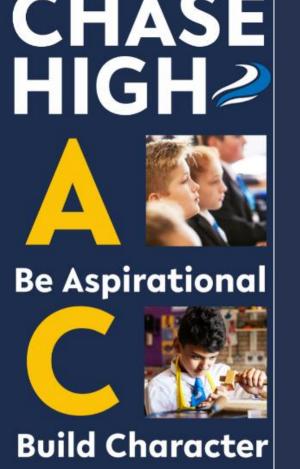


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Mr Brodigan- Asst. Headteacher –Exams and Timetable Ms. Warne-Head of Year 9







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## **Making choices**

Here are some things you need to know, do and think about...

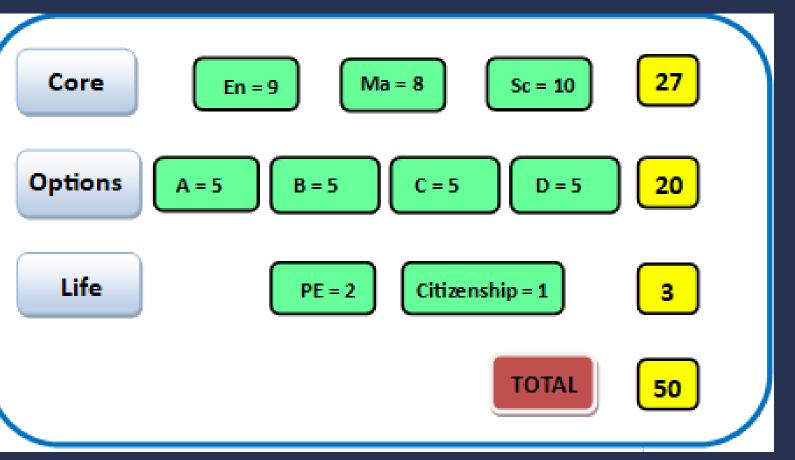
- The law says you must stay in learning until the age of 18.
- Learning includes sixth form, college, training, or full time work as long as it includes some part time learning e.g. an apprenticeship.

• You pick GCSE options in Year 9.

• You usually pick your next step in Year 11.

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## Curriculum in Year 10 & 11





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## **Build Character**



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# Guided Choices

We are ambitious for you to have the same chances as students in all other schools, so the EBacc is core to our curriculum offer:

✓ All students MUST choose either History or Geography.

✓The majority of students are EXPECTED to choose a language.



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#### **EBacc Humanities**

| Geography<br>History | EBacc MFL |                     |  |  |
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|                      | French    | Optional Curriculum |  |  |
|                      | German    |                     |  |  |

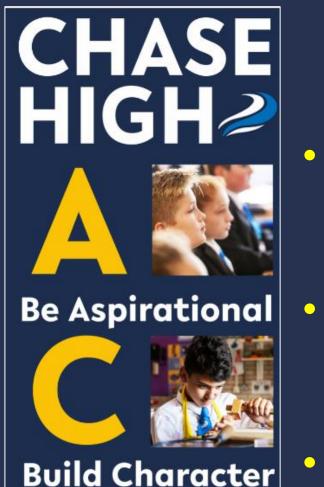
#### Art and Design

**Business Computer Science Creative Media Design and Technology** Food Preparation and Nutrition Health and Social Care Information Technology Music Performing Arts **Photography** Psychology **Religious Studies** Sociology Sport



When choosing it is important to note that some options subjects cannot be studied together- this is because they are considered variations of the same qualification.

These subjects have been highlighted: Art and Design & Photography.



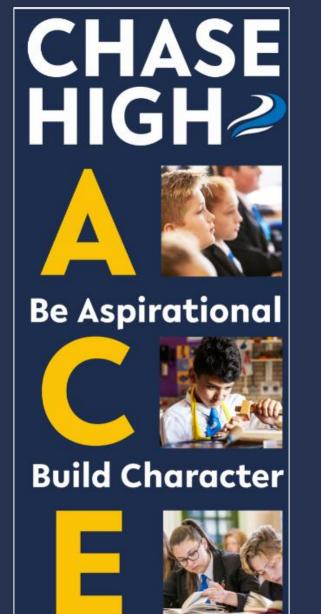


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## **Triple Science or Double Science?**

- 3% of schools with a similar cohort to our school have all students take Triple Science.
- 13% of schools with a similar cohort do not allow any students to take Triple Science.
- Of the remainder it is split roughly 50:50 as to whether the students or school decides who takes Triple Science. All students will start Triple Science and differentiate in Term 2 of Yr 10.

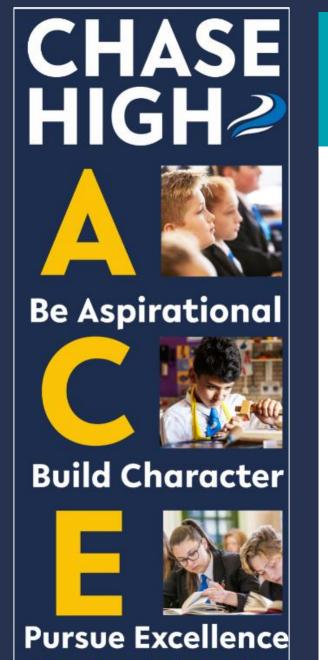


# The 'new style' GCSEs

- More rigorous harder
- Bigger more content
- Tiers only when necessary
- Linear with terminal exam little chance to resit (except English and Maths post 16)
- No coursework except in a few subjects (The Arts, Design Technology, Food etc.)
- And... a new (ish!) grading system

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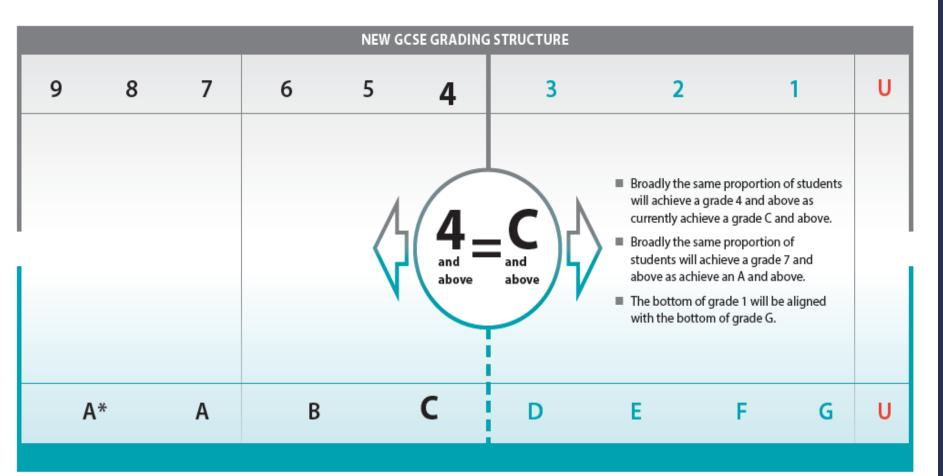
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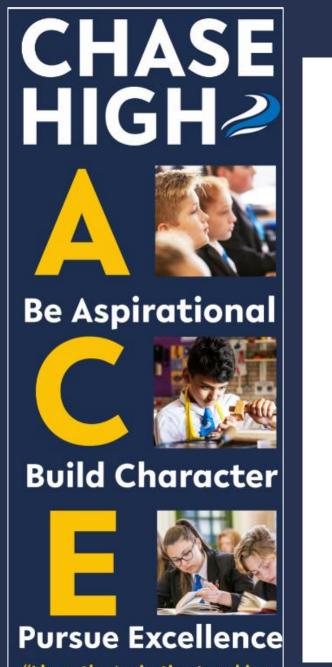


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## Grading the New GCSEs



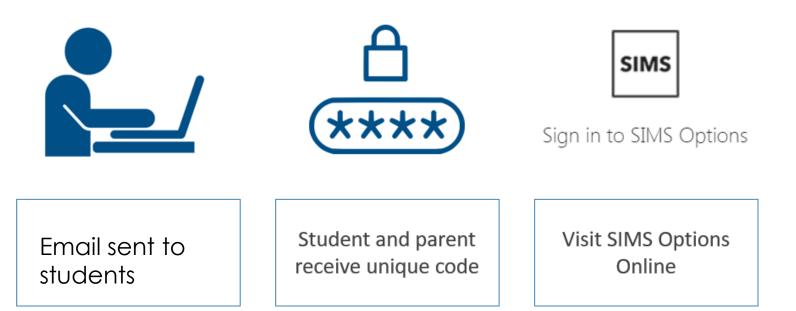




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## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025



# Be Aspirational

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"I have the Aspiration to achieve, the Character to succeed and the commitment to pursue Excellence will be sent to your school email address to invite you to register for SIMS Options.

An email from <u>noreply@sims.co.uk</u>

Follow the step by step guide Pages 5-10 of the options booklet to activate and register your account

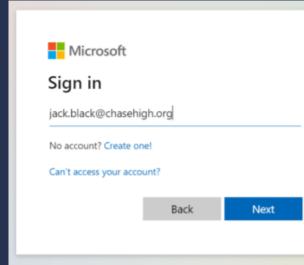
## Hi Jack, Simply accept this invitation and register within 90 days. Accept Invitation If the button above doesn't work, copy and paste the following link into your browser. https://registration.sims.co.uk Should you need to enter it, your personal invite code is: QT8HRDXHKD Sent on behalf of, Chase High School

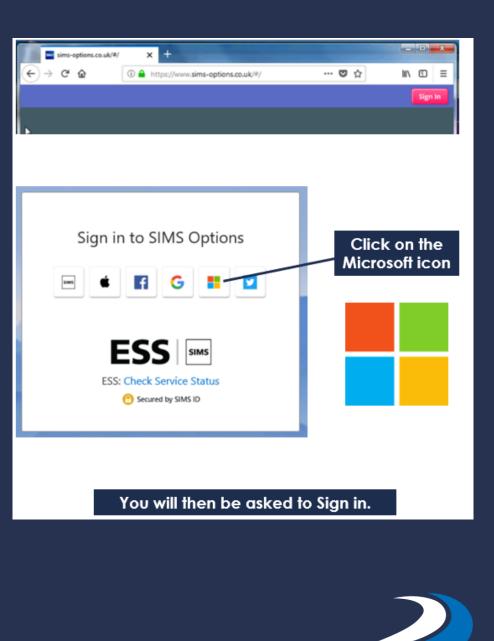
#### Click where it says "Accept Invitation"

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You can then make your choices by clicking on the course items from the screen displayed. You will have sections for guided choices and free choices

| Art and Design GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course | Reserve  | Business GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course   | Reserve   | Computer Science<br>GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course   | Reserve  |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| German GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course         | Reserve  | Design & Technology<br>GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course   | Reserve   | Food Preparation & Nutrition<br>GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course   | Reserve  |
| French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course         | Reserve  | Health & Social BTEC Award Level 1 & 2  | Reserve   | Information Technology<br>Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2  | Reserve  |
| Creative Media BTEC Award Level 2     | Reserve  | Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course  | Reserve   | Performing Arts BTEC Award Level 2   | Reserve  |
| Psychology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course     | Reserve  | Photography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course  | Reserve   | Religious Studies  | Reserve  |
| Sociology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course      | Reserve  | Sport BTEC Award Level 2  | Reserve   |  |  |
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### When choosing 'free choices' remember to do this is order of

#### preference and choose 2 reserves which will go orange.

|            | Art and Design GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course | Reserve | Business GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course               | Reserve | Computer Science Choice<br>GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course                     | Reserve |
|------------|---------------------------------------|---------|---|---------|---|---------|
| er         | German GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Oice    | Reserve | Design & Technology<br>GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course | Reserve | Food Preparation & Nutrition<br>GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course                | Reserve |
|            | French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course         | Reserve | Health & Social BTEC Award Level 1 & 2        | Reserve | Information Technology<br>Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 | Reserve |
| ale        | Creative Media BTEC Award Level 2     | Reserve | Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve          | Reserve | Performing Arts BTEC Award Level 2                                    | Reserve |
| The second | Psychology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course     | Reserve | Photography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course            | Reserve | Religious Studies<br>GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course                           | Reserve |
|            | Sociology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course      | Reserve | Sport BTEC Award Level 2                      | Reserve |   |         |

| My Choices in Order of Preference   | (Total Choices: 4)  |
|---|---------------------|
| To change your order of preference select a choice and clic<br>the list you would like to move it to. | tk the position in  |
| GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Options  |                     |
| Geography<br>GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Humanities  |                     |
| G Computer Science<br>GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Options  |                     |
| GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Options  |                     |
| My Reserves in Order of Preference  | (Total Reserves: 2) |
| To change your order of preference select a reserve and cl<br>the list you would like to move it to.  | ick the position in |
| GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Options  |                     |
| Performing Arts<br>BTEC Award Level 2 Options   |                     |



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# Selecting Options

- What **SHOULD** influence choice
- Enjoyment
- Talent
- Career
- Balance
- Recommendation



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## You SHOULD NOT be influenced by:

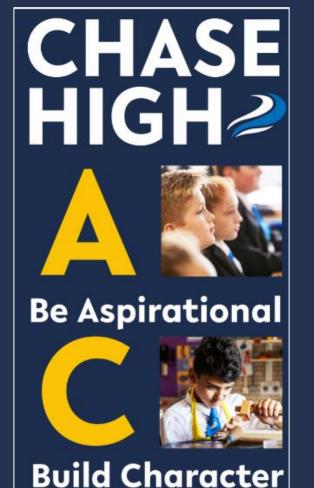
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- Liking a teacher
- Thinking that any course is easy... they are all **demanding**







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# What happens next?

- Ensure that your child selects their option subjects in the order of preference, so that they have a greater chance of receiving their top choices.
- We will endeavour to allocate your child their choices, but <u>cannot guarantee all choices</u>.
- Your child will find out their choices in June when the timetable has been finalised.



**CHASE** Who can your child ask for **HIGH** help?

- Form Tutors;
- Subject Teachers;
- Ms. Warne, Head of Year 9:
- caitlan.warne@chasehigh.org
- Miss Lucas, Deputy Head of Year 9:
- karen.lucas@chasehigh.org
- Mr. Brodigan, Assistant Headteacher Exams and Timetable
- colin.brodigan@chasehigh.org
- Mrs. Ringrose SENCO SEND and Access Arrangements for exams daisy.ringrose@chasehigh.org

More detailed information about the content of the examination courses offered can be found on the "Subjects" page of the Chase High School website:

https://www.chasehigh.org/curriculum/subjects

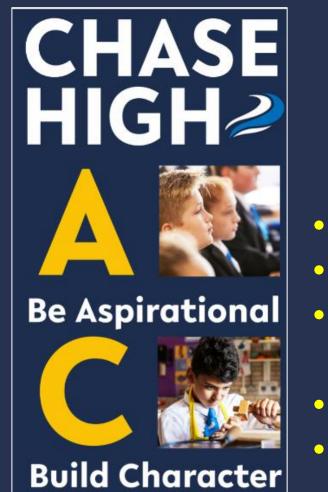


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# Role of the parent/carer

- Support
- Guidance who to talk to
- Informed understand the process and implications
  - Work with us
  - Ensure that online form is completed by **Friday** 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

