

TERMINOLOGY THAT MAY HELP YOU

CORE	These are compulsory subjects such as English, Maths, Science and PE. There may be other opportunities within the core that students will be able to take to enhance their qualification portfolio.
OPTION	Students choose between 3 and 5 option subjects during Years 9 – 11.
EBacc	The EBacc subjects are: Maths, English, Sciences (including Computer Science), Geography, History and Modern Foreign Languages. For students to achieve the full EBacc they must attain grade 5+ in Maths, English, at least two sciences, one of either History or Geography and a Modern Foreign Language. Apart from French and Spanish other languages may qualify for EBacc even if we do not offer lessons in these languages.
Key Stage 4	Programmes of study for students in Years 9, 10 and 11.
GCSE	A course graded 9-1. These are assessed by a mix of examination and coursework (see individual subject guides for further information).
BTEC	A vocational qualification graded pass/merit/distinction/distinction* and equivalent to a GCSE. It is mostly portfolio/coursework based, usually with a small exam element (see individual subject guides for further information). BTEC's are worth the following equivalents: Pass = Grade 5 at GCSE Merit = Grade 6 at GCSE Distinction = Grade 7 at GCSE Distinction* = Grade 8 at GCSE
AQA	Exam awarding body.
Edexcel	Exam awarding body.
OCR	Exam awarding body.
WJEC	Exam awarding body. Eduqas is the new brand from WJEC.
Controlled assessment	Formal internal test, part of a qualification, when candidates must be within direct sight of the teacher to ensure that the work is the candidate's own.