

# FAQs

## Who is teaching the course?

Subject teachers are not allocated their groups until June / July so it can be any teacher in the department. Teachers **cannot** guarantee that you will be taught by them. Think carefully and choose the subject over the teacher.

## Can I be in a group with my friends?

Again we **cannot** guarantee you will be in a teaching group with your friend. Think carefully and choose the subject over your friendships they are important to you now but perhaps in 5 yrs. time when you know more about what you want to do you will regret it!

## **I have heard that certain subjects clash and you can't always take the subjects you chose?**

This is why we ask you to think **very** carefully and choose 6 subjects you would like to take. The allocation of subjects in columns very much depends on the year groups demands. An example might be that last year we put on two groups of Photography as the demand was high and there were enough students for two feasible groups, however the year before there was only one small group.

## **What order do I put my preferences in?**

There is no correct order we do try to accommodate the top four choices in past years this has been around the 85 – 90 % of the cohort—obviously there will be some clashes and if this happens you will be fully consulted with

## **What are Controlled Assessments?**

These are pieces of coursework that are set by either the teachers within exam board guidelines or by the board themselves. There are three levels of Controlled assessment and it is dependant on the course which level work is pitched at.

## **What is the percentage of practical work vs. written work in creative GCSEs?**

In light of the changes to GCSEs recently this is still being decided on in some creative subjects—however all creative GCSEs require an element of written work and also include a written paper which account for at least 40% of the mark—please see option booklet and ask subject areas for details.

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- What am **I** really interested in?
- What am **I** good at?
- What do **I** enjoy doing?
- What is relevant to **my** future
- Do **I** have a good balance?

## Options booklet

Is available on the website with **all** the details of the courses and what they entail.

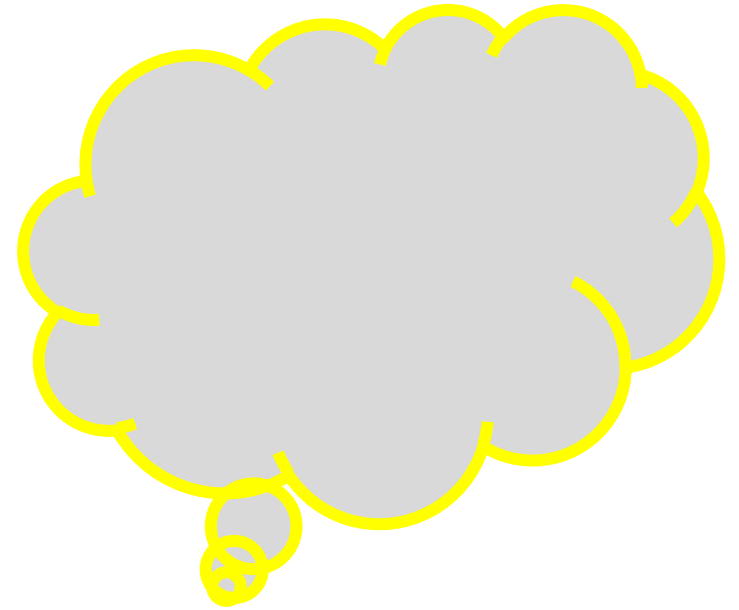
Fortismere website - Learning - KS4 Curriculum - Options

- Scroll down to
  - The options booklet to download or open up.
  - The presentation from last Tuesday
  - The presentations from last October

## English Baccalaureate - *the 'certificate'*

This is an initiative introduced by the Government. It states that you should choose a broad range of subjects

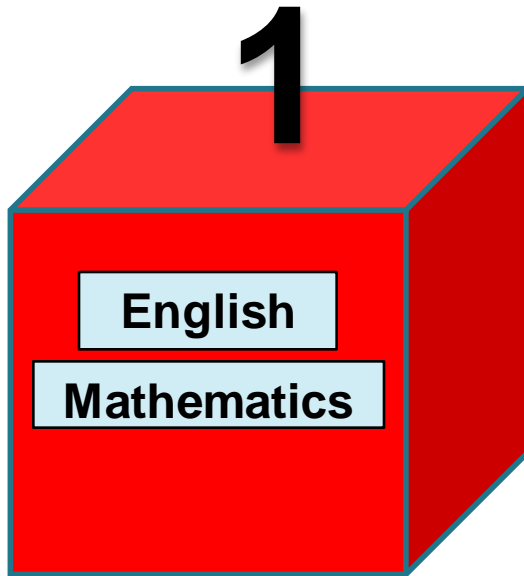
- English
- Maths
- Science
- A Modern Language
- A Humanity (Geography or History)



Pass all of them with a C/5 and above..... And you will also receive A qualification called the English Baccalaureate. This *maybe* something that top universities will look for if you are going to apply to them in the future.

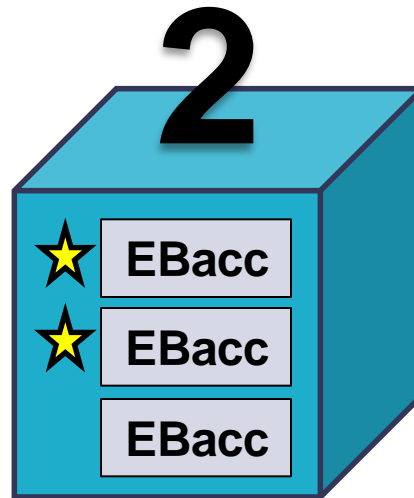


# The Attainment 8 Buckets



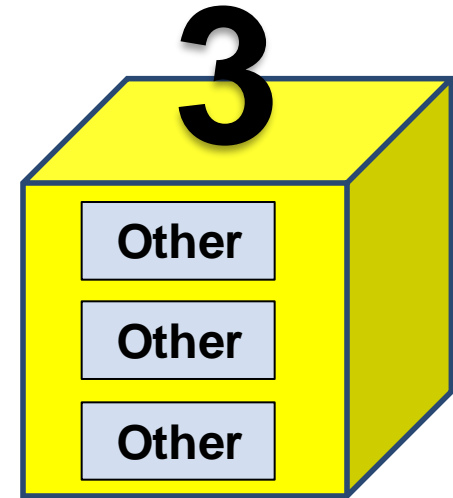
**Bucket 1**

- **One** for English
- **One** for Maths double-weighted



**Bucket 2**

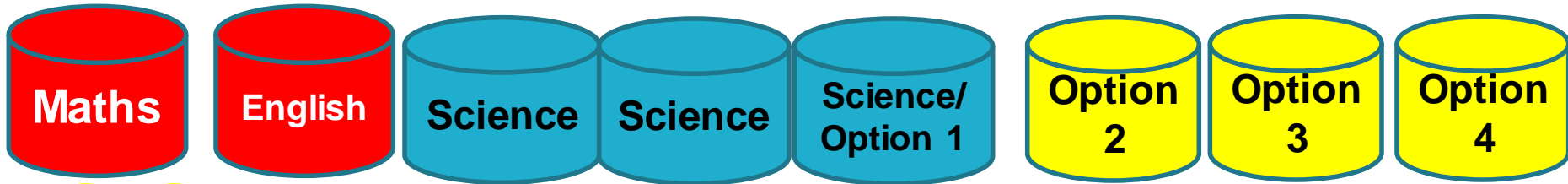
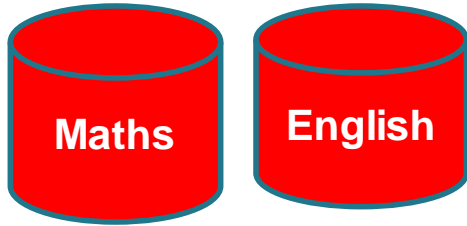
- **Three** EBacc qualifications
  - Sciences ★
  - Computer science
  - Geography
  - History or
  - Languages



**Bucket 3**

- **Three** “other” slots
- Any remaining Ebacc qualifications
- Other approved academic, arts or vocational qualifications

You need to Choose **6** Options in order of priority. You will be given 4.  
*We try to give you your top 4.*



**English Baccalaureate Certificate**

English + Maths + Science plus a Humanities (only Geography or History) and a Language (can be community).

**3 Ebacc qualifications**

- Sciences,
- Computer Science, History,
- Geography,
- Languages

**Remaining Ebacc subjects,**

Other approved academic, arts or vocational qualifications

Subjects	Subjects
Art and Design	Geography
Business Studies	History
Computing <b>high level in Maths needed</b>	ICT
Dance	Media
Drama	Music
D&T Product Design	Music Technology
D&T Graphic Materials	Performing Arts
Engineering <b>high level in Maths needed</b>	Physical Education
Fashion and Textiles	Photography
Food and catering	Religious Studies
Engineering	Spanish
Economics <b>high level in Maths needed</b>	Sports Studies
French	Sociology
German	Mandarin
Numeracy/ Literacy/ curriculum support	Princes trust

**30 subjects. 6 CHOICES - CAN BE ANY COMBINATION**

## Filling in your options

Your timetable will include compulsory subjects (English, Maths, Science, PE and plus four subjects that **you** choose.)

You need to indicate **6** preferences on your form **in preferential order**

We will make the final choices based on all of your options – **we cannot guarantee your first four but will try to make the best fit for the year group**

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## Helpful information

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

Click on job profiles and go through some job outlines

# Options go 'Live' tomorrow

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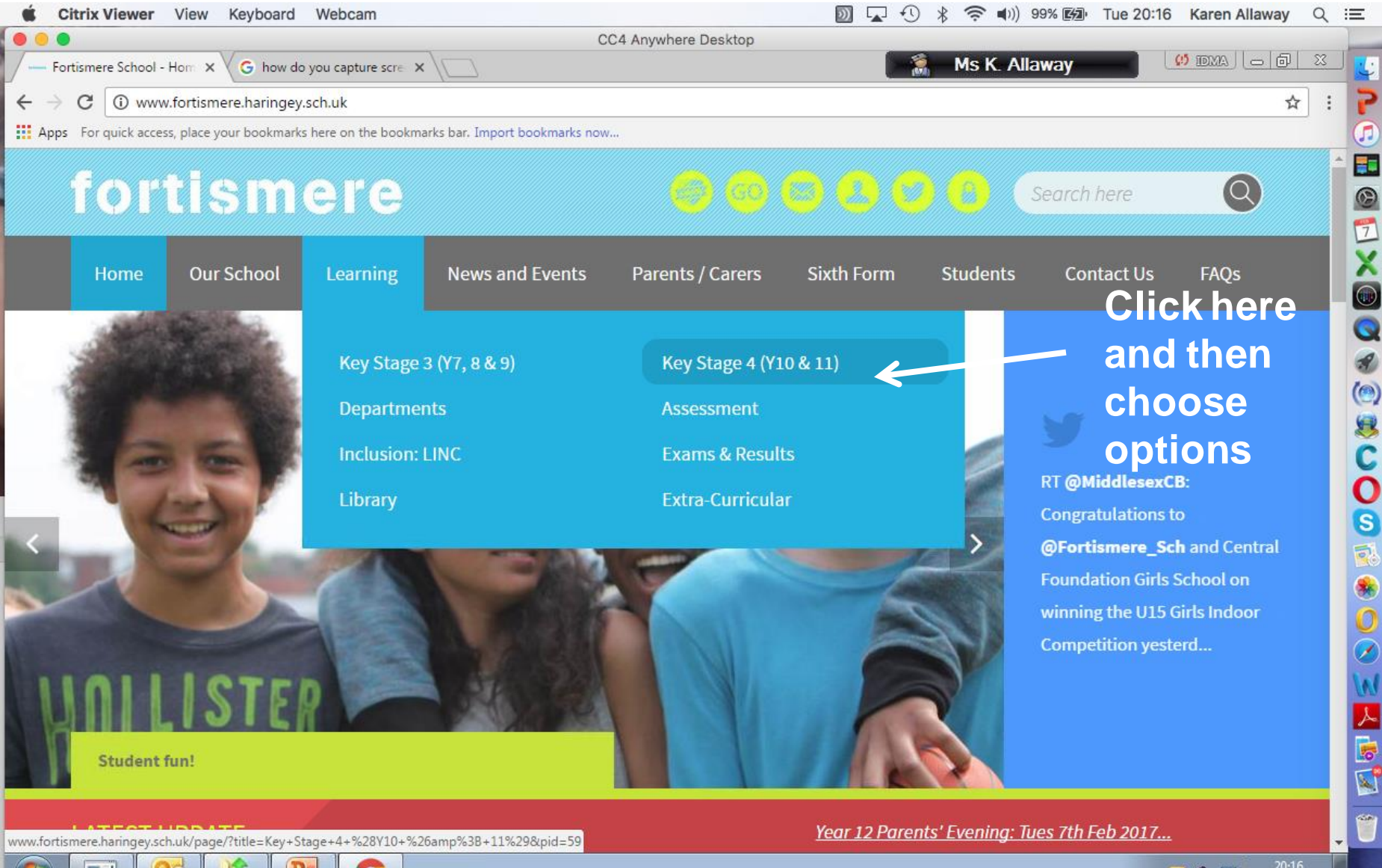
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Year 12 Parents' Evening: Tues 7th Feb 2017...

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Click here and then choose options



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Deadline

Option form 2017

✓ 23<sup>rd</sup> February!

~~First come, first served?~~

We will then process your preferences to come up with your final options

Remember **you** are our future!

## The Future