

Parents' Information Exchange Evening – Year 9 Options

Frequently asked questions

Q: Can I just take two sciences?

A: The combined science options, Trilogy and Synergy, cover all three sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) and at the end of the course, you qualify with the equivalent of two GCSEs. The Double GCSE grade looks like this; 8-8, 7-6, 5-4, 5-5 as examples.

A: Separate Science. All students opting for this science pathway must take all three sciences; it is not possible to 'drop' a science. This course is also taught on Wednesday Period 5 to allow more time for the qualifications. At the end of the course you gain three separate GCSEs for each of; Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Q: If a job I am interested in needs a GCSE in Chemistry and Biology which science pathway should I take?

A: Please speak to your science teacher, give them the details of the career you are interested in and they will be able to advise. You could also take a look at [Unifrog](#) and see what the qualification requirements are for the jobs you are interested in.

Q: Where can I find out more about the Graphic Communications course?

A: For more information about all our courses, please refer to the [Options booklet](#) on our website. Alternatively, make an appointment with a teacher of a subject you are interested in at Parents' evening next week.

Q: Please explain the EBacc

'The EBacc is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers.' Department for Education. To qualify for the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) qualification a student must achieve at least a Grade 4 in the following:

- English language or English Literature (Students must also have taken both to qualify)
- Mathematics
- Sciences (includes combined and separate science)
- History or Geography
- A Language

It is not compulsory to take subjects necessary to achieve the EBacc at Wood Green School, for example, students do not need to take either History or Geography at Wood Green School.

There is no certificate awarded to the student for achieving the EBacc. For more information about the EBacc please see this link to the DfE website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-baccalaureate-ebacc/english-baccalaureate-ebacc>

Q: Do we need to send in a paper options form?

A: No. Please submit the options via the electronic Microsoft form, a link will be sent out soon.

Q: For students taking an option at the college is there transport?

A: There is no transport for students going to college. The college courses happen on one day a week, usually a Tuesday or a Friday. Students will make their own way to the college at 12.10pm (the end of period 3), once they get to college they have a chance to have their lunch and the lesson starts at 1pm. The lesson ends at approx. 3.45pm; students will need to make their own way home from college. If you have any further questions about the college, courses please email Mr Askew on d.askew@wgsnitney.org.uk

Q: Do I need to make two reserve choices? A: Yes you do. Sometimes you may need to take your second reserve option; however, in this circumstance you would receive a phone call to discuss the choices open to you at this stage.