



“ Learning to make a difference together ”

Level 1 Plus: Futures

L1P Futures 2023

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The Process, Guidance and Support

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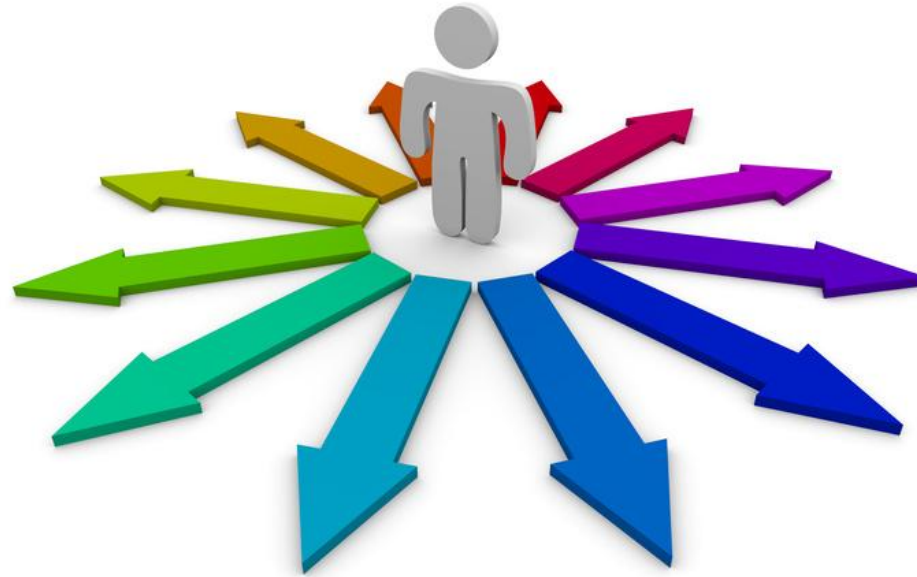
What is the Futures Programme?

- Start students thinking about the choices that they have ahead of them
- Learn about the different options post KS3
- Explore careers and how to get on the right pathway
- Start to examine their interests, aptitudes and personal qualities
- Create excitement about the future and build aspiration

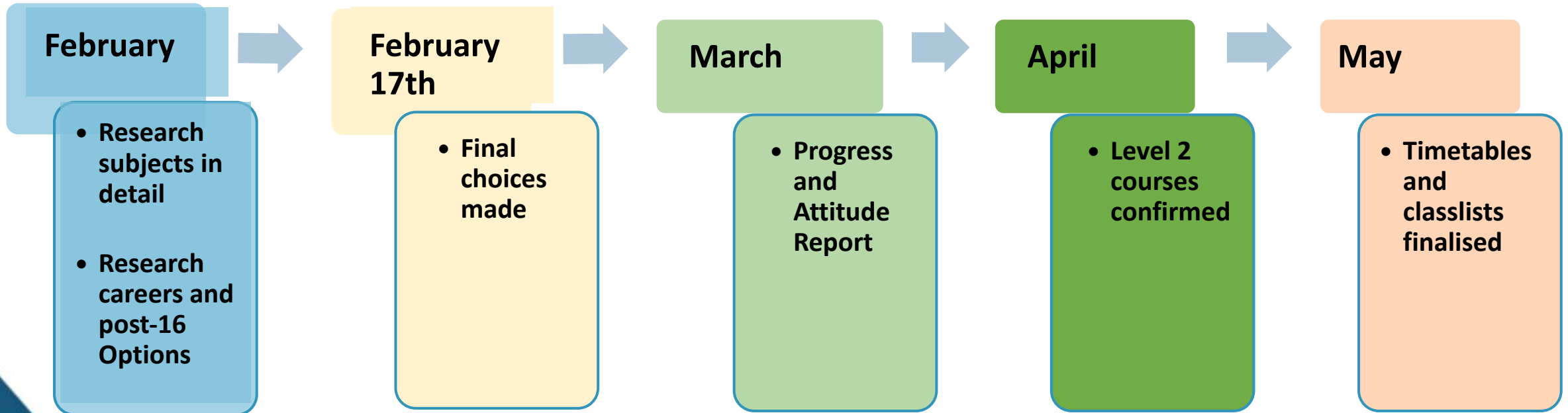


Selecting KS4 Courses

- First time students can decide which non – core subjects to study.



The Process



What courses do we offer?

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What can you choose?

1 from Humanities and Arts	2 Option Subjects + 2 reserves	
GCSE History (EBACC) GCSE Geography (EBACC) GCSE Religious Studies GCSE Art GCSE Drama GCSE Music	History (EBACC) Geography (EBACC) Food Preparation and Nutrition PE and Sports Studies (GCSE <u>or</u> Cambridge National) Health and Social Care Cambridge National Economics Business Studies Engineering (GCSE <u>or</u> Cambridge National)	Art & Design (Fine Art <u>or</u> Photography) Drama Music Religious Studies Sociology Computer Science <u>or</u> IT (GCSE or Cambridge National, respectively) Subjects in red are have entry requirements

What are Cambridge Nationals

- They are challenging and well respected qualifications equivalent to GCSEs.
- Instead of being 100% exam they feature some coursework and internally assessed units which may suit some students better.
- They provide you with knowledge and highly sought-after skills.
- They provide access to A Levels and degree programmes in most colleges and universities.
- Faculty Leaders can help decide which is the best course for students to pursue.

Why do some subjects have two qualifications - GCSE or Cambridge National?



Computer Science & IT



Physical and Sports Science

80% coursework
20% exam
or
100% Exam



Engineering

Will students get their first choices?

- 85% of students received all their main choices last year
- There will be some combinations that cannot work on the timetable
- A subject may have too many students so we use order of preference and student information from the course leaders to allocate places
- A student has to meet entry requirements for certain subjects
- Students should list choices in order of preference

How do students make their choices?

Mr Kothari



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Simply accept this invitation and register within 90 days.

Accept Invitation

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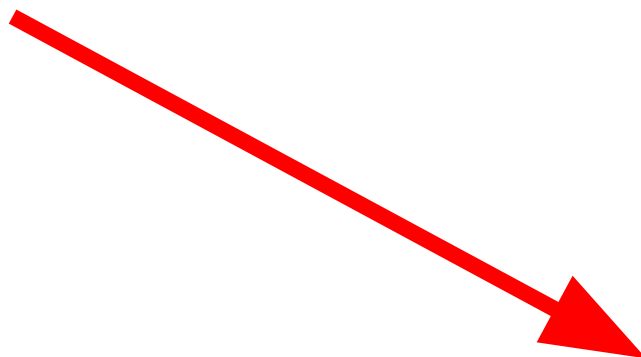
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You will need this invite code later on

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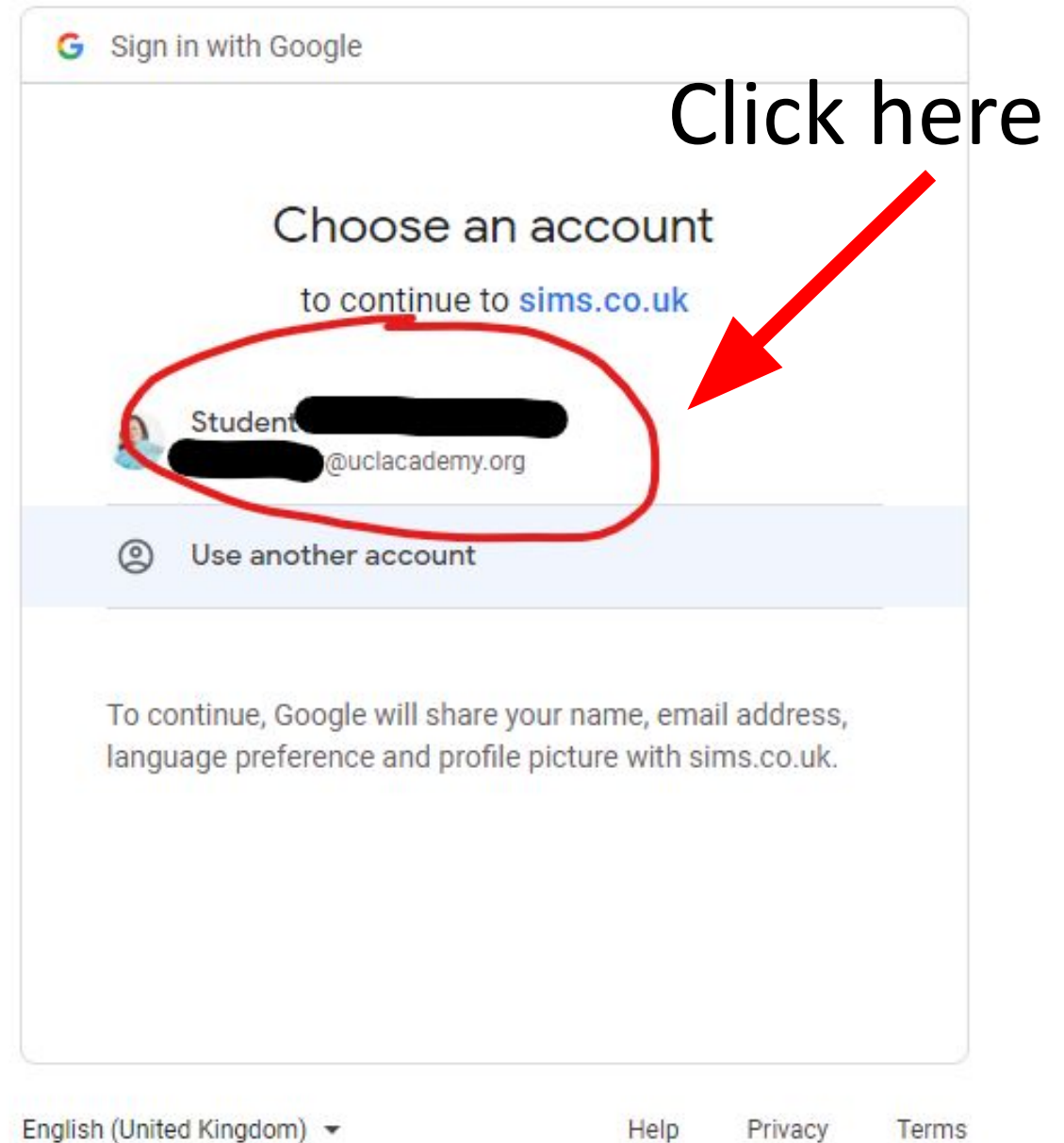
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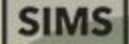
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Registration

You will have received a new service invite code from either SIMS or from your school administrator.

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Name [\(not you?\)](#)

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Invitation Code

Type in your date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

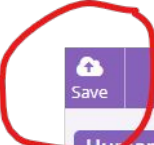


Registration - Answer Security Questions

You are required to provide a second piece of information to confirm your identity.

What is your date of birth? (dd/mm/yyyy)

Verify



Humanities and Arts
You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
This course is also available in Open Choice

Business Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
This course is also available in Open Choice

Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
This course is also available in Open Choice

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
This course is also available in Open Choice

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
This course is also available in Open Choice

Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
This course is also available in Open Choice

Religious Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
This course is also available in Open Choice

MFL
You must select the language you are studying now.
You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

Core Plus GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
This course is also available in Open Choice

German GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Mandarin GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Open Choice
Select 2 courses and 2 reserves. Make sure these are in order of preference.
You have chosen 0 of 2 courses and 0 of 2 reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
This course is also available in Humanities and Arts

Business Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
This course is also available in Humanities and Arts

Computer Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Core Plus GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
This course is also available in MFL

Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
This course is also available in Humanities and Arts

Economics GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Engineering GCSE GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Engineering Cambridge Nat

Food Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

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.

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 0)

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

No reserves selected.

Choose 1 from here

Choose 1 from here

Choose 2 from here.
Then choose 2 reserves
from here in order of
preference.

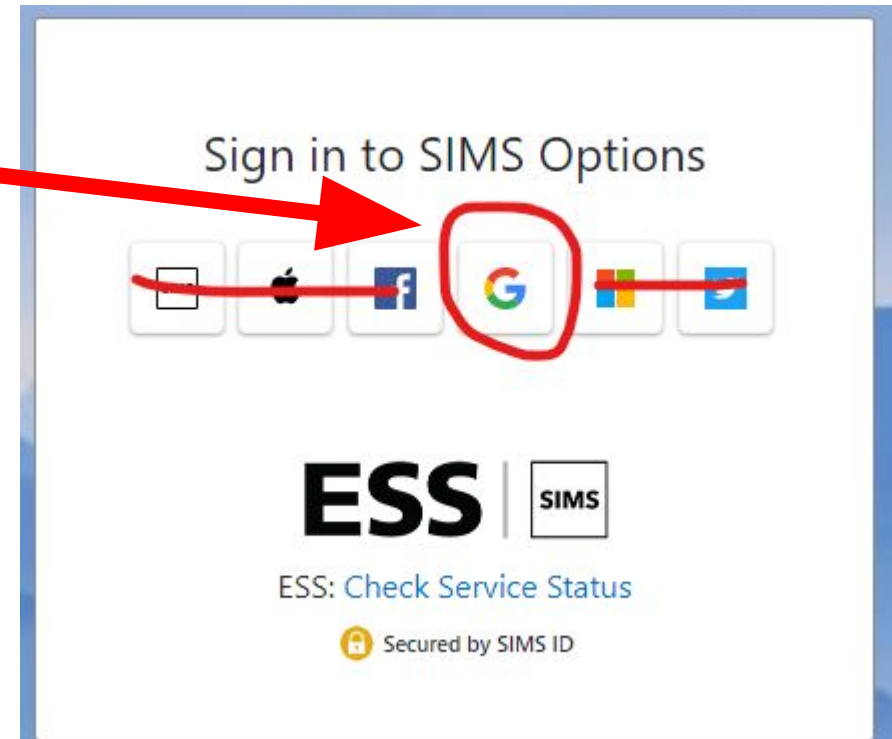
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Subjects with more than one course

You cannot select two courses of the same subject as your main choices.

You can select one as a main choice and one as a reserve though.

E.g. You can select Cambridge National Engineering Design as a main choice and GCSE Engineering as a reserve choice. They cannot both be chosen as main choices.

Same applies to PE, Art, and Computer Science/IT

Support for students and parents

- Futures booklet
- Personal guidance and careers meetings
- Tutor time activities around options and what different careers require



What are Core Subjects? How is Level 2 Different?

Ms Khan



What are the core subjects?

- Maths
- English language
- English literature
- Science (Combined or Separate)
- Mandarin or German or Spanish
- Core PE
- PSHCE



Can a student pick Separate Sciences?

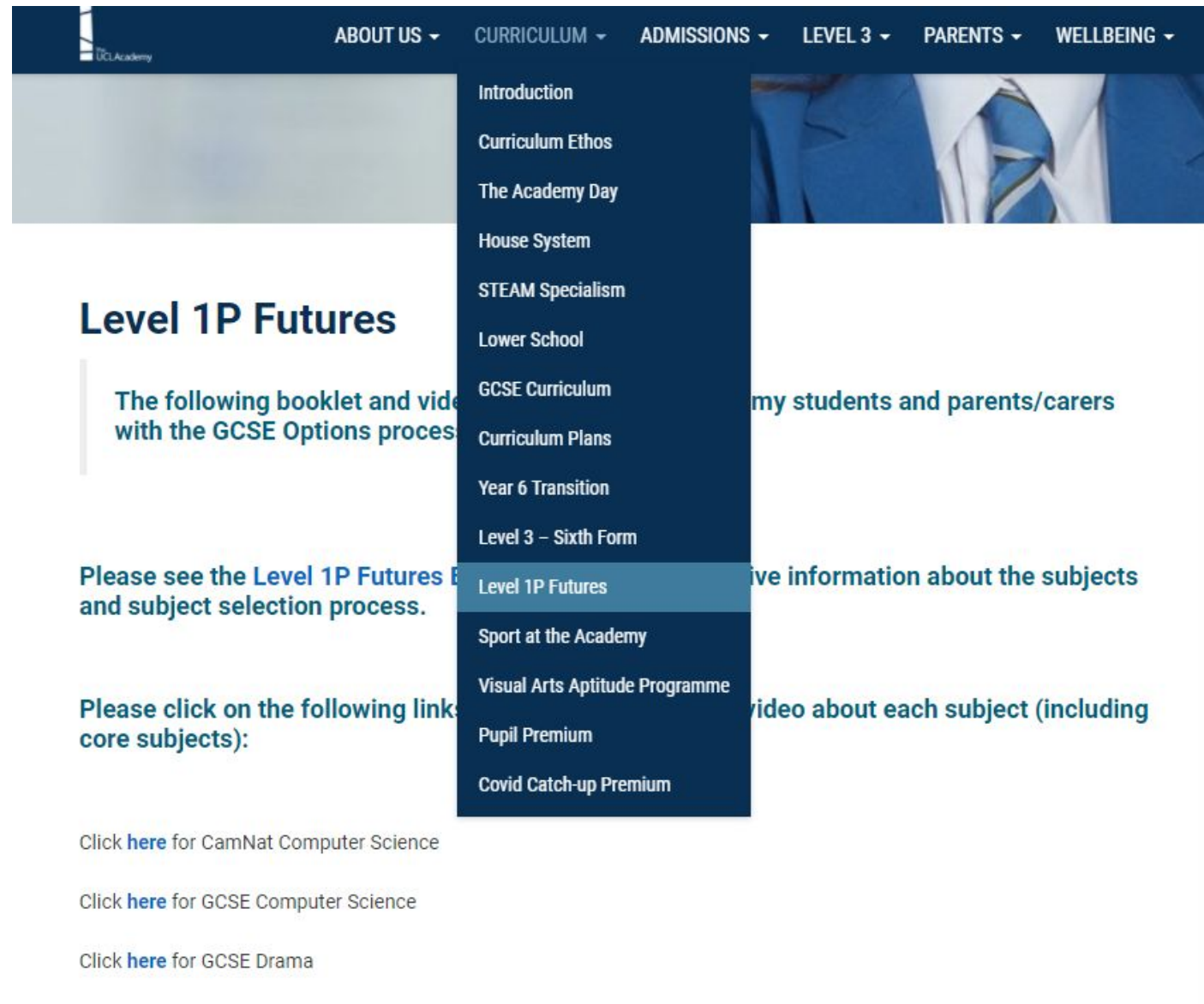
No. The Faculty Leader for Science decides which students are able to achieve well doing the Separate Science qualifications

- Separate Science is high challenge
- Combined Science has increased significantly in challenge
- Both are excellent preparation for A Level
- All students have started GCSE Separate Science
- Key assessments will determine a student's suitability for Separate Sciences at GCSE

Guidance and Support

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L1P Futures section on website



The screenshot shows the website for The UCL Academy. The top navigation bar includes links for ABOUT US, CURRICULUM, ADMISSIONS, LEVEL 3, PARENTS, and WELLBEING. The CURRICULUM dropdown menu is open, displaying a list of options: Introduction, Curriculum Ethos, The Academy Day, House System, STEAM Specialism, Lower School, GCSE Curriculum, Curriculum Plans, Year 6 Transition, Level 3 – Sixth Form, Level 1P Futures (highlighted), Sport at the Academy, Visual Arts Aptitude Programme, Pupil Premium, and Covid Catch-up Premium. The main content area features the heading "Level 1P Futures" and text stating: "The following booklet and video are available to help you with the GCSE Options process." Below this, it says: "Please see the Level 1P Futures booklet and subject selection process." and "Please click on the following links for more information about the subjects (including core subjects):". At the bottom, there are three links: "Click [here](#) for CamNat Computer Science", "Click [here](#) for GCSE Computer Science", and "Click [here](#) for GCSE Drama". The UCL Academy logo is visible in the bottom left corner.

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How can you help your child decide?

- What subjects do they want to study and what do they enjoy?
- What do they have an aptitude for? Grades determine next stage.
- Make sure they are not choosing the same options as their friends.
- All subjects are valued and a balanced set of qualifications is best
- Discuss their ideas about their career/future and watch the subject videos so you know what each course involves.
- Make sure they are talking to staff

Questions?



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