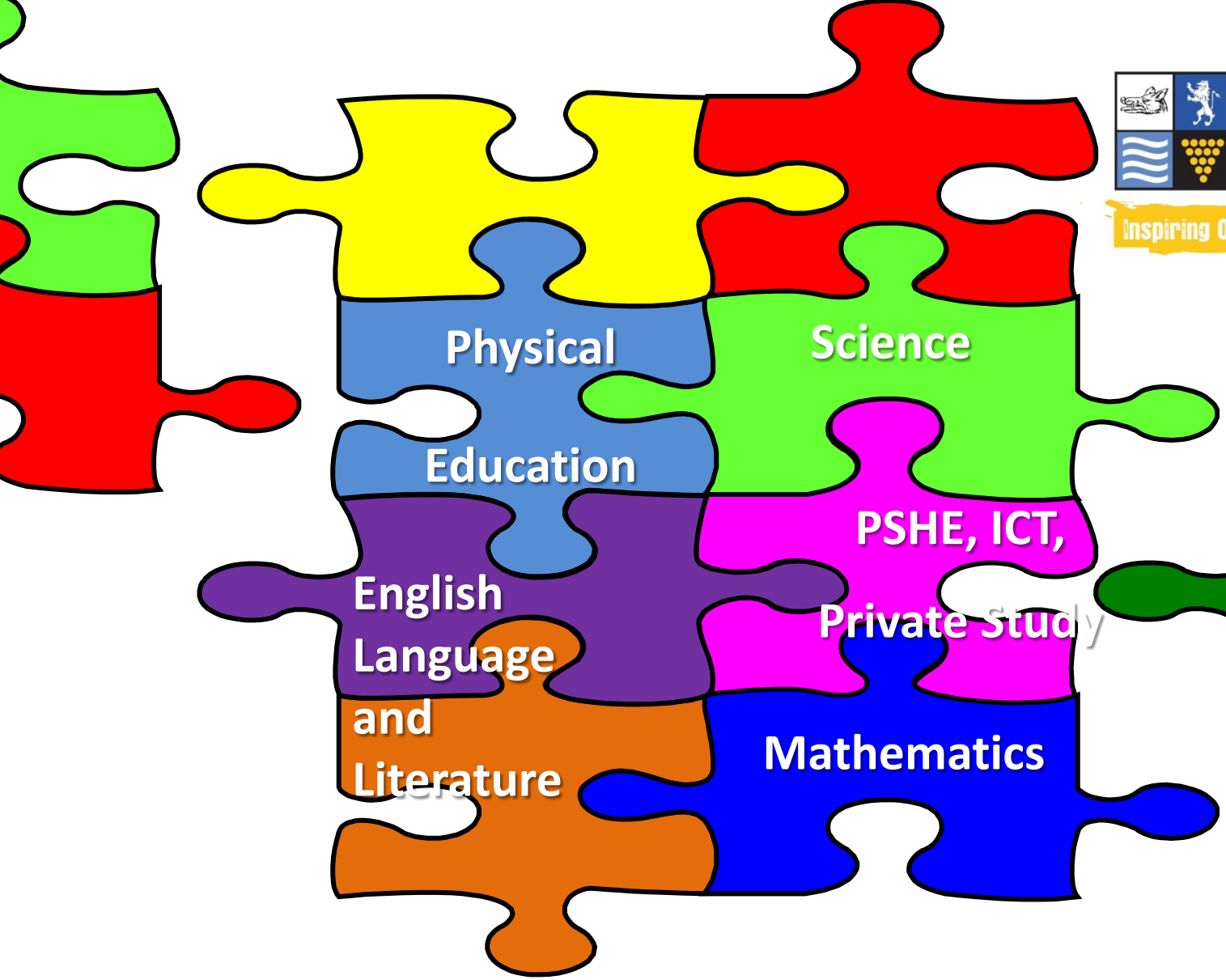

Core Curriculum

How do you decide which options to take?

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1. Enjoyment

2. Your Future

3. Family, Friends and Teachers

4. Broad and Balanced Curriculum

What courses are on offer?

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Core Subjects

- English Language GCSE
- English Literature GCSE
- Maths GCSE
- Combined Science GCSE x2
  (Separate Science GCSE x3 as an option)
- Physical Education – no exam
- ICT/Computing – no exam
- PSHE – no exam

(up to 9 GCSEs in total for all students)

Option Subjects

- Art GCSE
- Business Studies GCSE
- Computing GCSE
- Food & Nutrition GCSE
- Drama GCSE
- Geography GCSE
- History GCSE
- Music GCSE
- Physical Education BTEC
- Design Technology (Textiles) GCSE
- Design Technology (Product Design)
- Spanish GCSE

Option form

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“Guided Option Pathways”

Should follow the “Full Ebacc Pathway” (selecting **Spanish** and **History or Geography**) with 2 other open option choices

Could follow the “Full Ebacc pathway” or select **Spanish, History** or **Geography** with 3 other open option choices

There are approx 31 students that have been identified as “Higher Ability” this will show on your option form. These students should be following the full EBacc. There is also a meeting in the library at 7.30 and then again at 8.00 pm with Mrs Lear to discuss KS4 and KS5 pathways into our sixth form for these students.

Will you get all your choices?

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There are currently 90 students in year 9

- the number of possible option combinations is massive

Aim: To produce a curriculum that best fits the needs of the cohort.

Are you considering the UTC?

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Plymouth School of Creative Arts

UTC PLYMOUTH

PLYMOUTH STUDIO SCHOOL

The Option Process

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Assembly Launch of the option process	Monday 13th November 2017 Friday 24th November 2017
Complete a 1st and 2nd expression of interest in option choices. This is a survey	Friday 17th November 2017 Friday 1st December 2017
Option booklet goes home to provide information about subjects. Also on college website	Monday 18th December 2016
Year 9 Options Information evening	Tuesday 16th January 2018
Careers advice from Mrs Lear and sixth formers	Thursday 18th January 2018 room 69 from 1.30 to 2.00 pm
Year 9 Parents Evening	Tuesday 23rd January 2018
Deadline for return of options form	Friday 26th January 2018
Option interview	From Monday 29th January to 2nd March 2018
Confirmation of option choices	Friday 29th June 2018

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