

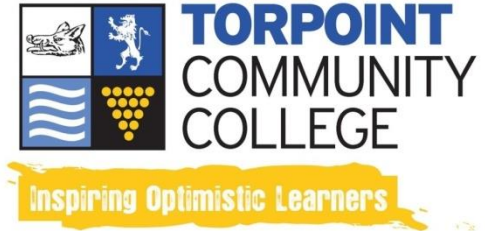
Torpoint Community College

Year 9 Option Information Evening

January 2019

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Aims of the evening



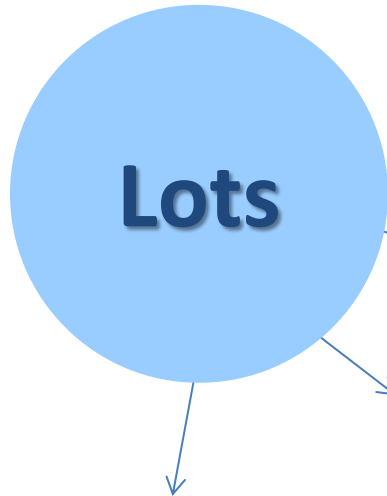
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It is time to make some choices

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Art
- Catering/Food
- ICT/Computing
- Drama
- French
- Geography
- History
- Music
- PE
- DT - Product Design
- DT – Textiles



Current changes in education



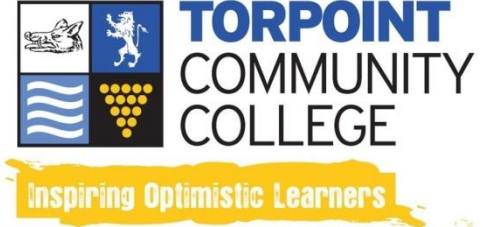
1. Linear exams
2. RPA (Raising the Participation Age to 18)
3. English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

4. New National Curriculum – implemented in September 2014

- September 2015 - New English and Maths GCSE
- September 2016 – Majority of new GCSE
- September 2017 – All new GCSE
- You are 3rd 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



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

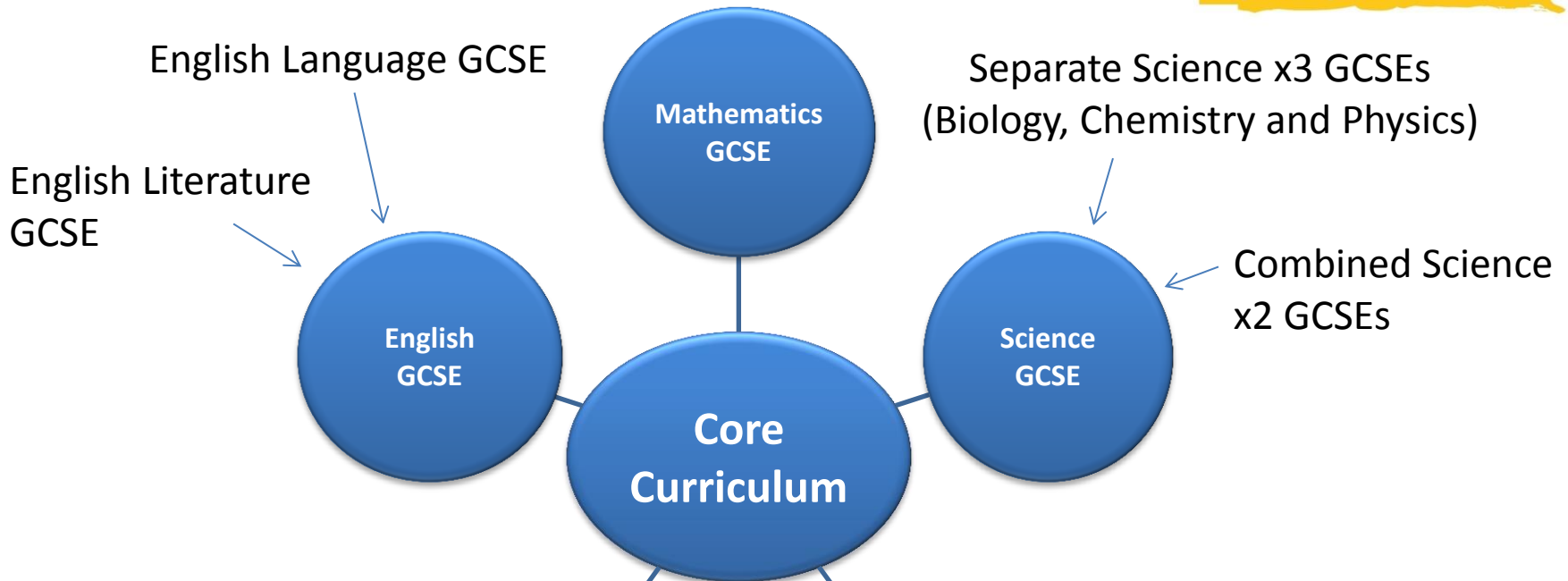
- Core GCSE English (Literature and Language)
- Core GCSE Mathematics
- Core GCSE Science
- Option GCSE History or Geography
- Option GCSE Modern Foreign Language, Spanish

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			Foundation Tier: Grade 1-5	
	5				
C	4				
	3				
E	2				
F	1				
G	0				
U	0				

Core Curriculum



BTEC PE and GCSE Computing can also be taken as options

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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Physical

Science

Education

PSHE, ICT,

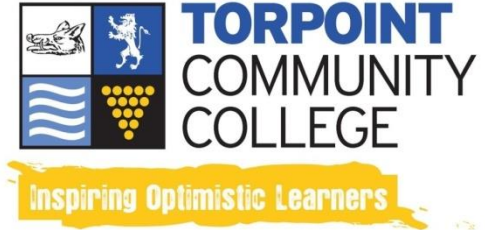
English
Language
and
Literature

Private Study

Mathematics

Core Curriculum

How do you decide which options to take?



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

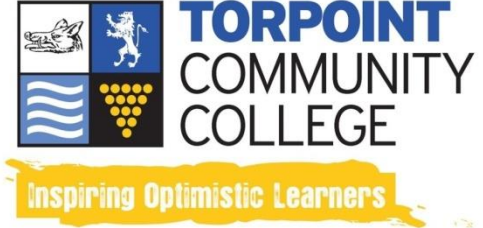
- English Language GCSE
- English Literature GCSE
- Maths GCSE
- Combined Science GCSE x2
(Separate Science GCSE x3 as an option)
- Physical Education – no exam
- ICT/Computing – no exam
- PSHE – no exam

(up to 9 GCSEs in total for all students)

Option Subjects

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

Option form



“Guided Option Pathways”

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

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

Some students have been identified as the **Higher ability** in year 9 based on their data from primary school (and comments from their teachers now) – these students **should** be following the **Ebacc** and there is a meeting in the Library this evening at **7.45** and again at **8.00** with Mrs Lear to discuss **KS4 and KS5 pathways** into our sixth form. This is open to all students!

Will you get all your choices?



There are currently 111 students in year 9

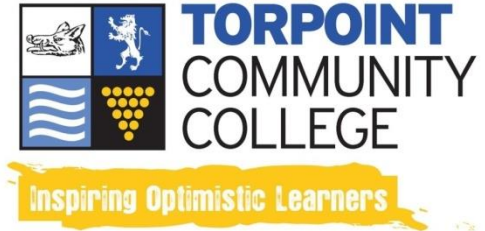
- the number of possible option combinations is massive

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

The Option Process

Assembly Launch of the option process	Monday 12 th November 2018 Tuesday 11 th December 2018
Complete a 1 st and 2 nd expression of interest in option choices. This is a survey	Friday 16 th November 2018 Friday 14 th December 2018
Option booklet goes home to provide information about subjects. Also on college website	Monday 17 th December 2018
Year 9 Options Information evening	Tuesday 15 th January 2019
Year 9 Parents Evening	Wednesday 30 th January 2019
Deadline for return of options form	Friday 1 st February 2019
Option interview	From Monday 11 th February 2019 to 29 th March 2019
Confirmation of option choices	Friday 28 th June 2019

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