

GCSE Curriculum 2023 – Information for Year 9 parents.

Science

There are two study routes for GCSE Science:

Route	Number of pupils	Selection Criteria
Double Award	110 out of 140 79%	End of term assessment scores
Separate Sciences	30 out of 140	Top 30 score in all three end of term assessments*

Pupils have access to the same subject specialist teachers, and the same choice of A levels / University courses whichever route they take.

* In the event of a tie for the 30th place the Science team considers the pupils' performance throughout Key Stage 3, alongside their attitude to learning scores. Pupils will know which route they are taking before the end of the summer term.

Modern Foreign Languages

This is not an optional unit at GCSE, nearly all pupils take GCSE French or Spanish.

A few pupils may be offered an alternative qualification but can still choose to take GCSE French or Spanish if they wish.

Route	Selection Criteria
Alternative qualification	Less than "secure" performance in Years 7, 8, and 9; high attitude to learning scores

Humanities

Nearly all pupils will study either GCSE History or GCSE Geography.

A few pupils may be offered an alternative qualification but can still choose to take GCSE History or Geography if they wish.

Route	Selection Criteria
Alternative qualification	Less than "secure" performance in Years 7, 8, and 9; high attitude to learning scores

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