



**15th January  
2026**

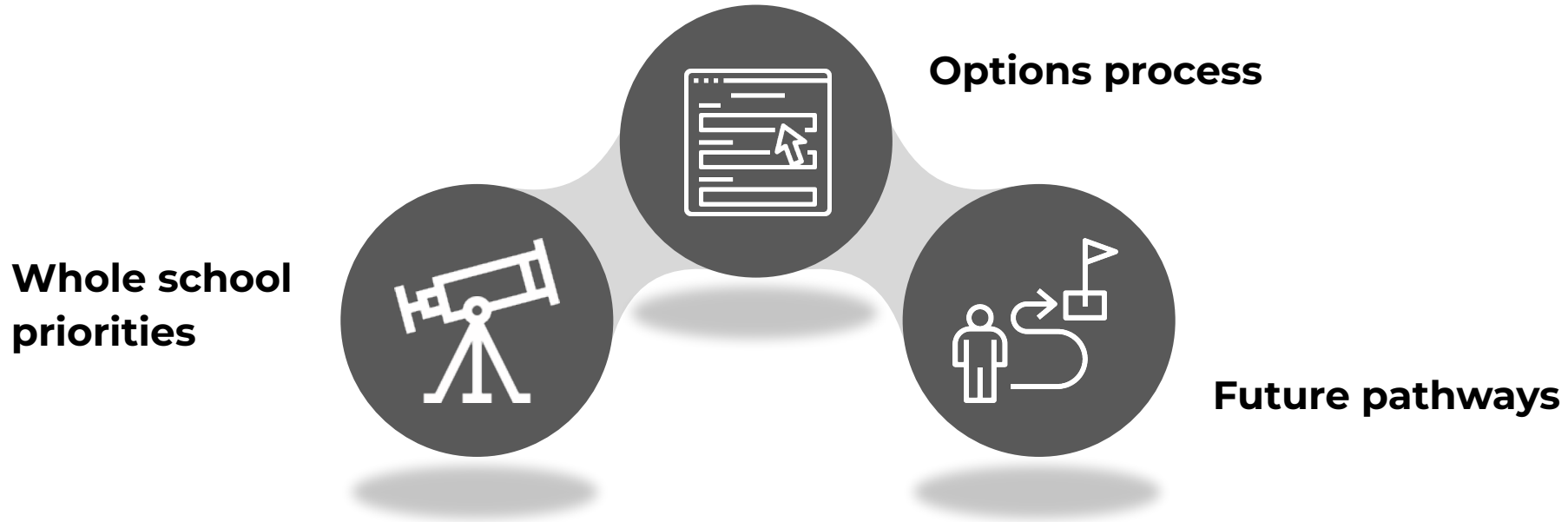


# **Year 9: GCSE OPTIONS EVENING**

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD IN  
CHOOSING THEIR GCSEs



The first step on the pathway to world-class universities, apprenticeships and careers.





## Whole-school priorities

### **An ambitious curriculum**

- Ensure that our subject curriculums are ambitious, diverse and inclusive.
- Relevant and thought-provoking PSHE & mentoring curriculums, and a rich and varied extra-curricular offer

### **Excellent behaviour, and a safe & happy school**

- Embedding our whole-school anti-bullying strategy
- Very high levels of student attendance

### **High quality teaching**

- Based on our 4 collective teaching strategies; ensuring that all students are thinking hard, retrieving & practising

### **Life-transforming outcomes & destinations**

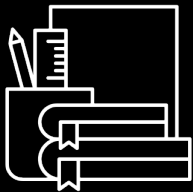
- Secure the highest attainment, excellent achievement and high quality destinations for all





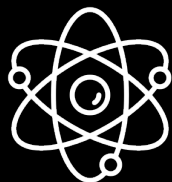
## Core curriculum

- **English** Language and English Literature (Two GCSEs)
- **Mathematics**
- Three **Science** GCSEs for most students. Two Science GCSEs for others
- At least one modern foreign **language** (French, German, Spanish) already studied in KS3
- **PSHE** and **PE** (non-examined)
- **Three additional options:** History and/or Geography strongly recommended





## Science subjects



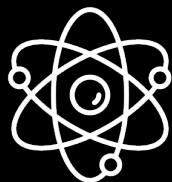
Two possible pathways

<b>Triple</b>	<b>Trilogy</b>
<b>Three</b> separate science GCSEs	<b>Two</b> GCSEs in “Science”
12 lessons per fortnight	12 lessons per fortnight
6 GCSE exams (6 x 105 mins)	6 GCSE exams (6 x 75 mins)
More content covered	Less content covered
Work at a faster pace	Work at a slower pace

Who should opt for each pathway?



## Science subjects



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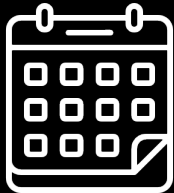
<b>Triple</b>	<b>Trilogy</b>
Students planning to study a HL science at KS5?	Students not planning to study HL science at KS5
Typically awarded scores of “good” or “excellent” in progress checks. (Feb grading influenced by Y9 exam scores).	Typically awarded grades of “limited” in progress checks (Feb grading influenced by Y9 exam scores).
A majority of our students	Students that will benefit from more time to practise in class



**First Google  
Form**

## **Tomorrow - 16th January**

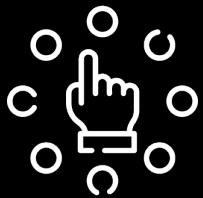
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with your child





## Options subjects

- A second language (French, German or Spanish)
- Art and Design (Fine Art or 3D Design)
- Business
- Computing
- Drama
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- Geography
- History
- Music
- PE and Sport
- Religious Studies and Philosophy
- Statistics





## How do I choose?



In making your choices you should bear in mind the following points.

- The subjects that you are **good at**.
- The subjects that you **like**.
- The subjects that may be **necessary for any future studies** and career pathways.
- Maintaining a **balance** so that you keep open options for future study.

# Pathway to Top University, Apprenticeship and Career Destinations



World class IB  
Curriculum Pathways:  
IBDP and IBCP

Y9 Options

GCSEs

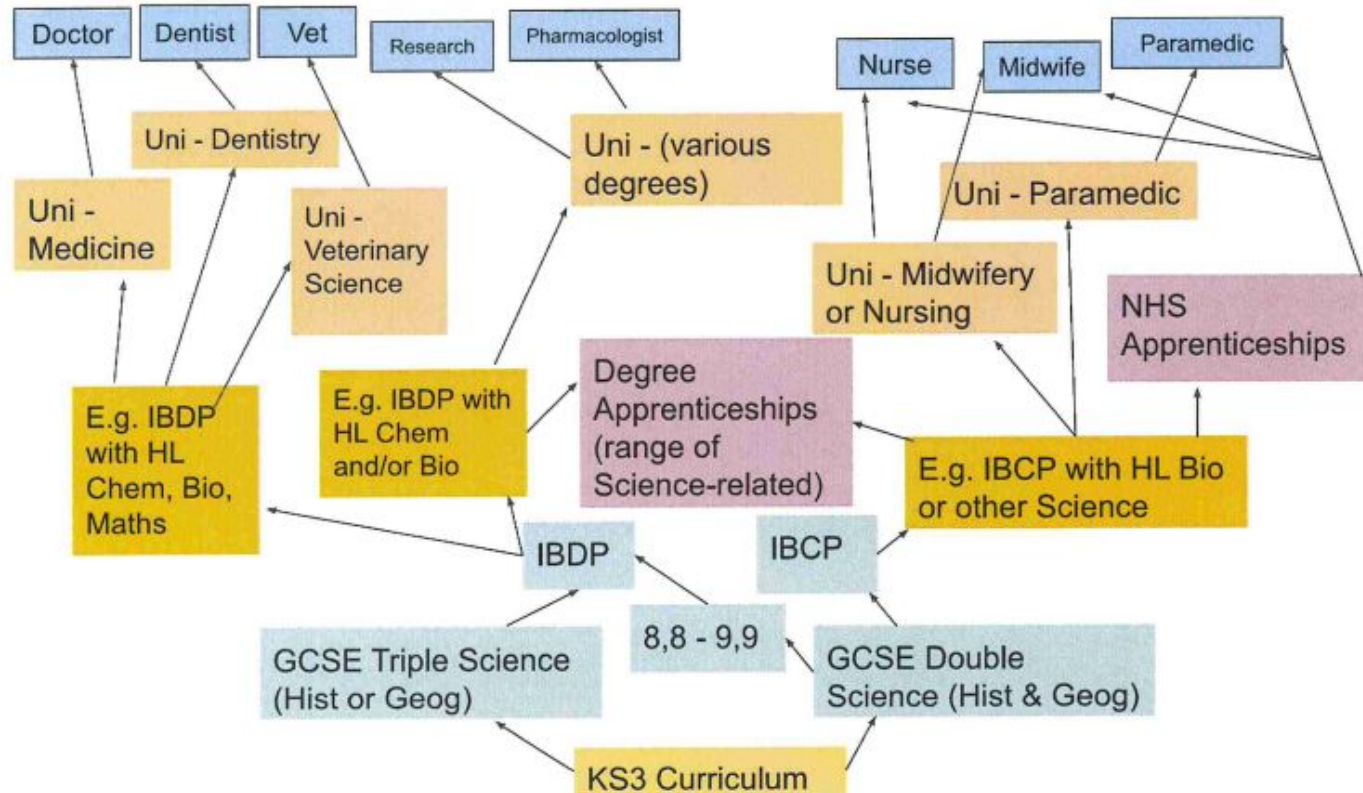
Sixth Form



# Year 9: GCSE OPTIONS - DCGS Medical Sciences



## Pathway

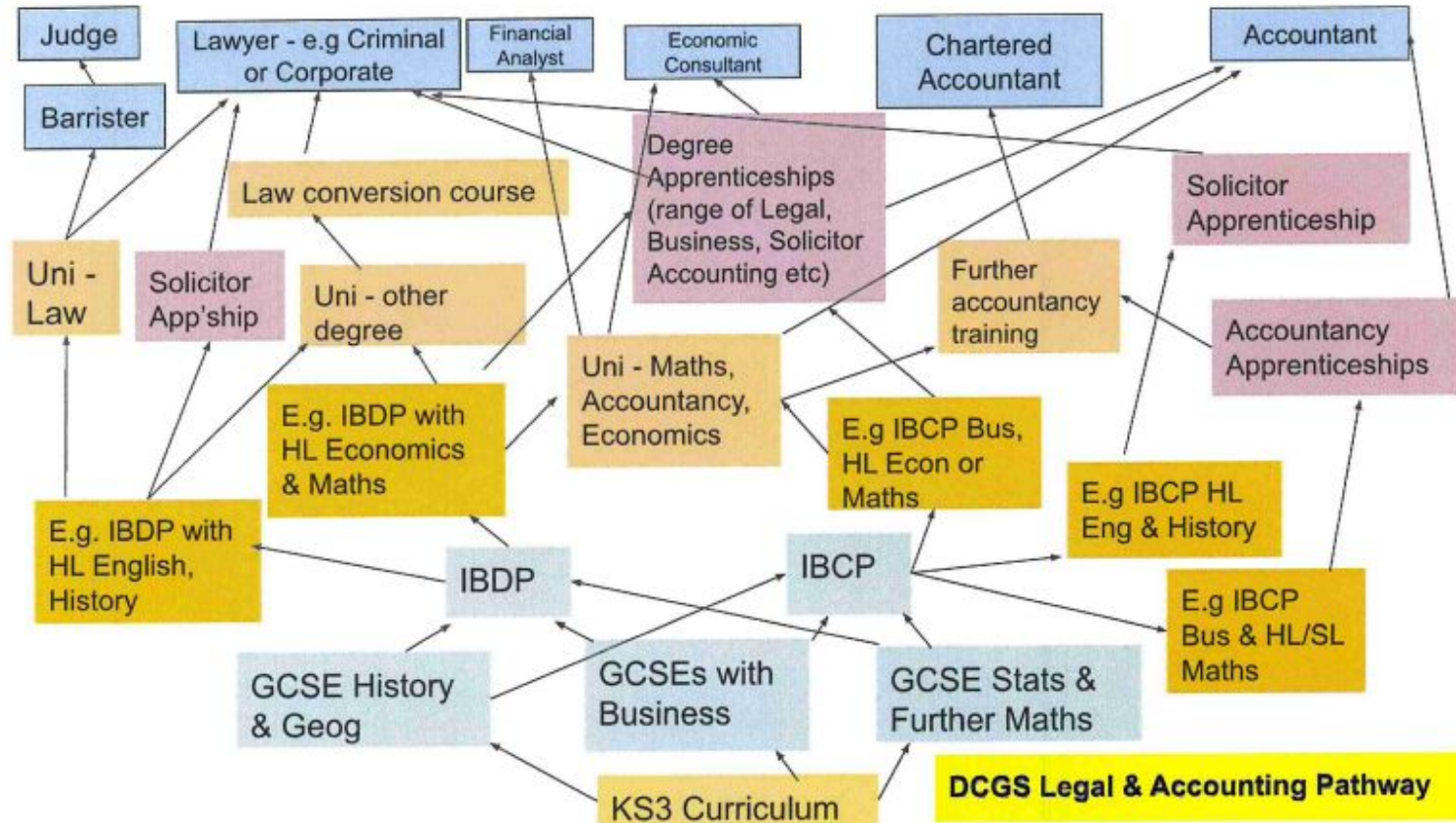


- Work Experience
- Guest speakers
- Dissection club
- UCAT workshops

# YEAR 9 OPTIONS: DCGS Legal & Accounting



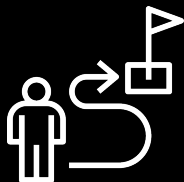
## Pathway



**DCGS Legal & Accounting Pathway**



Where will  
your GCSEs  
take you?



**James**  
**University of Cambridge,**  
**studying English**

**IB options: Diploma (IBDP)**

HL English  
HL Chemistry  
HL Maths  
SL German  
SL Art  
SL Psychology

**GCSE options:**

Triple Science  
German  
Art  
History

**Nancy**  
**University of Bristol,**  
**studying Law with French**  
**Law**

**IB options: Diploma (IBDP)**

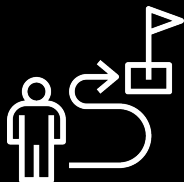
HL French  
HL Geography  
HL History  
SL Biology  
SL English  
SL Maths

**GCSE options:**

Triple Science  
Spanish  
Geography  
History



Where will  
your GCSEs  
take you?



**Rhys**  
Imperial College London,  
studying Medicine

**IB options: Diploma (IBDP)**

HL Maths  
HL Chemistry  
HL Biology  
SL Psychology  
SL English  
SL French

**GCSE options:**

Triple Science  
French  
PE  
History

**Izzy**  
St George's, University of  
London, studying  
Paramedic Sciences

**IB options: Careers'  
Programme (IBCP)**  
Health and Social Care  
HL Biology  
HL Theatre

**GCSE options:**  
Science Trilogy  
French  
Drama  
Religious Studies



## Common questions

- Are there any **restrictions** in my choices?
- Does my **language** count as one of my choices?
- Why is it a good idea to do **history or geography**?
- Will I definitely get **all my choices**?
- Does it matter which **order** I put my choices in?
- What if I **change my mind**?
- Where can I find more **information and support**?





## Key dates

**16 January**

Google form sent to parents  
(deadline Friday 23rd January)

**19 January**

Discussions in mentoring

**9 February**

Progress check

**3 March**

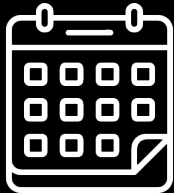
Parents' evening

**9 March**

Final Google form in mentoring

**20 March**

Deadline for options choices





## Subject stands in Delphi plaza

