

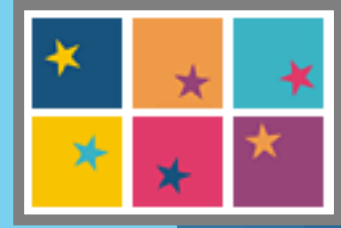
# Year 8 GCSE Parent Information Evening



**Helping you achieve the future  
you deserve**

***Your future is in your hands!***

# Aims



- Key stages where choices are made
- Explain what choices are available and why
- How to support your child to ensure success
- The options process and next steps



# Options through Secondary school

- KS3 - Spanish or French
- KS4 - GCSE 3 options
- KS5 - 3 A levels/BTECs or  
BTEC National



# Core GCSE subjects

- English language GCSE
- English literature GCSE
- Mathematics GCSE
- Science - triple (3 GCSEs)  
or trilogy (2 GCSE)
- Religious studies GCSE



# Progress 8 measure



**English**

Double-weighted\*



**Maths**

Double-weighted



**3**



**4**



**5**

**EBacc qualifications**

(sciences, computer science, geography,  
history and languages)

*\*Higher score of English Language or English Literature  
double-weighted if a student has taken both qualifications*



**6**



**7**



**8**

**'Open group'**

**Remaining EBacc qualifications and  
other approved qualifications**

(GCSEs and other approved academic, arts or vocational  
qualifications)

# How the new grades compare with the old ones



Old grades	New grades
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6 5 STRONG PASS 4 STANDARD PASS
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U



# Option subjects

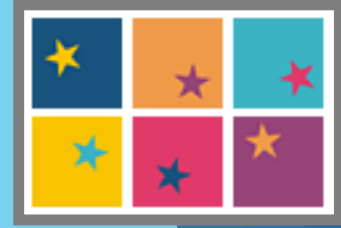


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Course Descriptions  
Compulsory and Option Subjects  
Subject Request Information

Booklet details 16  
different option  
choices

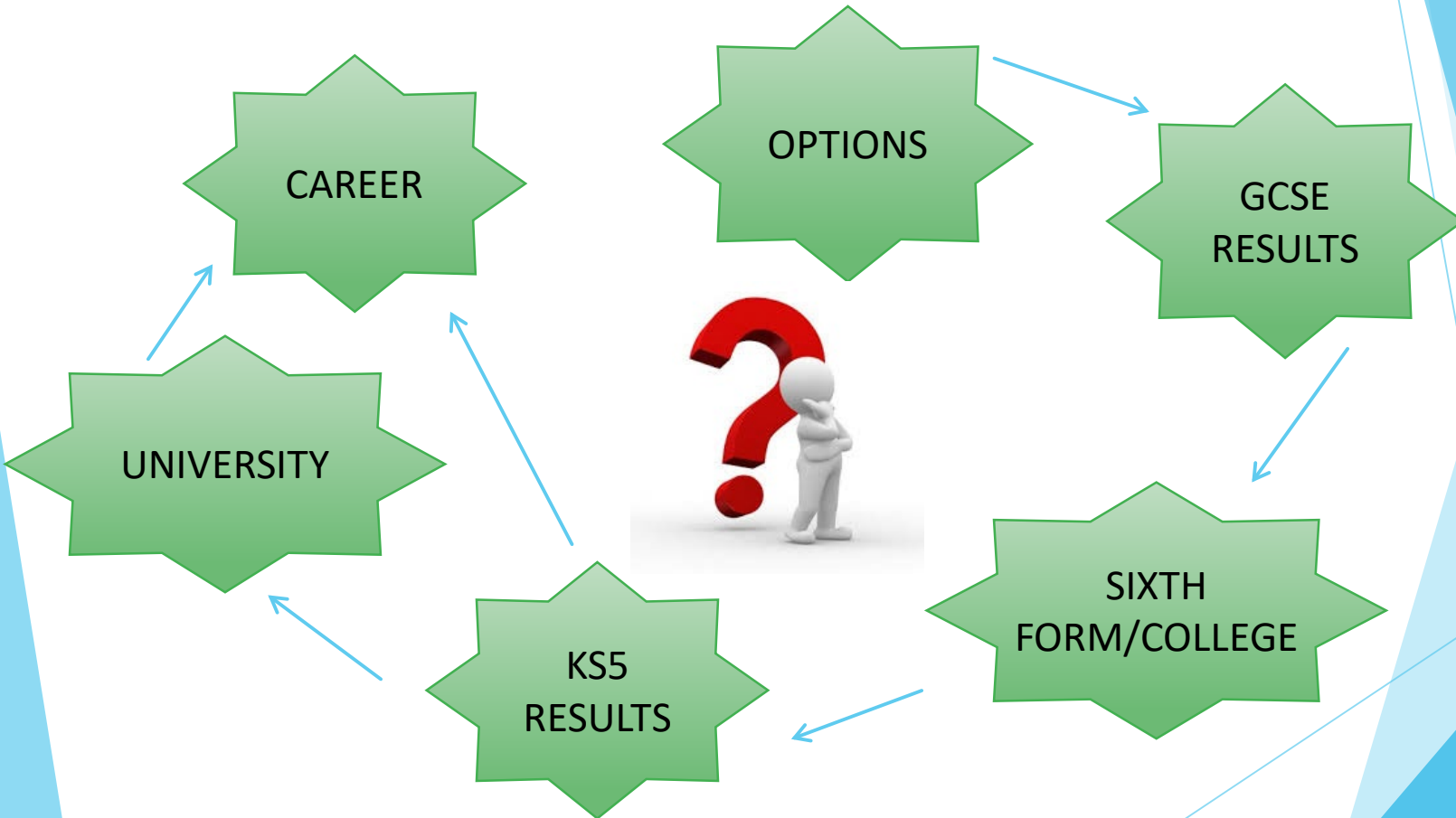
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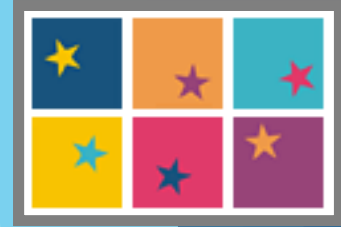


# IMPLICATIONS FOR YOUR FUTURE





How can you  
support your  
child to make  
informed  
choices?

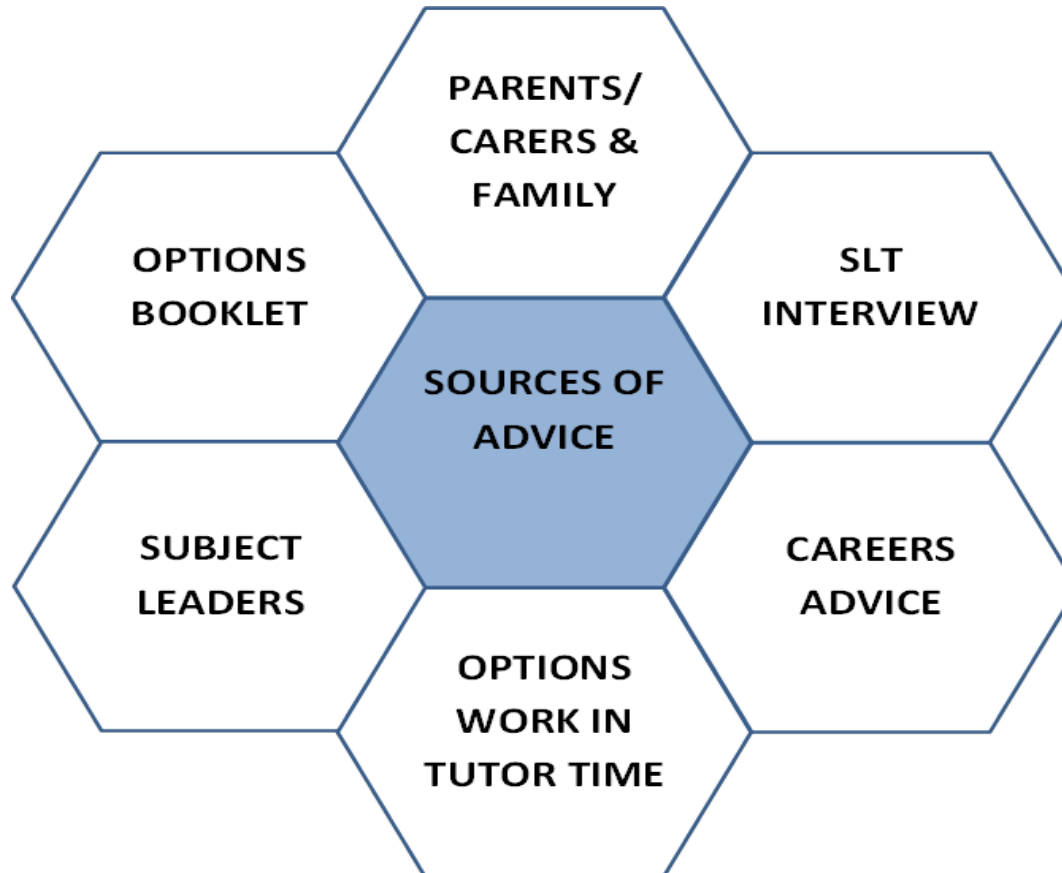


# Supporting your child

- ▶ Read the options booklet with your son/daughter
- ▶ Discuss with your son/daughter what subjects they enjoy
- ▶ Help them to think about what they would like to do in the future
- ▶ Discuss with family friends if they are in alternative careers
- ▶ Research careers and university courses on the internet
- ▶ Familiarise yourself with the new pathways available and the curriculum offer



# Information Sources



Heap 2018 Guide:

University Course Offers

[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)



# DO DO NOT

1. Get as much advice as you can (including appointment with careers advisor)

2. Talk to your teachers

1. Choose a subject because you like the teacher

3. Talk to your parents/carers

4. Talk to older students

2. Choose a subject because your

5. Research into possible careers paths you may be considering

# What should you be doing as a student?

6. Choose subjects which will help you progress into post 16 education and onto university/apprenticeship/ employment

3. Choose a subject because you think it will be easy there are no easy subjects

7. Choose subjects you have an interest in

8. Choose subjects you are successful in



What is the  
process of  
making choices?



# What has happened so far

- ▶ **30<sup>th</sup> October - 20<sup>th</sup> November - Options assemblies**
- ▶ **20<sup>th</sup> November - Academic afternoon**
- ▶ **20<sup>th</sup> November - Parent information evening**



# What is still to come...

- ▶ **7<sup>th</sup> December** - First Option Choice Deadline
- ▶ **28<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 8 Parents Evening
- ▶ **7<sup>th</sup> March** - GCSE Options Advice, Information and Guidance Evening - 1 to 1 meeting with a member of Leadership
- ▶ **15<sup>th</sup> March** - Final Option Choices Form deadline





# Things to be aware of

- ▶ You must choose at least 1 EBacc subject but the other 2 choices can be any other options subject including others in the EBacc group.
- ▶ Subjects may be over-subscribed.
- ▶ Some subjects may be undersubscribed and not run.
- ▶ Combinations of subjects may not fit together in the timetable.
- ▶ In these cases, we may have to offer alternative courses - but we will speak to students on an individual basis - there will be no surprises in September 2019.
- ▶ This is why we ask for reserve options to be chosen.



# What is in my pack?

- ▶ Most recent report
- ▶ Y8 Options Process Key Dates
- ▶ Course Descriptions for Compulsory & Option Subjects
- ▶ Options Form

You must complete the Options Form and hand back to either Miss Winch in N213 or post into the Options box at SSM desk by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.**



Thank you for  
listening.

Any questions?