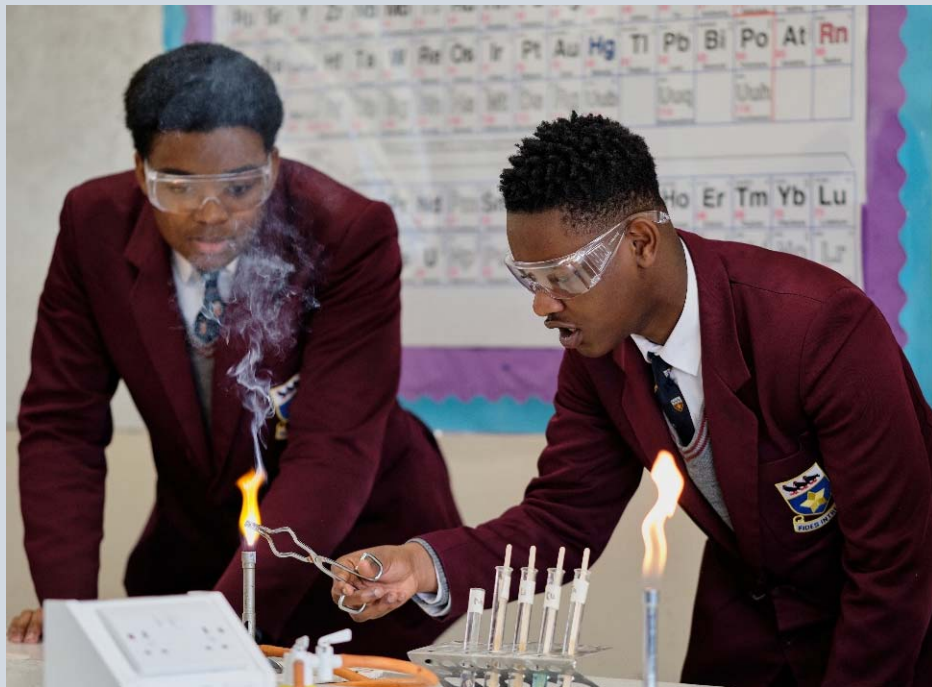


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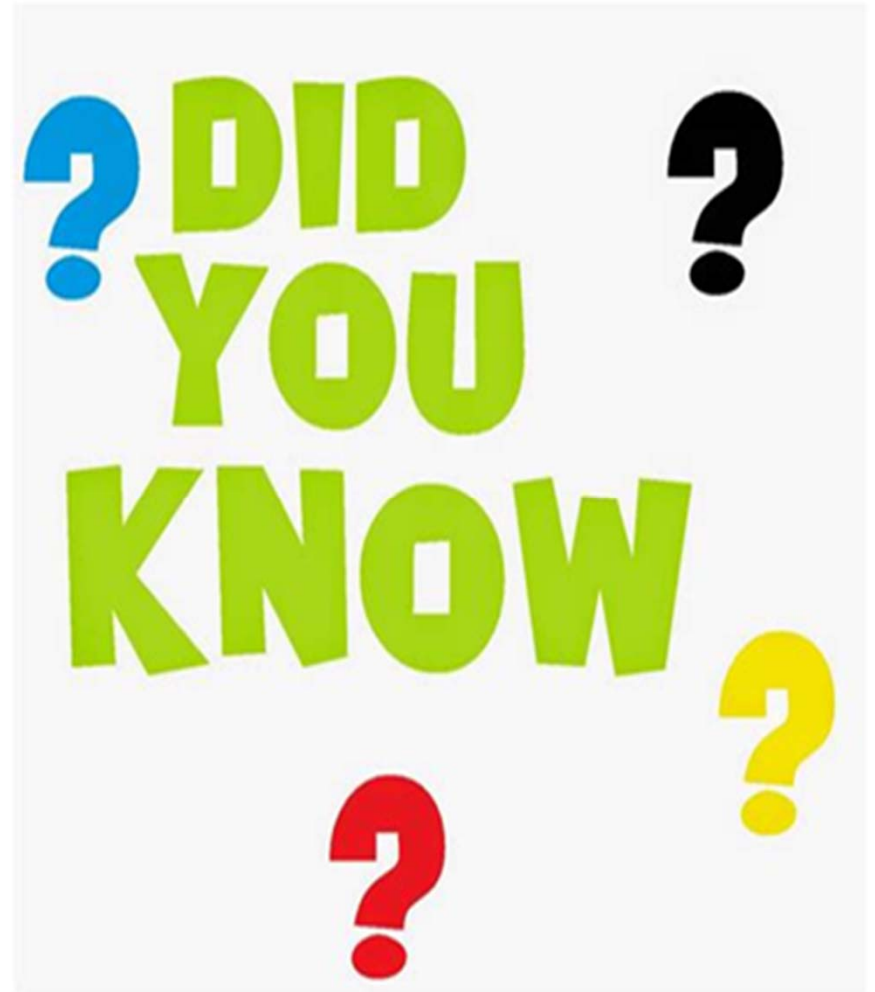
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- Many of today's most in-demand jobs didn't exist 10 years ago.
- Today's learner will have over 10 jobs by the age of 38.
- 1 in 4 workers have been with their current employer for less than a year.
- 1 in 2 have been there less than five years.



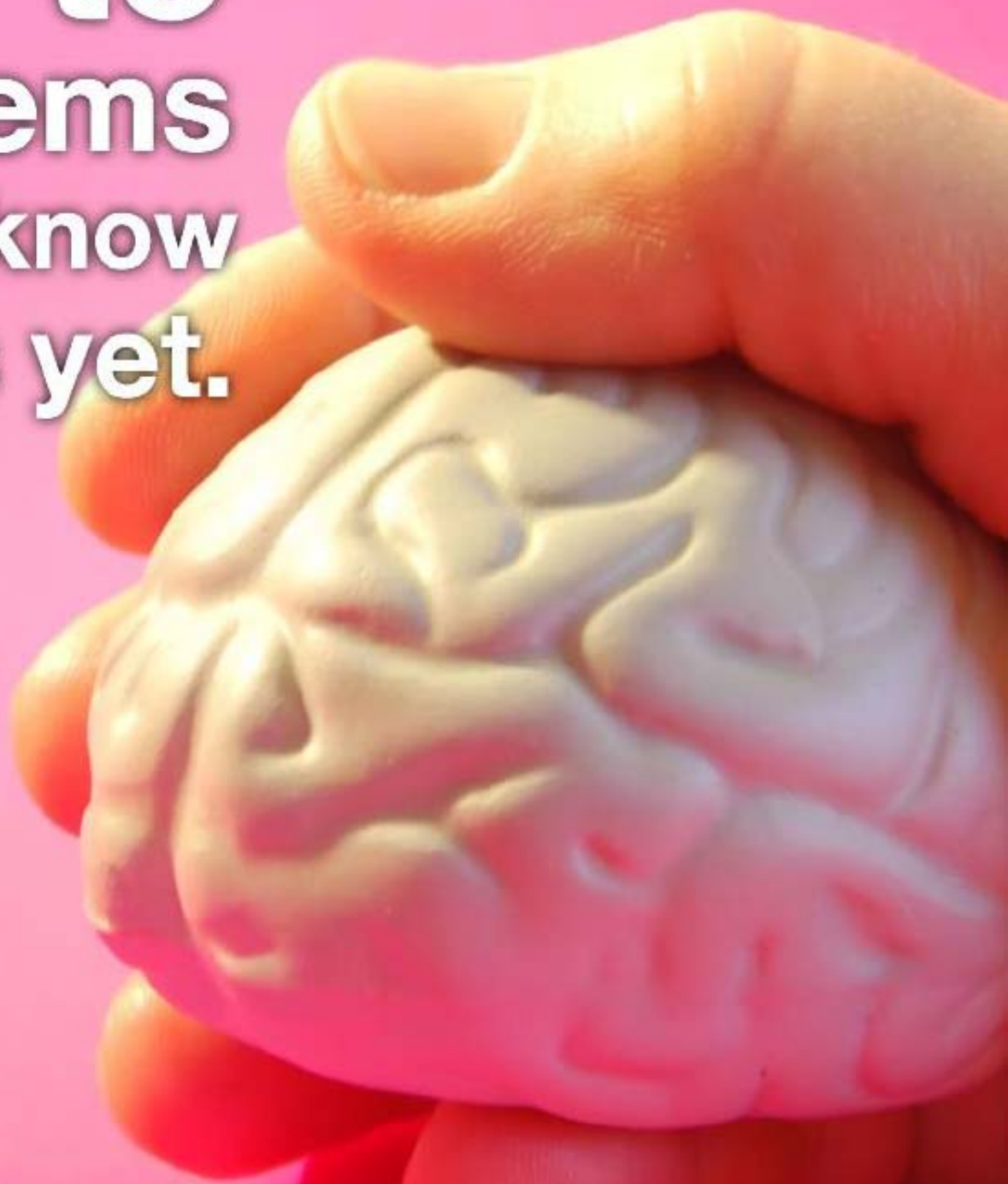
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**We are currently
preparing students
for jobs that
don't yet exist...**

using technologies
that haven't
been invented...



**in order to
solve problems
we don't even know
are problems yet.**



The world beyond St Joseph's College



- Young people have to remain in education or training until they are 18.
- The Government believes that adults will be 22-23 years old before they embark upon a career.
- They will work to the age of 70+ before retirement.
- The days of a lifelong career with one company or within one industry have gone.

How are we preparing students for this uncertain future?



At St Joseph's College



Our curriculum pathways are:

- **Broad and Balanced**
- **Relevant**
- **Challenging**
- **Enjoyable**
- **Personalised**



Every student at St Joseph's College will study:



All students, regardless of their pathway will study the subjects below providing them with **6 GCSEs**:

1. GCSE Combined Science (counts as 2 GCSE's)
2. GCSE English Language
3. GCSE English Literature
4. GCSE Maths
5. GCSE Religious Studies
6. Core PE (non-exam)

GCSEs

Information Booklet Content



Key Stage 4 Options Pathways Information Booklet 2024



St. Joseph's College

Please send all queries to: KS4options@sjc.ac

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GCSEs



- More rigorous – harder than in the past
- Bigger – more content
- Linear course with exams sat at end of year 11
- Little chance to resit (except English and Maths – non negotiable, post 16)
- No coursework except in a few subjects (Art, Design and Technology, Food etc.)

Grade 4 and 5 in English and Maths



- Grades 4/5 in English and Maths remain a key standard
- It will continue to be a key minimum requirement for many courses, apprenticeships & jobs
- Grade 5 is aligned with the average performance from high flying countries in international league tables

What is EBacc?



English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

It is a suggested collection of subjects a student can study. This is achieved when a student attains:

Grade 5 (or above) in English, Maths, Two Sciences, a Language and either History or Geography

The government encourages students to undertake this EBacc suite of subjects as this provides a more balanced curriculum experience for the future. However it can be quite limiting!

Our view on the EBacc



- We support the idea of a **broad and balanced curriculum** that has some flexibility to meet the needs and aspirations of all our students
- We want students to have choice
- Studying the EBacc subjects alongside one of the Arts and a Technology subject would provide breadth and balance

If you have any queries about your son being on the EBacc pathway please contact us on: KS4options@sja.ac

The Choices



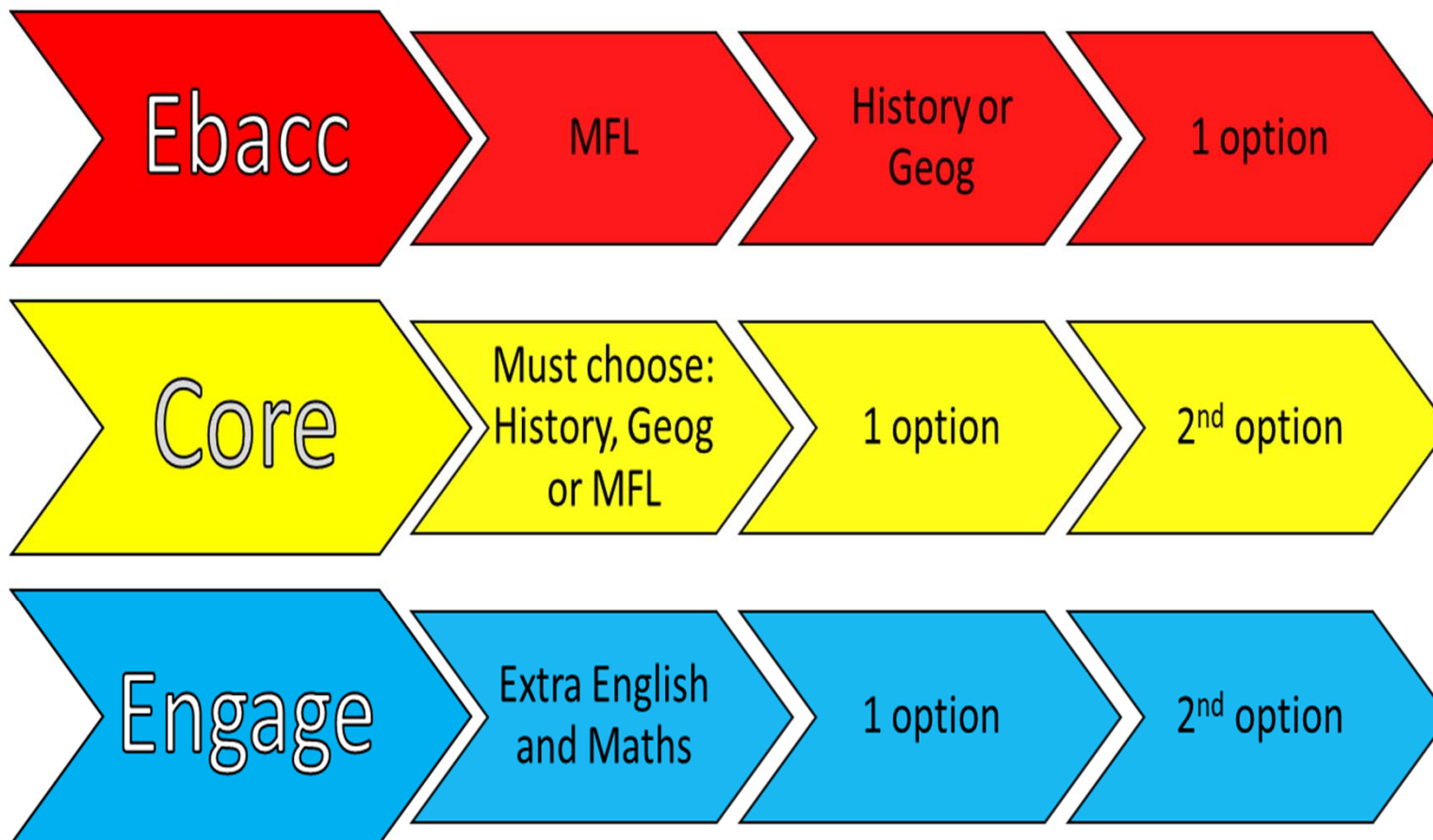
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are the Key
Stage 4
Pathways?



Key Stage 4 Pathways



Your son will be placed onto one of following pathways:



Pathways are determined by:

1. KS2 Results
2. CATs Results (new to the school or joined from another country)
3. Other relevant factors e.g.: suitability for the pathway and courses.

The Government stated that by 2022, 75% of all students will study EBACC Subjects however that figure nationally is approximately 38%.

Subjects on offer are:



There are new subjects available:

- GCSE Art
- GCSE Business Studies
- BTEC Business Studies
- GCSE Computing
- GCSE Design & Technology
- GCSE Drama
- GCSE Food and Nutrition
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE History
- Cambridge National Certificate in Creative i-Media
- GCSE Mandarin
- GCSE Music
- BTEC Sport
- GCSE Spanish
- **GCSE Triple Science** - (students studying this do not study Combined Science but 3 separate science qualifications).
- Internal assessments are used alongside options selected, to ascertain the suitability of students for both GCSE Computing and Triple Science.

Just to make things clear...



Subject combinations your child will not be allowed to choose

1. Creative iMedia + Computer Science

2. GCSE Business Studies + BTEC Enterprise



3. Please note students can only pick the language that they have studied at KS3 – however you may be able to do your own native language and that counts.

Other Information...



- Occasionally we cannot offer students all of their first choices so we have asked them to make a reserve choice on the SIMS online platform.
- If a course is **oversubscribed** your child will be selected on the basis of:

Meeting the options deadline, good attendance, good behaviour, possible career path and subject report.

A word of advice....



- Students need to be open-minded about their options
- **Do not** discount vocational and creative arts courses



Who can students ask for help?



- Tutor
- Subject Teachers Parents Evening
- Mr Goodair- HOY
- Ms Da Costa - PL
- Learning Support
- Parents
- Careers Adviser (Mrs Ferney)
- Relevant pages of the Option Book!
- Visit Key Stage 4 Options Page of School Website
- Watch 'YouTube' Videos of each subject
- Book Options Consultation appointment
- Contact us on the email below



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What should influence choice?



- Enjoyment
- Talent
- Career
- Balance
- Recommendation



Take Care!



Choices should not be influenced by:

1. Friends
2. Liking a teacher
3. Thinking that any course is easy...
they are all **demanding**

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

Next steps...



1. Attend virtual parents evening (online) – **7th February 2023**
2. Login to view options online – **when you receive email**
3. Book a Consultation Appointment if you require one deadline–
20th February 2023
4. Options Consultation Appointments - **27th February 2023**
5. Read course information booklet and watch subject videos on
'YouTube'
6. Submit options online by – **6th March 2023**

ANY QUERIES AT ALL regarding pathways or options please email:

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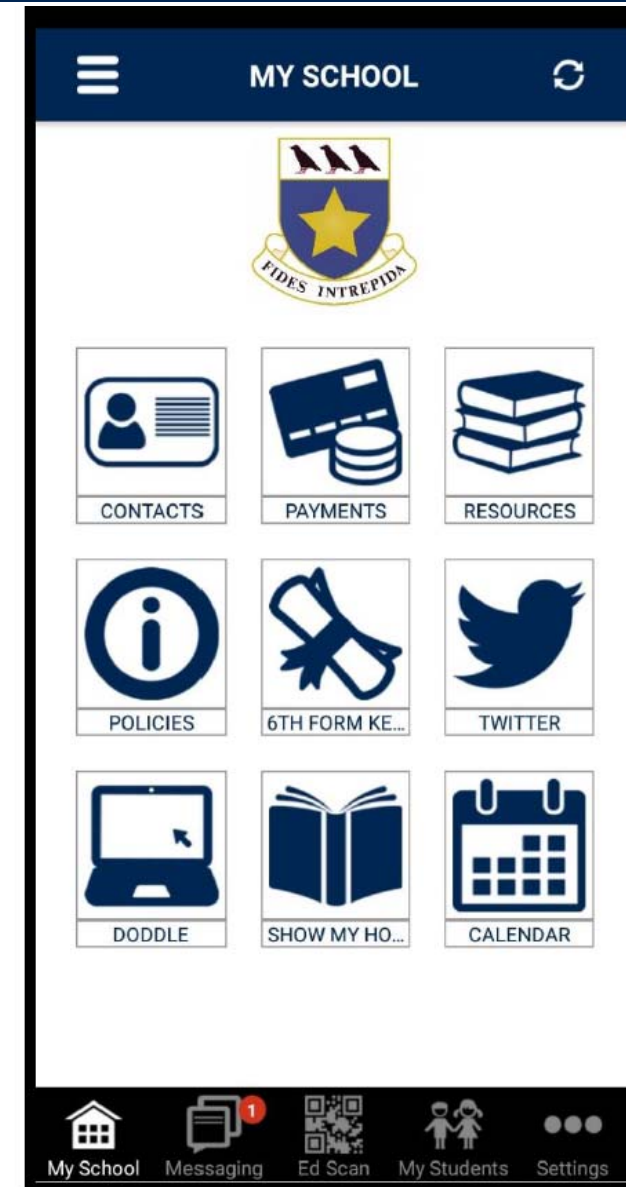
- Support (family discussion – listen to what your child is interested in and enjoys, or is passionate about)
- Guidance – who to talk to?
- Informed – understand process and implications
- Work with us
- Ensure online form is completed by

Monday 4th March 2024

The MyED App



- Download the MyEd App from the app store if you don't have it!
- Be kept up to date with school news...
- Important communication is sent home via the app
- Reports will be sent home via the app
- Make sure the school has your most up to date mobile number and email address on our system in order for the app to work 😊



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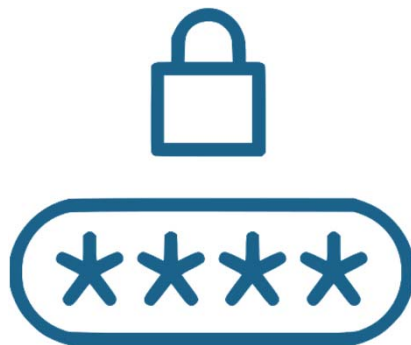
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Allocated Pathway: EBacc

The EBacc is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young peoples' options open for further study and future careers.

Studying the EBacc combination of subjects provides an important range of knowledge and skills. Students on the EBacc pathway must:

- Select Geography or History
- Select a language they have studied previously from Spanish or Mandarin
- Select an additional choice for their third option
- Select a reserve subject

To find out further information on each subject offered please read the attached Course Information Booklet and visit the link to the website attached to watch a video on each option subject.

Languages

You must select the language you have previously studied at Key Stage 3: Spanish or Mandarin

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

MANDARIN GCSE Full Course

This course is also available in Open Options

SPANISH GCSE Full Course

This course is also available in Open Options

Humanities

You must select either History or Geography

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

GEOGRAPHY GCSE Full Course

This course is also available in Open Options

HISTORY GCSE Full Course

This course is also available in Open Options

My Choices in Order of Preference

(Total Choices: 0)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No courses selected.

Open Options

You have chosen courses from this list

ART GCSE Full Course

BTEC ENTERPRISE BTEC Award Level 2

TRIPLE SCIENCE GCSE Full Course

BUSINESS S GCSE Full Course

COMPUTER S GCSE Full Course

DRAMA GCSE Full Course

DT DESIGN TECHNOLOGY GCSE Full Course

FOOD PREPARATION AND NUTRITION
GCSE Full Course

GEOGRAPHY GCSE Full Course

This course is also available in Humanities

HISTORY GCSE Full Course

This course is also available in Humanities

CREATIVE iMEDIA BTEC Award Level 1 & 2

MANDARIN GCSE Full Course

This course is also available in Languages

MUSIC GCSE Full Course

BTEC PE BTEC Award Level 2

SPANISH GCSE Full Course

This course is also available in Languages

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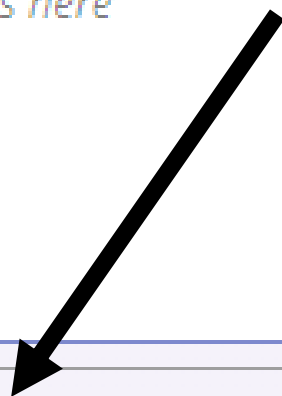
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