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# Year 9 Options Evening 2026

with Miss Buckley

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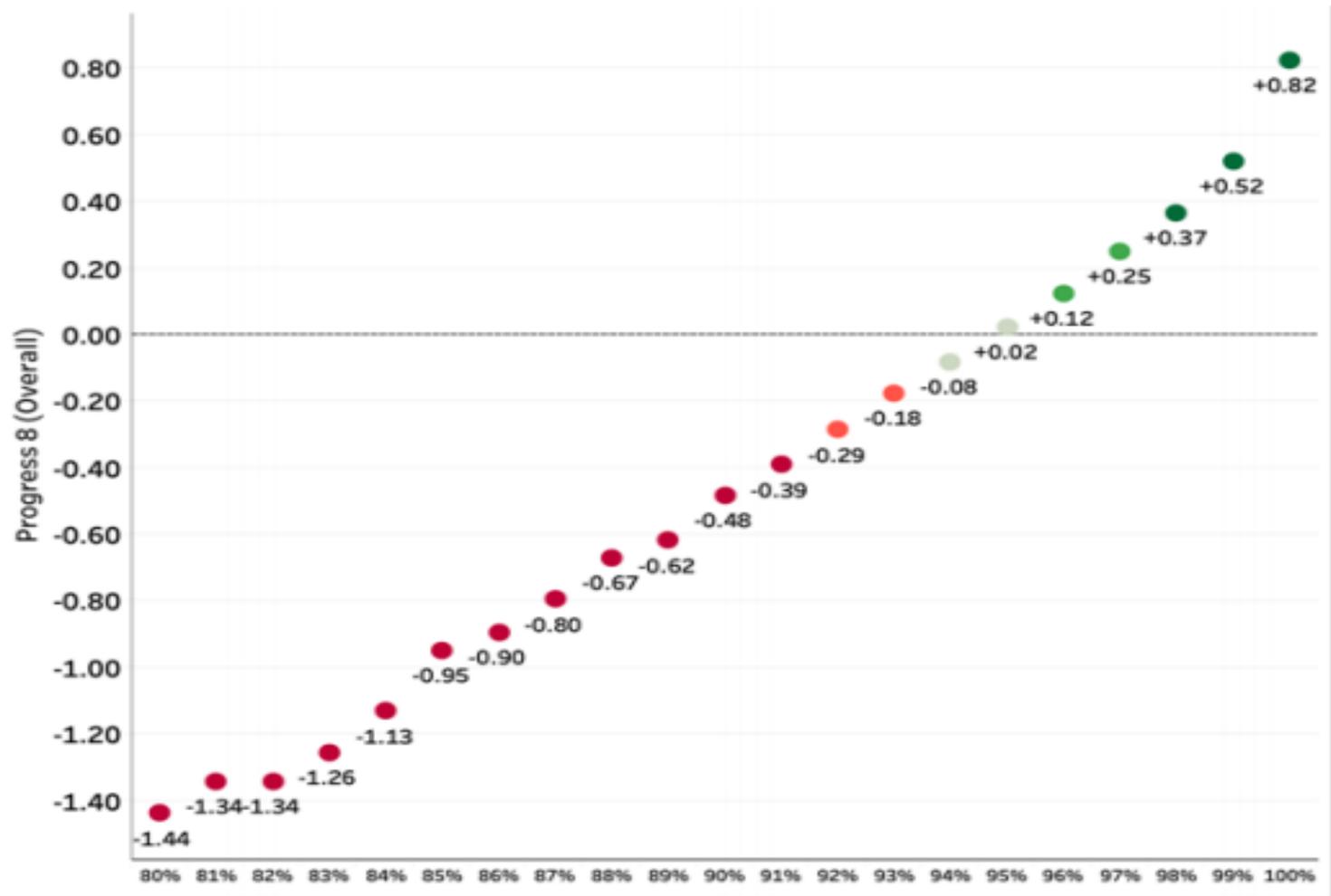
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Average Progress 8 score and attendance

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# KS4 Curriculum

## Core Subjects

English Language  
English Literature

Mathematics

Science

## Statutory

Core PE  
PSHE  
REP

## Option Subjects

Art, Craft and Design  
Art and Design: Textiles  
Business  
Computer Science  
Construction and the Built Environment  
(Vocational)  
Creative iMedia (Vocational)  
Design and Technology  
Enterprise (Vocational)  
Geography  
Health & Social Care (Vocational)  
Hospitality and Catering (Vocational)  
Modern Foreign Language (French)  
Modern Foreign Language (German)  
History  
Music  
Performing Arts (Vocational)  
Physical Education  
Religious Studies  
Separate (Triple) Science  
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## History

Music

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Physical Education

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Separate (Triple) Science

Sport Studies (Vocational)

## Key Information

**Option 1** = French, German, Geography or History.

**Option 2** = Free choice

**Option 3** = Free choice

**Option 4** = Free choice

**✗** Don't choose a course just because it is new and different.

**✗** Don't choose a course because your friends are doing it.

**✗** Don't choose a course because you like the teacher.

**✓** **Pick the subjects you enjoy the most, the ones you are really interested in and those that you think you can do well in.**

**✓** **Find out as much as you can about the courses so you fully understand what you'll be doing over the next two years.**

**✓** **Try to pick broad option choices.**  
Don't worry too much about a specific future career – you don't need to specialise in subjects for that career just yet!

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## **Reserves x2**

Think carefully!

## **Banned combinations...**

- **Art**, Craft and Design GCSE with Art and Design: **Textiles** GCSE
- **Business** GCSE with **Enterprise** Vocational
- **Construction** and the Built Environment Vocational with **Design and Technology** GCSE
- **Physical Education** GCSE with **Sport Studies** Vocational – The PE department will choose the best qualification for you where you will attain the best grade

## GCSE vs Level 2 Vocational: What's the Real Difference?

Although both GCSEs and Level 2 vocational qualifications sit at Level 2 on the UK qualification framework, they differ in purpose, assessment style, and learning approach.

### **What a GCSE Is**

A GCSE is an academic qualification designed to assess broad subject knowledge.

Key features: Exam-heavy assessment (usually at the end of Year 11).

Focus on theoretical understanding.

Graded 9–1, where grade 4 is a “standard pass” and grade 5 is a “good pass”.

A GCSE grade 4 is equivalent to a Level 2 Pass in vocational terms.

### **What a Level 2 Vocational Course Is**

A Level 2 vocational qualification is designed to develop practical, work-related skills.

Key features: Coursework-heavy, with modular assessments throughout the year.

Strong focus on applied learning and real-world tasks.

Equivalent in difficulty to GCSE grades. Accepted by colleges.

## When do I need to choose my options by?

The options software we use will be sent to student and parent emails next week with log-in details.

The deadline for completing the option choices is  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 9am.**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Qualification Type</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Room</b>
<b>Art, Craft and Design</b>	GCSE	Mrs Duggan	B12
<b>Art and Design: Textiles</b>	GCSE	Ms Holmes	B13
<b>Business</b>	GCSE	Mrs Chrimes	B03
<b>Computer Science</b>	GCSE	Mr Manderson	C01
<b>Construction and the Built Environment</b>	VOCATIONAL	Mrs Burton	B05
<b>Design and Technology</b>	GCSE	Mrs Burton	B05
<b>Enterprise</b>	VOCATIONAL	Mrs Chrimes	B03
<b>Hospitality and Catering</b>	VOCATIONAL	Miss Smith	B05
<b>Geography</b>	GCSE	Mrs Reece	F21
<b>Health &amp; Social Care</b>	VOCATIONAL	Mrs Hutchinson	E05
<b>History</b>	GCSE	Mrs Heslin	F11
<b>Creative iMedia</b>	Vocational	Mr Manderson	C01
<b>Modern Foreign Language (French and German)</b>	GCSE	Mrs Bates and Miss Wales	F13
<b>Music</b>	GCSE	Ms Mackay	A14
<b>Performing Arts</b>	VOCATIONAL	Miss Eccles	STUDIO
<b>Physical Education</b>	GCSE	Mrs Hutchinson	E05
<b>Religious Studies</b>	GCSE	Mrs Shaw	F24
<b>Separate (Triple) Science</b>	GCSE	Mr Rimmer and Miss Kantharia	F04
<b>Sport Studies</b>	VOCATIONAL	Miss Sanderson	E05
<b>Blackpool and The Fylde College Blackpool Sixth Form College</b>		Miss Scott	Library