

Year 8 GCSE Options



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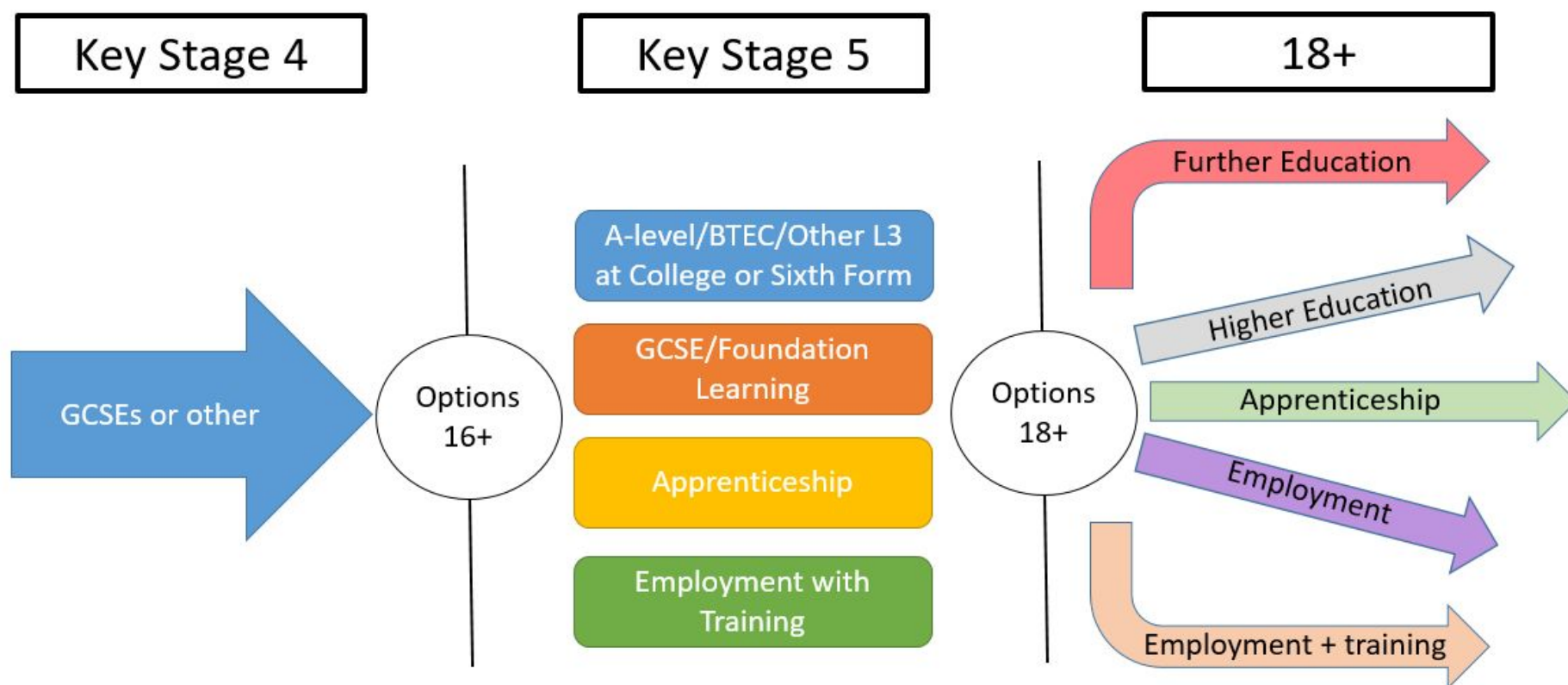
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Students will receive a 1-2-1 careers interview



Pathways



There are 3 different pathways that each of you will be placed on:

- Bespoke pathway
- Heartlands pathway
- Extended Pathway

These pathways are not related to your DPR pathway!!

Options Pathway booklets



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Bespoke Pathway



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Heartlands Pathway



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Extended Pathway

Dear Parent/Carer

Please read the below information relating to the GCSE Option process

Your Child's Pathway

All the information you require about the Option process is on the Heartlands High schools website (<https://heartlands.haringey.sch.uk/curriculum-2/year-8-9-options/>). On this page you will be able to download your child's pathway curriculum booklet that outlines the structure of the pathway. We offer a pathways curriculum at Key Stage 4 which gives us the flexibility to offer a tailored package of subjects which suits each child's needs and abilities. We use attainment and progress data to identify which pathway will ensure they have the best opportunity to succeed academically and will provide them with the widest range of educational and career opportunities when they leave Heartlands High School in Year 11.

Your child has been identified for the **Heartlands** pathway. Most students in the school will follow the Heartlands pathway. Students who are best suited to the Heartlands pathway study English, English Literature, Maths, Statistics, Citizenship and Combined Science, one Ebacc subject (from Geography, History, French, Spanish or Computing) plus two additional options. Students will study for 10 GCSE qualifications. The subject selection in this pathway will ensure students study the academic subjects which will best prepare them for A-Levels and hopefully university.

Next Steps

W/B 25th January

- The option pathway booklets and the Head of subject video detailing each subject will be available to view and download from the schools website. Each video outlines
 - The course structure (exam board, controlled assessments/exams, etc...)
 - Useful skills to have and skills that the course will develop over the 3 years
 - Career opportunities
 - Extracurricular activities or trips
 - Support provided
- One-to-one telephone careers interviews will commence
- Your child will be invited to attend an online GCSE taster sessions on Monday 8th February that will showcase new subjects that have not been previously taught in Year 7 & 8

2nd March

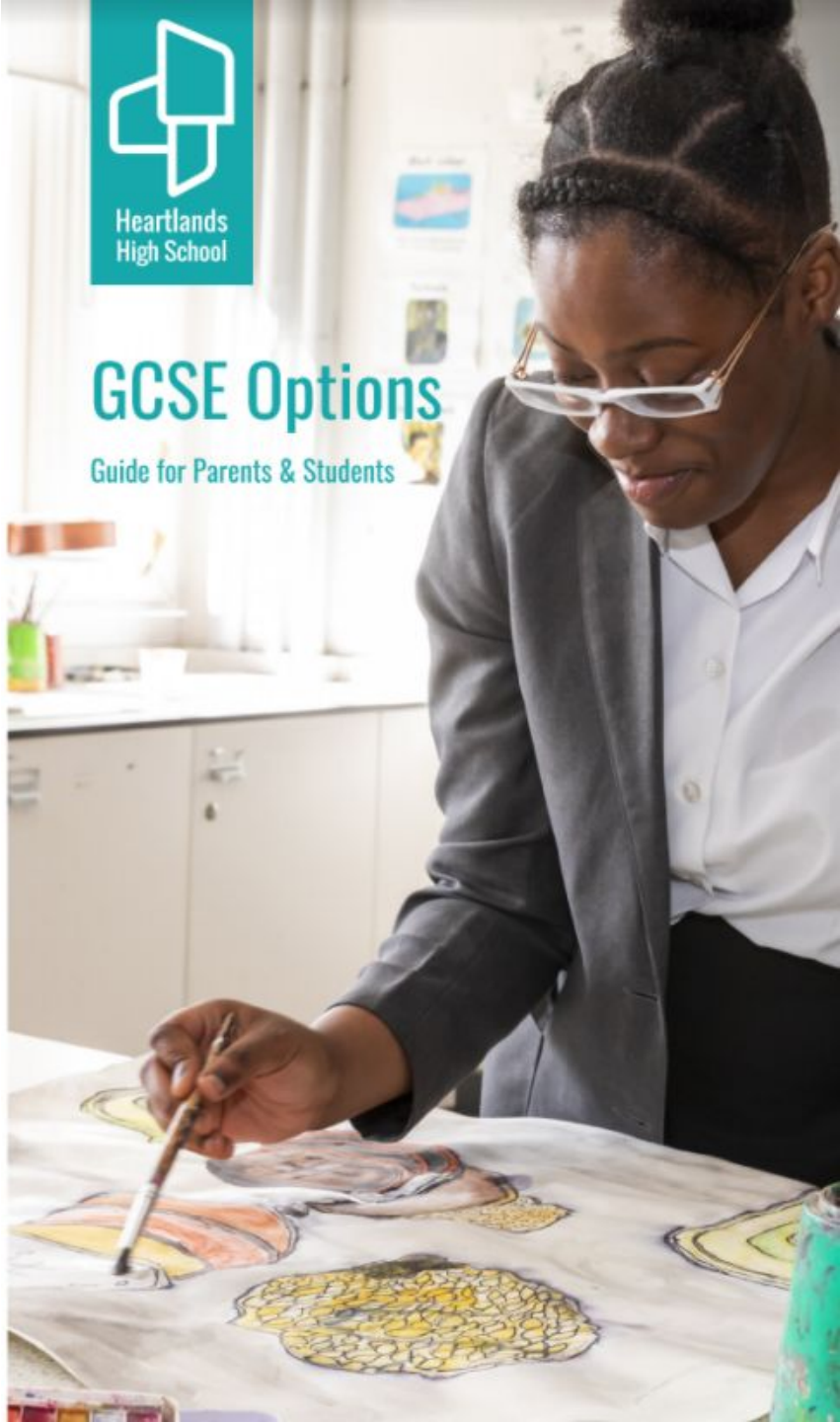
- A Virtual options evening will be on Tuesday 2nd March. The purpose of this evening will be to give you the opportunity to ask any questions to the Head of subject about your possible future subjects.
- Before Options Evening, please read the option pathway booklets and watch the subject videos on the HHS website.
- After the options evening, the virtual option form will be sent to your child via email. This can only be submitted once, so it is important that you take your time when completing it. An example of the Heartlands option form which must not be sent or delivered to the School can be found on the next page.



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Guide for Parents & Students



Pathway Structure

☒ Compulsory ☐ Subject that your child can choose

Subject	Extended	Heartlands	Bespoke
English Language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
English Literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mathematics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Combined Science		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Triple Science*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Citizenship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Statistics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Geography or History	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
French or Spanish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Geography or History or French or Spanish or Computing		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Subject	Extended	Heartlands	Bespoke
	1 choice	2 choices	3 choices
Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Functional Skills			<input type="checkbox"/>
Business Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Catering			<input type="checkbox"/>
Health & Social Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Classics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Computing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Creative Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Drama	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Food Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
French	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
History	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
History (Entry Level)			<input type="checkbox"/>
Land			<input type="checkbox"/>
Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Photography	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Product Design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sociology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sport Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Textiles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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What are V Certs and Cambridge Nationals?

They are vocational courses which prepare you for the world of work and link particularly well to apprenticeships. They are equivalent to GCSEs.

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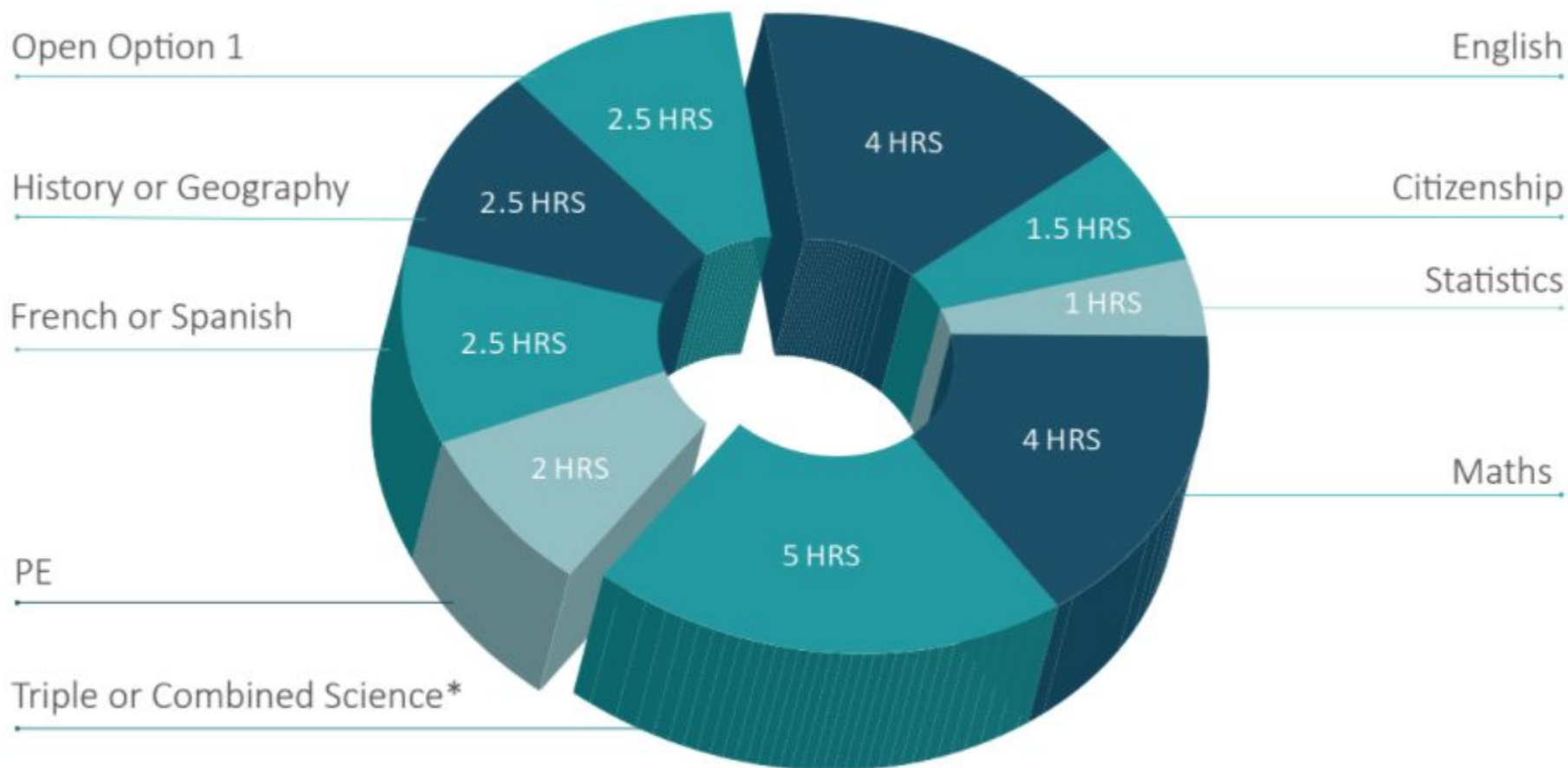
- Sports Studies – Leisure, Fitness, Health industries
- Engineering – Engineering, Construction
- Child Development
- Creative imedia

There is more emphasis on practical skills and more of the courses are assessed through project work rather than exams.



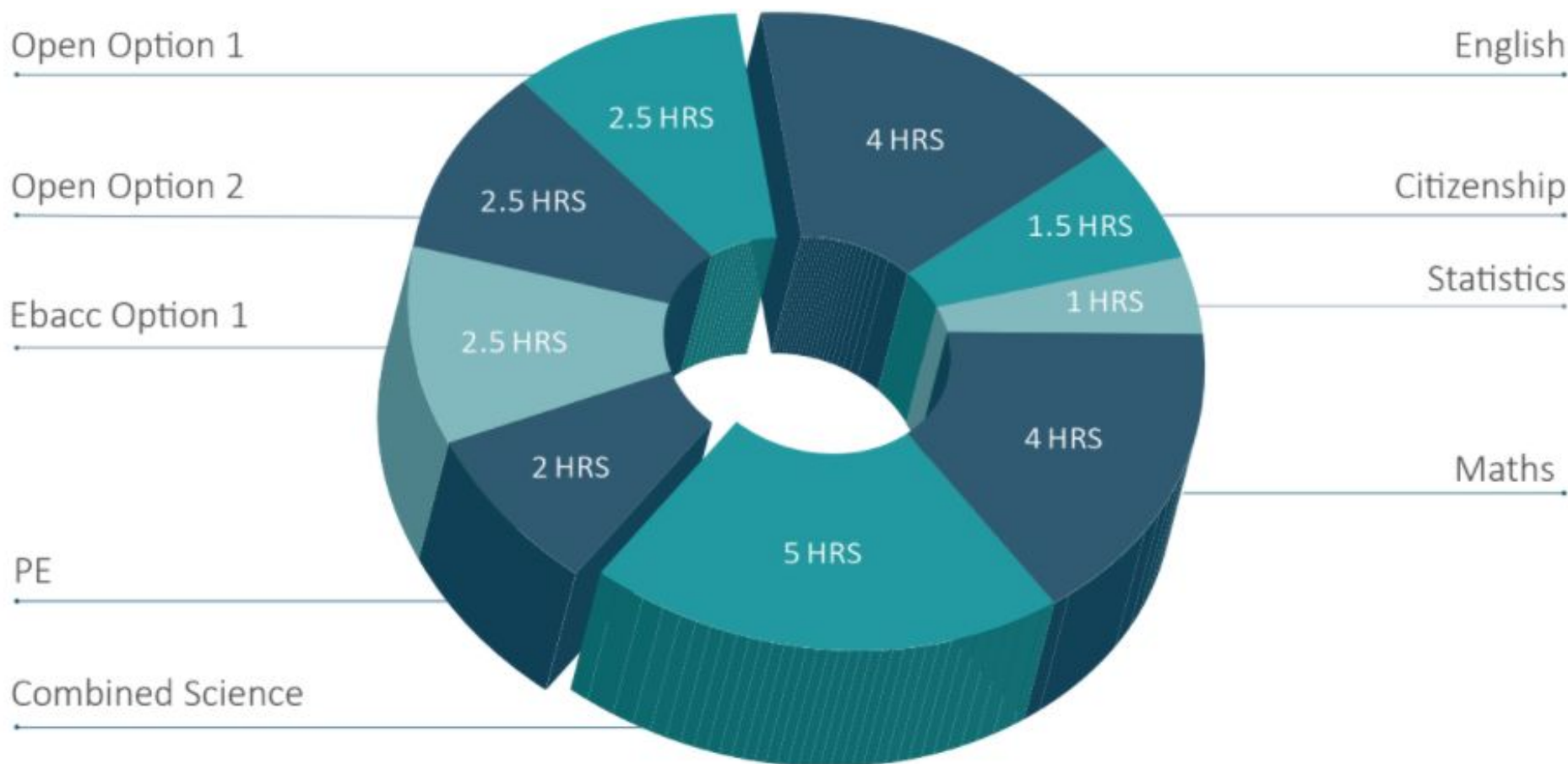
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Extended Pathway



* Decision will be made at Easter 2022 by the Science Department

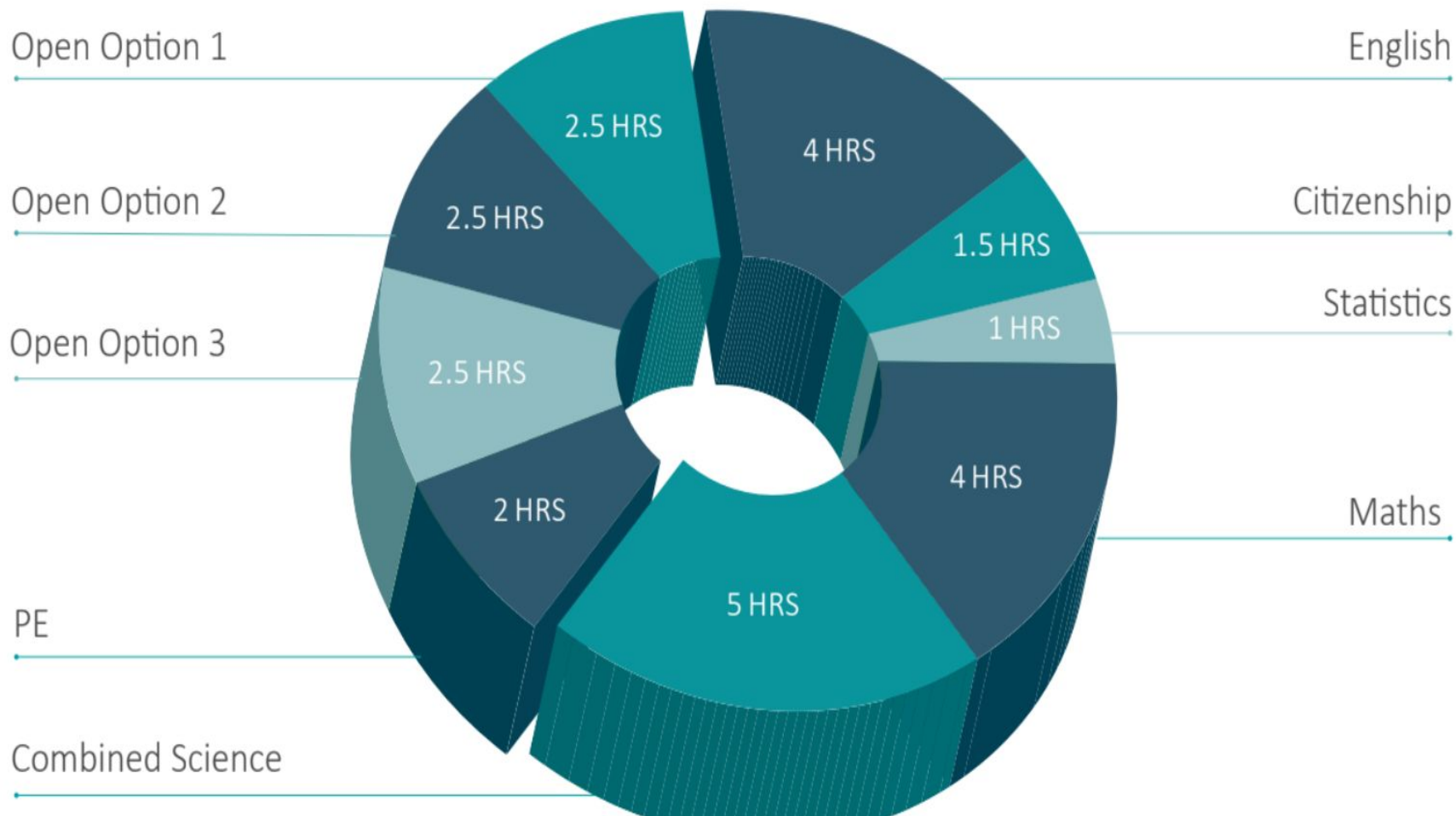
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Bespoke Pathway



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KEY DATES

W/B 25 JANUARY

Parents/students will receive Option Form. Pathway booklets and subject information videos will be available to view on the HHS website.

Students will take part in the GCSE taster session and will start to be invited for a one-to-one careers interview.

2 MARCH

Options Evening

24 MARCH

Option Form deadline

7 MAY

Students will receive confirmation of their choices



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What happens next?

W/B 25th January

- Parents will receive a letter detailing their child's pathway and a hard copy of the option form to allow you see what subjects are available to you .
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24th March

- The virtual option form deadline is Wednesday 24th March.

Common Mistakes

- Selecting subjects on the basis of what your friends have chosen
- Missing the deadline – you run the risk of being assigned to subjects
- Trying to change your pathway – Trust our judgement on this
- Not involving your parents/carers in your decision making
- Not looking ahead to the future, only thinking short term
- Filling the form in wrong. Read the instructions carefully

What to ask the Heads of Department at the GCSE options evening?



- What content and topics do you teach?
- Is your subject 100% exam?
- If there is controlled assessment, what do they need to do?
- What career opportunities would your subject provide?
- What extracurricular activities are there? i.e. trips
- Could I have a look at a students book or revision guide?

- **Where can I get my option form?**

The option form will be sent via email after the virtual option evening on 2nd March

- **How do I fill in my option form?**

You will need to sign into your Heartlands account before you fill it in. Simply click on the form in the email, carefully complete it and then submit it.

- **What happens if we accidentally submit the wrong options?**

Please email me andrew.matthews@heartlands.haringey.sch.uk with the correct choices

FAQ



- **Can I do a fourth option?**

Unfortunately they cannot do a 4th option, as there is no time within the timetable and we feel that GCSEs are very demanding

- **Will my child get all of their choices?**

97% of students were allocated their 1st - 3rd choices last year, so it is highly likely they will get all of their choices. Please be aware that some subjects have a maximum number of students due to the workspace (for eg only 20 students can study Food Technology)

- **Can my child change their options in Year 9 ?**

In order to change their option choice they must get a written letter from you explaining that they would like to change from one subject to another. Your child must then get this signed by the Head of the department of the subject they wish to leave or join. Majority of the time there is no problem with moving, however if the subject they wish to join is at its maximum number in the class or there is an option block clashes there this move cannot happen.

- **Do I get my option choices if I send my form in early?**

No , all of the option forms will be collated on 24th March.

If you however submit your form after 24th March you may not get your option choices.

- **How will I know whether my child will study triple Science?**

Students on the extended pathway will study combined Science from September 2021. A decision by Science teachers and Head of Science will be made at Easter 2022 on which students will be selected to study Triple Science. This is approximately 50-60 students.

Year 8 GCSE Options Evening

2nd March 2021



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