
RAYNER STEPHENS HIGH SCHOOL

Year 9 Options Presentation 2026



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Option Choices

Students entering KS4 in September are now entitled to choose the subjects that they wish to continue to study.

As well as being able to choose some subjects, all students must study Maths, English, Science, PE and PHSE, (Citizenship, RSE, Careers and core RE Topics), these subjects are called CORE subjects.

The core subjects will make up five GCSE's



CORE

- English Language (1 GCSE)
- English Literature (1 GCSE)



CORE

- Mathematics (1GCSE)



CORE

- Science (2GCSE's)



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- PHSE and PE (not examined)

Option Choices

Students will choose subjects from a range of courses that cover two very different examination types.

GCSE

- GCSE Art
- GCSE Computer Science
- GCSE Spanish
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE History
- GCSE Religious Studies
- GCSE Triple Science
- GCSE Design Technology
- GCSE Music Practice

Technical Awards (GCSE equivalent)

- BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts
- BTEC Tech Award in Sport
- OCR National in Enterprise and Marketing
- BTEC Child Development
- WJEC Hospitality and Catering Award

GCSE Grading

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

Changes to GCSE gradings changed in 2017 on a rolling programme, starting with English and Maths.

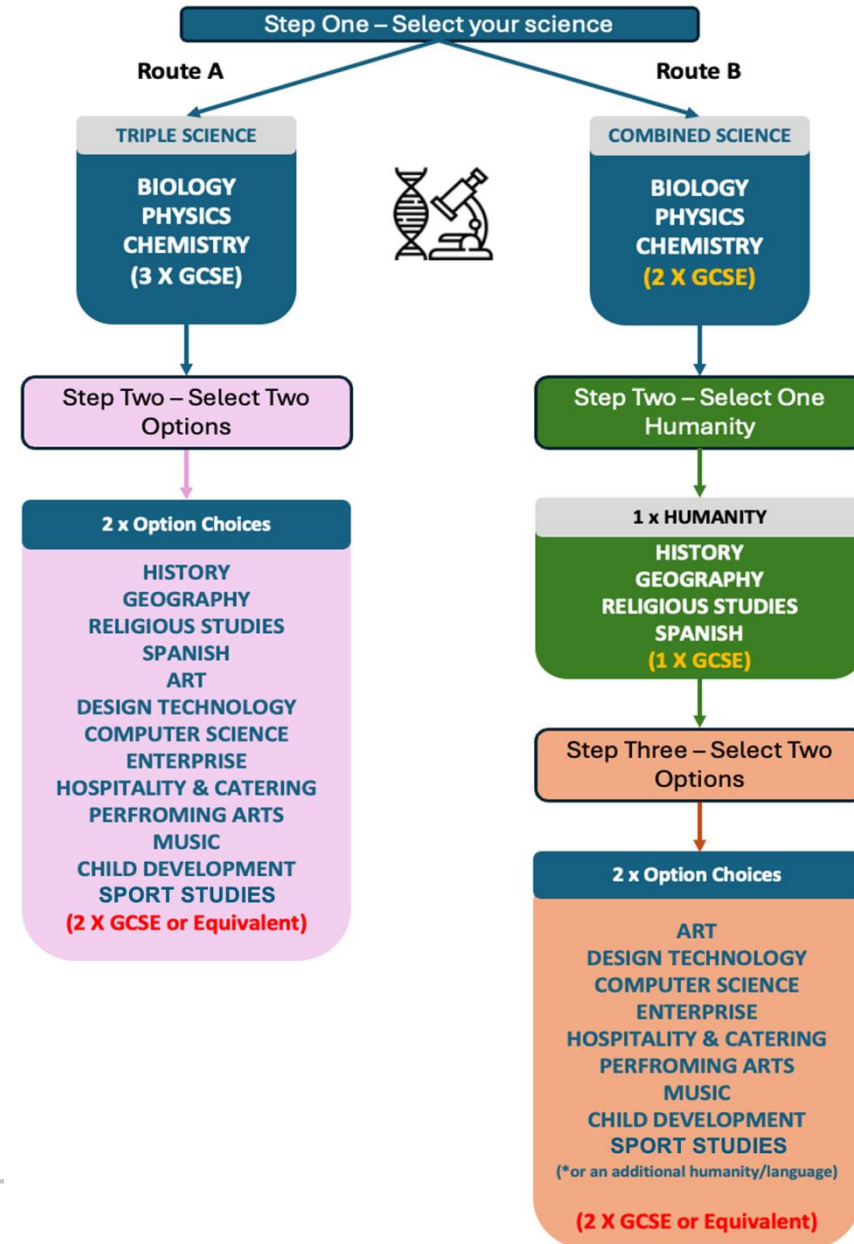
By 2020, all grades had changed from letter to numbers as you can see in the table.

BTEC and vocational courses, although equivalent to a GCSE are graded Distinction, Merit and Pass.

Options Blocks

Can I choose whichever subjects I want?

- **Do not** attempt to specialise too much in certain areas as this may limit your opportunities in the future.
- You will all be given 7 option choices in total and will need to select them in rank order, 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.
- It is always our intention to provide all students with their first three choices, but this is not always possible. Please makes sure you consider all your choices carefully.



Will I get all my first choices?

- It is hoped that most students will get their first choices of option subjects, but this is not always possible.
- Subjects can be withdrawn or changed due to staffing changes and low numbers opting for a subject.
- If the first choice cannot be accommodated students and parents are contacted and alternatives are discussed before a final decision is made.



What if I do not know what I want to do?

- DO NOT COPY YOUR FRIENDS
- Do not choose a subject based on the teacher
- Speak with your teachers: **All subjects have subject specialist teachers who can answer any questions that you have.**
- U Explore Website www.u-explore.com
- What job/ area do you want to go into.
 - What subjects do you enjoy.

U Explore (www.u-explore.com)

U Explore is a free careers guidance platform with a wealth of resources to help you choose your options.

World of work section

Search a job and you will get in-depth information on; what you do; hours; salary; and routes into it including what qualifications you need.

What to study section

- Evaluation tools to help you decide what is best for you.
- Select a subject you enjoy and look at the jobs linked to this subject.

How do we collect the option choices.

- Complete the Digital Microsoft form that will be emailed to you on Friday 6th March.
- **The deadline for completion is Friday 13th March**
- Please do not select the same option for both first and second choices, or select the same subject as your first choice in two different option blocks
- Please make sure you tick 'No' for subjects that you do not wish to study
- All parents/students will be notified in the summer term which subjects they have been allocated

2026 Options Form ☰

1. Students First Name *

Enter your answer

2. Students Surname *

Enter your answer

3. Option A - Science *

Select your answer ▾

4. Route A - You will now be asked to rank your 7 favourite option choices. You will receive 2 of these choices but please understand it may not be possible to provide you with your 1st or 2nd choice. Please think carefully about your 7 choices.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice	6th Choice	7th Choice
History	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Geography	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Religious Studies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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