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Key Stage Four Curriculum Presentation
Spring Term 2023

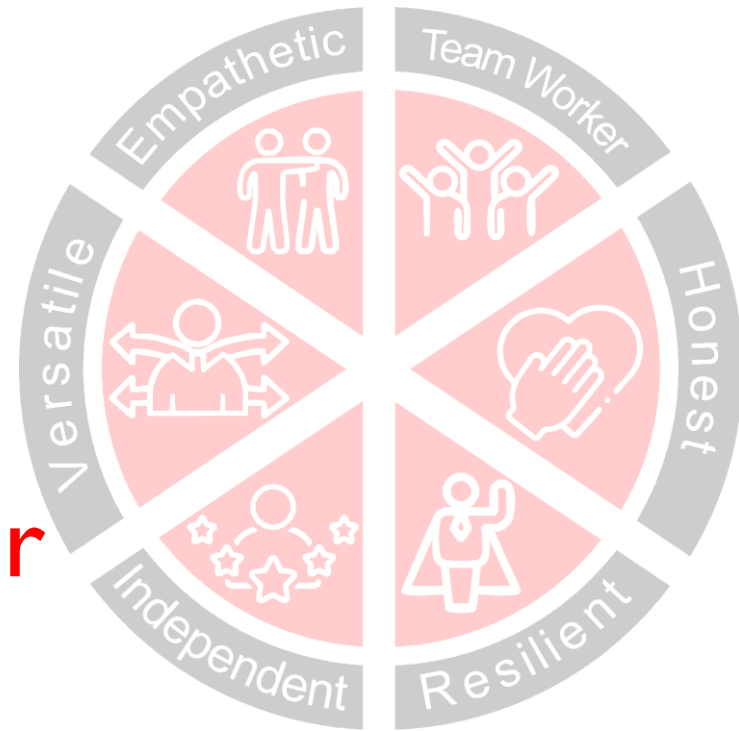


Introductions

Mrs K Corbett,
Deputy Headteacher

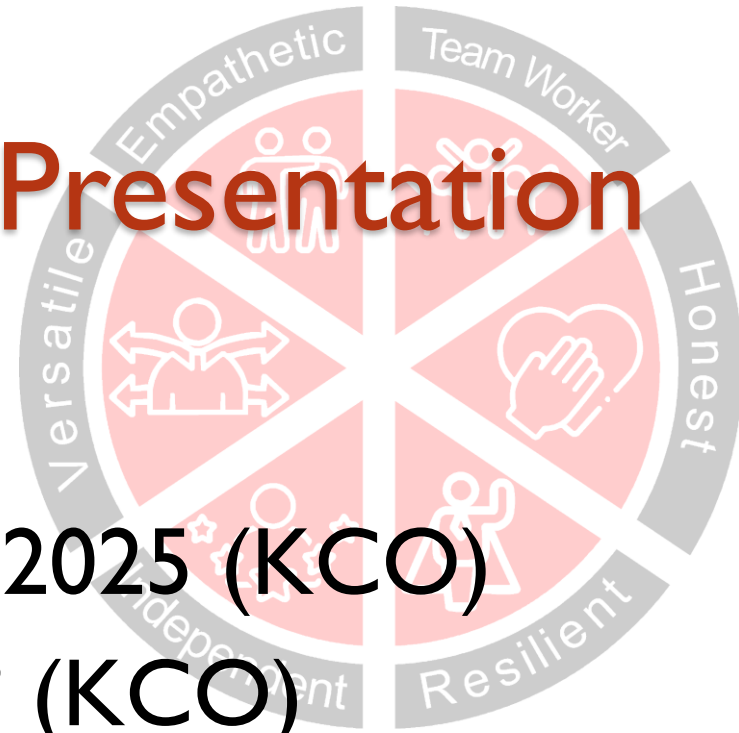
Mr R Durrance,
Director of Key Stage Three

Miss C Emms,
Head of Year 9



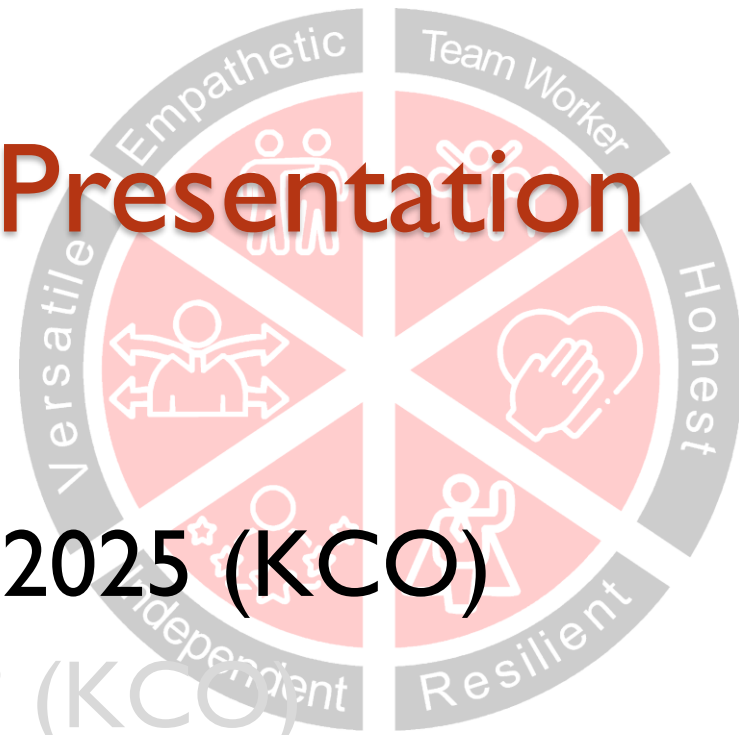
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Curriculum 2023-2025

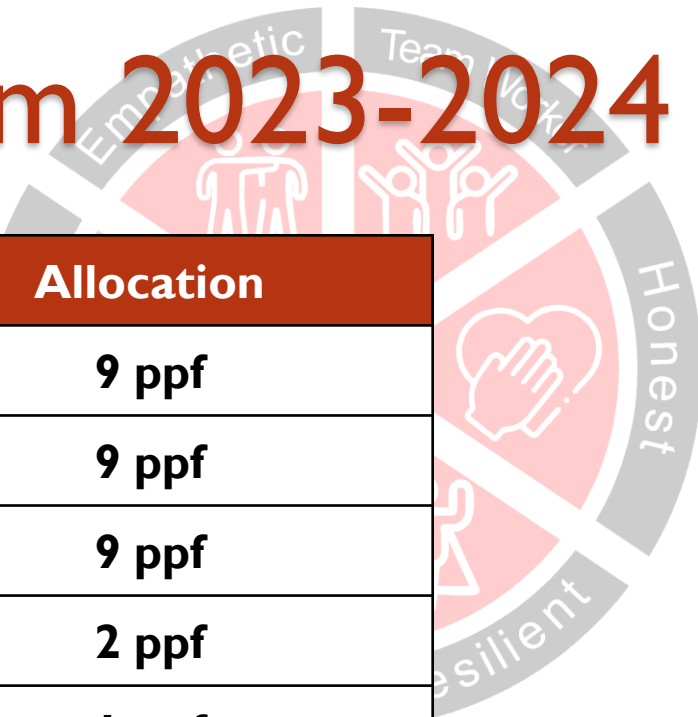


- Opening Doors to Success
- Providing Pathways for Progression



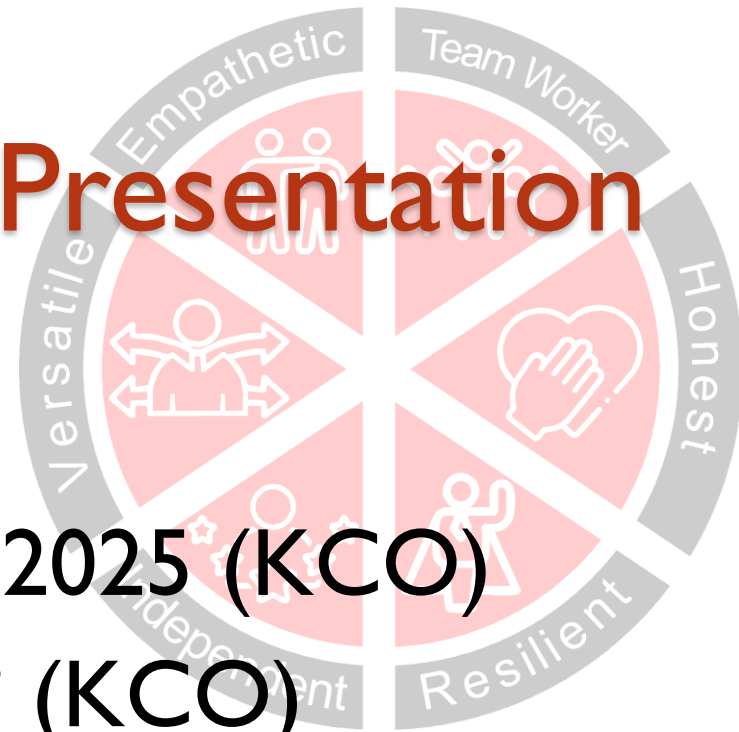
Year 10 Curriculum 2023-2024

Subject/Option	Allocation
English	9 ppf
Maths	9 ppf
Science	9 ppf
PE (Core)	2 ppf
PSHCE	1 ppf
Option 1	5 ppf
Option 2	5 ppf
Option 3	5 ppf
Option 4	5 ppf
Total	50 ppf

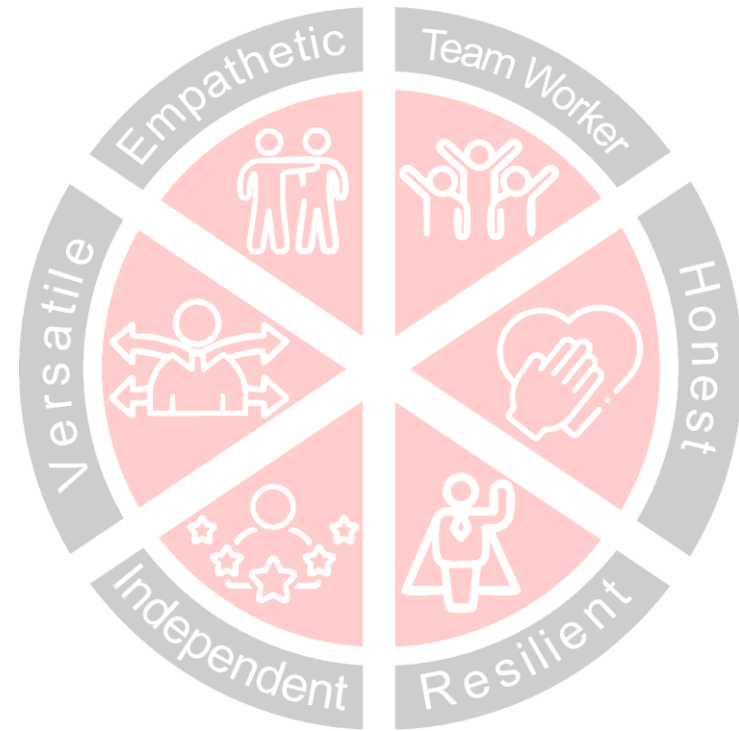


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“At the heart of an effective key stage 4 curriculum is a strong academic core : the Ebacc.”



The Government’s national target is that 90% of pupils sit the Ebacc ‘core’ GCSEs by 2025





Department
for Education

HELP YOUR CHILD MAKE THE BEST GCSE CHOICES

You and your child may currently be considering, with advice from their school, what GCSE subjects they should take next year.

The Department for Education recommends these core subjects, which make up the English Baccalaureate (EBacc), and help keep options for young people open:

- **English language and English literature**
- **Maths**
- **Science**
Combined science or 3 single sciences from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Computer science
- **History or Geography**
- **A language**
Ancient or modern



WHAT IS THE EBACC?

The EBacc is not a qualification in its own right – it's a combination of GCSE subjects, including a language, that offer an important range of knowledge and skills to young people.

EBACC FUTURE PROOFS YOUR CHILD'S PROSPECTS

While your child may not have decided on their future career path yet, choosing the EBacc at GCSE gives them access to a full range of employment options when they leave secondary school and the broad knowledge that employers are looking for.

If they are thinking of going to university, the EBacc is also recommended by Britain's most prestigious universities.



The research found that students studying EBacc subjects for GCSE, were more likely to stay in education after 16.

The Centre for Longitudinal Studies,
August 2017

LANGUAGES GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE A COMPETITIVE EDGE

Languages are an important part of EBacc. Studying a foreign language can be extremely rewarding and exciting. They provide an insight into other cultures and can open the door to travel and employment opportunities. They can also broaden pupils' horizons, helping them flourish in new environments.

If your child finds languages difficult, don't forget that they will have been studying them for much less time than their other subjects and, while it can be a challenge, learning a language will greatly enhance their future opportunities.

What's more, we know that employers value languages, as they are increasingly important to make sure we can compete in the global market. Because of this, languages are increasingly becoming a requirement for many graduate schemes, such as those offered by Lidl.

"Having language skills under your belt will help make you stand out from the crowd, whether you're applying for an entry level position, a management role or an internal transfer."

Steve Cassidy, Senior Vice President & Managing Director, UK & Ireland, Hilton

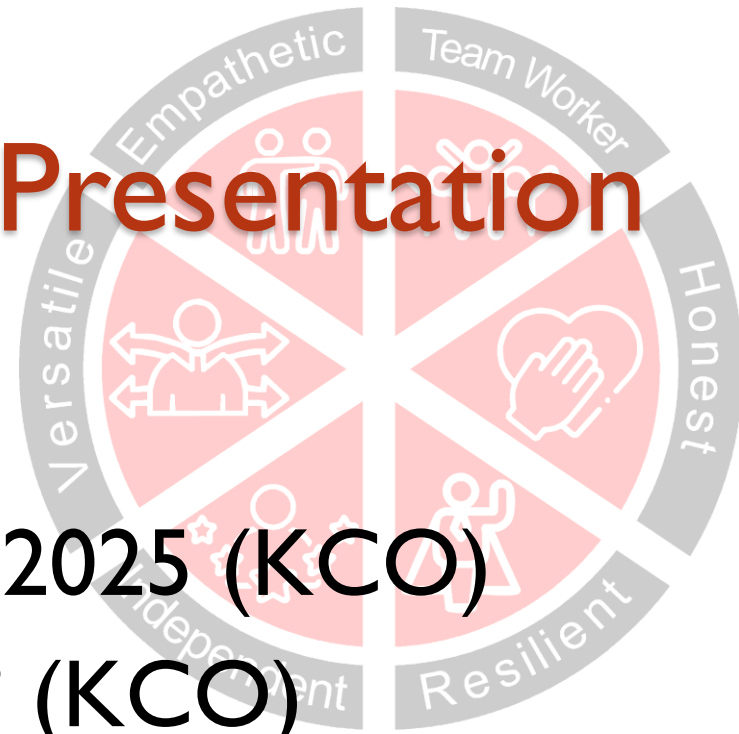
The Russell Group has named languages as subjects that open doors to more degrees at universities.

(The Russell Group is a group of 24 universities with a shared focus on research and a reputation for academic achievement)

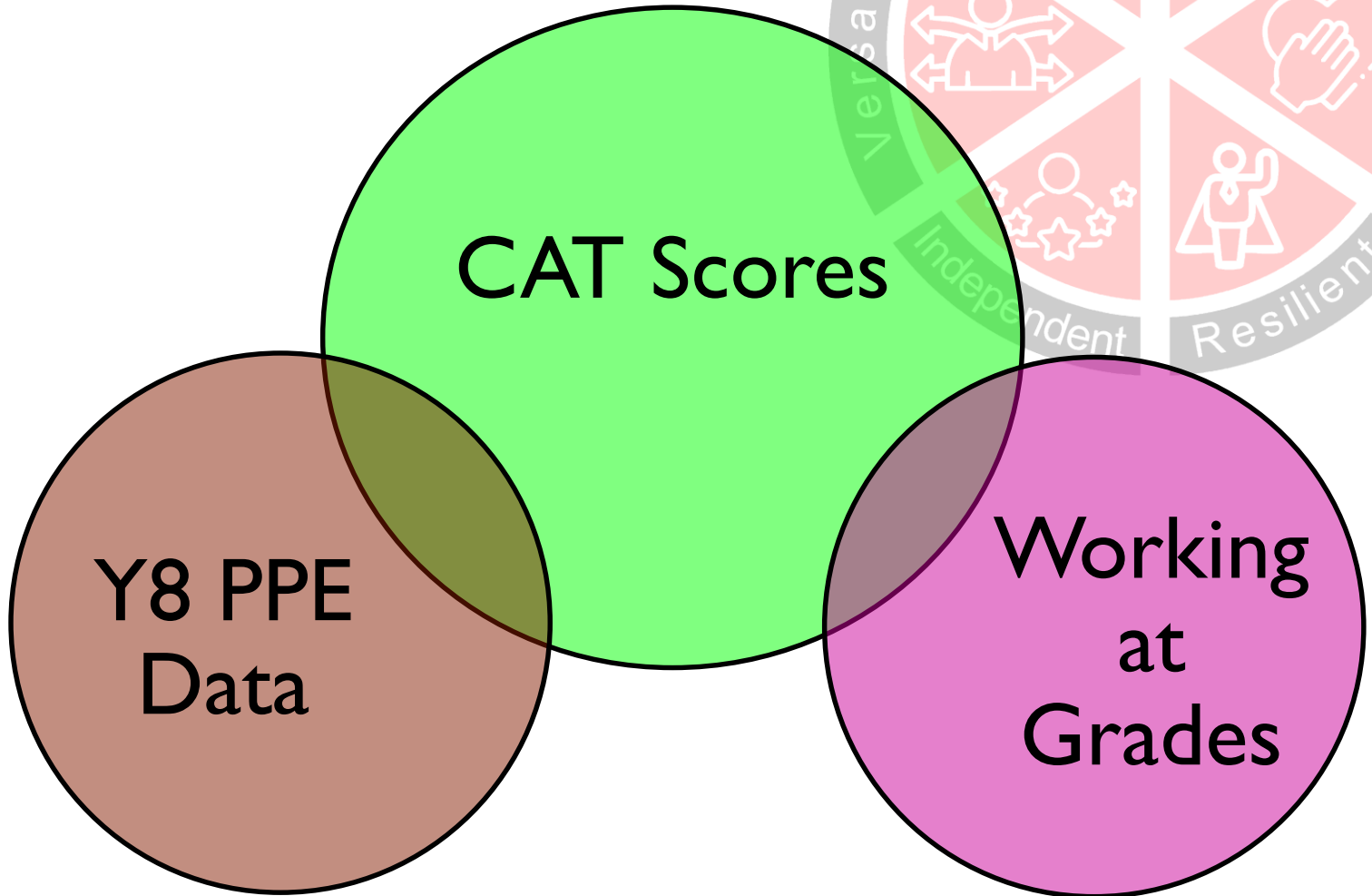


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Selecting Students for the Full EBacc Pathway



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Free option choices

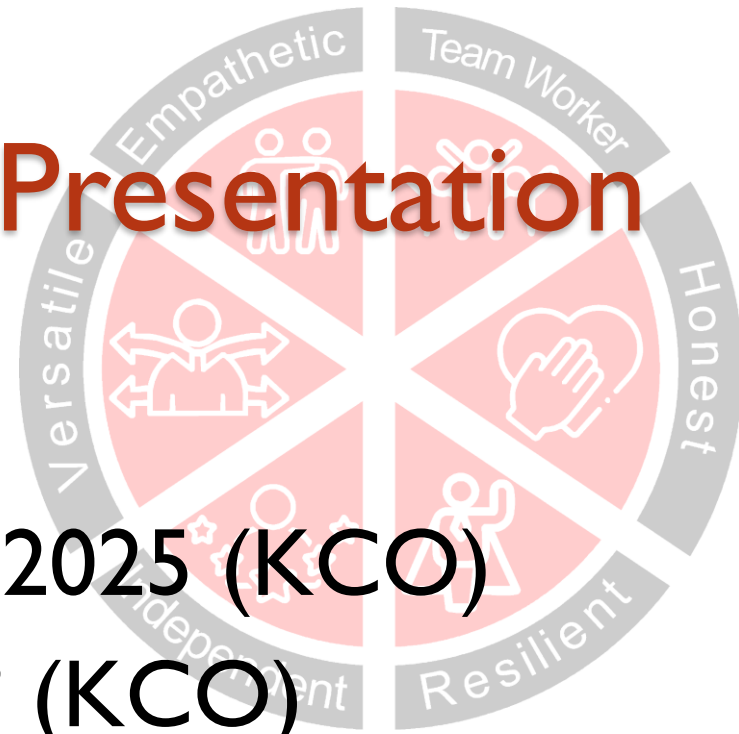


- No option blocks
- Timetable will be built around student choices
- Limits – numbers of students and staff (apply as soon as you have decided)



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Full English Baccalaureate Pathway

Two directed choices

Option Choice EBacc One	Option Choice EBacc Two
Geography	French
History	German

Option Choices Three and Four
Students select any two subjects from
the below list of option choices

**GCSEs in Art, Business Studies,
Computer Science, Drama, Graphics,
Textiles, Resistant Materials, French,
Food, Geography, German, History,
Media Studies, Music, PE, PRE,
Separate Science, Sociology.
BTEC in Health and Social Care.**

Traditional Pathway

One directed choice

Option Choice EBacc One

History	Geography
French	German

Option Choices Two, Three and Four

Students select any three subjects
from the below list of option choices

**GCSEs in Art, Business Studies,
Drama, Graphics, Textiles, Resistant
Materials, French, Food, Geography,
German, History, Media Studies,
Music, PE, PRE and Sociology.
BTEC in Health and Social Care.**

Full English Baccalaureate Pathway

Two directed choices

Two free choices

Two reserve choices

Directed choice 1 (Please circle ONE)

Geography

History

Directed choice 2 (Please circle ONE)

French

German

Option choices 3 and 4 (Please choose TWO subjects and indicate your order of preference (1,2) and TWO reserve subjects (R1, R2))

GCSE subjects

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> DT – Resistant Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> French | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Preparation & Nutrition | <input type="checkbox"/> PE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Geography | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy, Religion and Ethics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DT – Graphics | <input type="checkbox"/> German | <input type="checkbox"/> Separate Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DT – Textiles | <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> Sociology |

BTEC subject

Health and Social Care

Traditional Pathway

One directed choice

Three free choices

Two reserve choices

Directed choice (Please circle ONE)

French

German

Geography

History

Option choices 2, 3 and 4 (Please choose THREE subjects and indicate your order of preference (1, 2, 3) and TWO reserve subjects (R1, R2))

GCSE subjects

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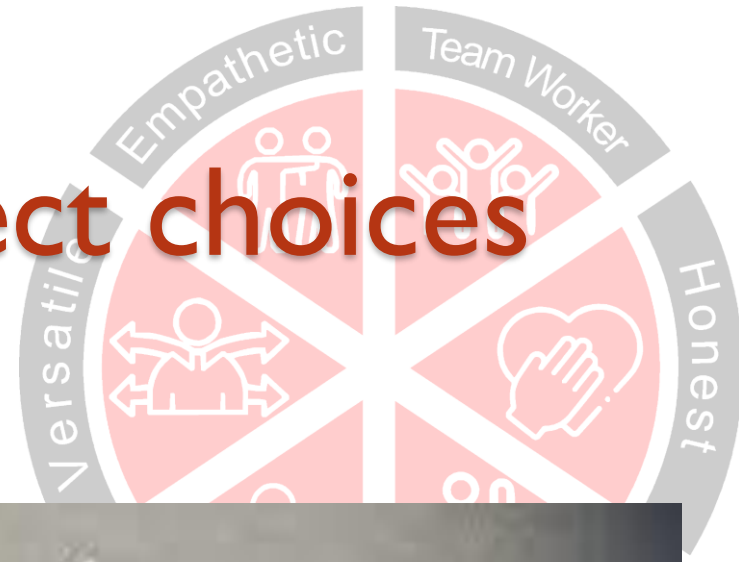
BTEC subject

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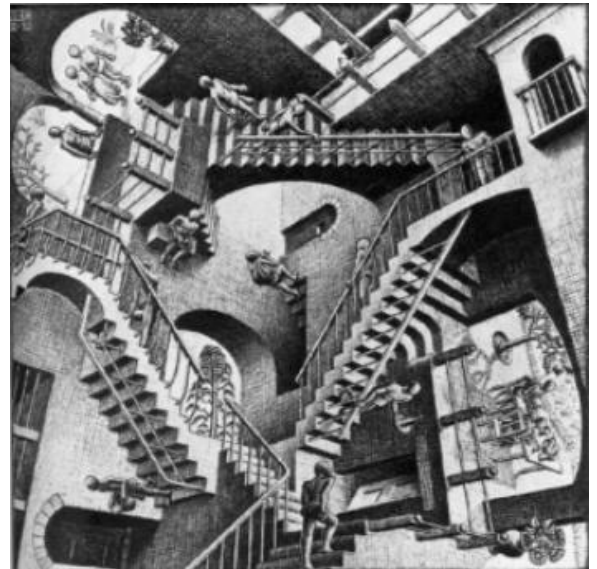
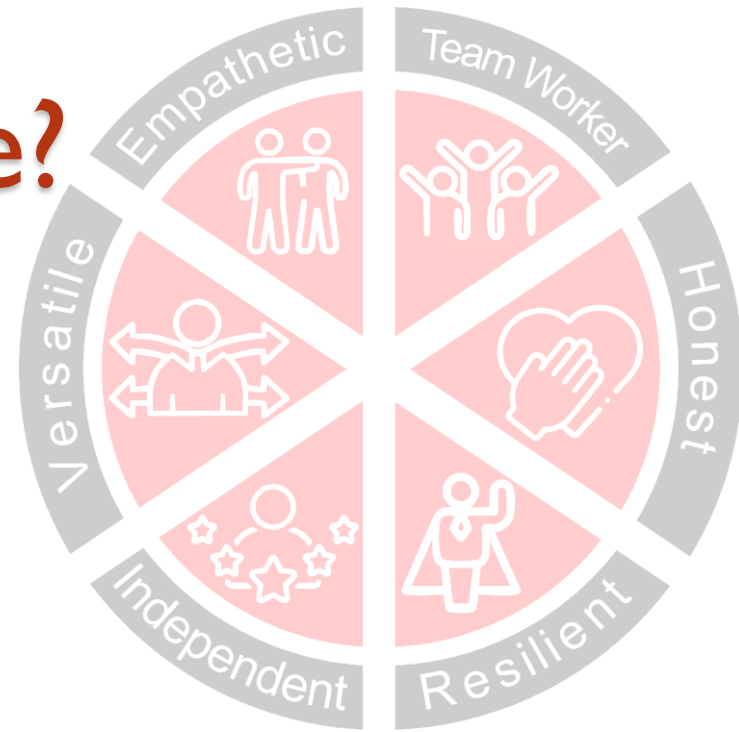
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Making the correct choices



How do I choose?

- ✓ Future chosen course or career
- ✓ Subjects you enjoy
- ✓ Subjects that work together
- ✓ Keeping options open
- ✗ Choosing based on teachers or friends



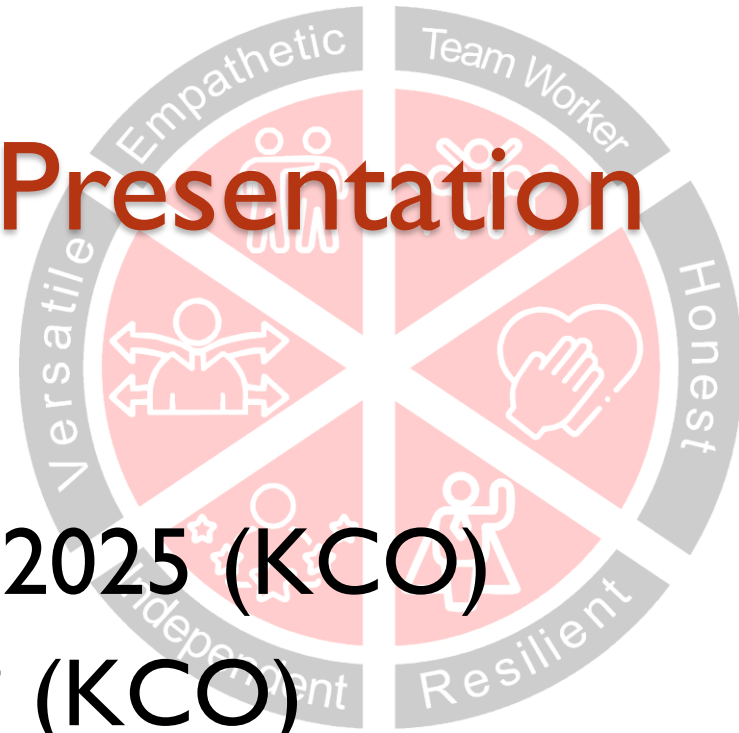
What could help?

- Teachers, older students, careers events
- Research - websites
- Curriculum booklet



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Year 9 Options Form Deadline

Monday, 13 March 2023

Each form needs to be submitted to

Mrs Camy

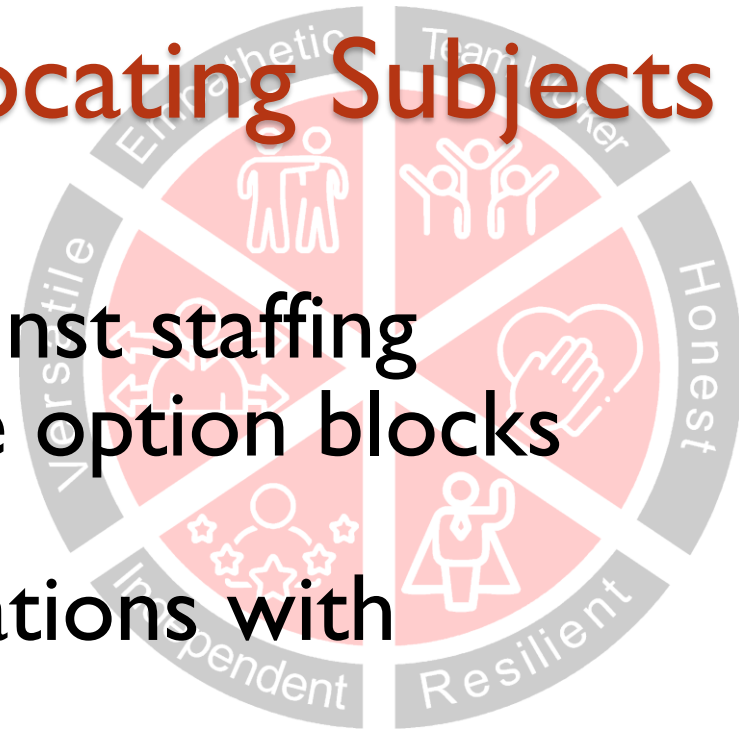
(Year 9 Administrator)

by 8.45am on Monday 13 March 2023



The Process of Allocating Subjects

- Balance requests against staffing availability and create option blocks
- Discuss odd combinations with students
- Subject confirmation via letter home at the start of July



Year 9 Options Process

Key Dates : Spring Term 2023

Action	Deadline/Date
Year 9 parents and carers receive option booklet and letter explaining options process	<i>Thursday, 23 January 2023</i>
Year 9 parents and carers receive their option forms via email as well as their pathway information	<i>Friday, 10 February 2023</i>
Key Stage Curriculum Meeting (face to face meeting for students and parents or carers, with the pastoral team and subject leaders)	<i>Wednesday, 22 February 2023</i>
Deadline for completed option forms to be returned to Mrs Camy	<i>Monday, 13 March 2023</i>

