

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Year 9 Options - Triple Science Update

As we continue with our planning for next year, we have reviewed our provision for Combined Science (Trilogy) and Separate Sciences ('Triple Science'). We have made the decision to alter our curriculum plan so that Triple Science is no longer in the option blocks. If a student wishes to study Triple Science, they will have twelve lessons over the two-week timetable, instead of the ten for Combined Science. Students could therefore select Triple Science, Geography or History, plus two further option subjects. This will mean covering science content at an accelerated pace compared to the combined science groups and reduced curriculum time elsewhere; two hours instead of three for RS, and accessing IT content via another format as opposed to a one hour per fortnight lesson.

Studying triple science means that a student will attain three GCSEs and study each science (Biology/Chemistry/Physics). Combined science means that students will attain two GCSEs, still covering the three subjects. Both science courses enable progression; students can study science at QEGS at A level or BTEC with either two or three science GCSEs as long as they meet the entry criteria (grade 6 in science and maths to study science post-16).

### Updated Option Subjects:

All students must choose history or geography (and can choose both) and two other options, including:

- French
- Spanish
- Agricultural Engineering
- Art, Craft and Design
- Art Textiles
- Business Studies
- Child Development and Care
- Computer Science
- Construction Skills
- Creative & Digital Media Production
- Dance
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- Engineering
- Food prep and nutrition
- Music
- Physical Education (GCSE)
- Sports Science (Cambridge National)

Please note that Food Prep and Nutrition is in the option blocks. It was left out of the previous letter by mistake. German cannot be chosen, as it is not currently studied at QEGS in Year 9.

There is more information on the curriculum for each of these subjects on our website:

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/Learning/>

We look forward to discussing the options with you and your child at the parents' consultation evening on SchoolCloud today and will ask whether your child is interested in taking Triple Science. We will ask for a final decision on this when students fill out the Options Online Form between Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January and close on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at midday.

Yours faithfully

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