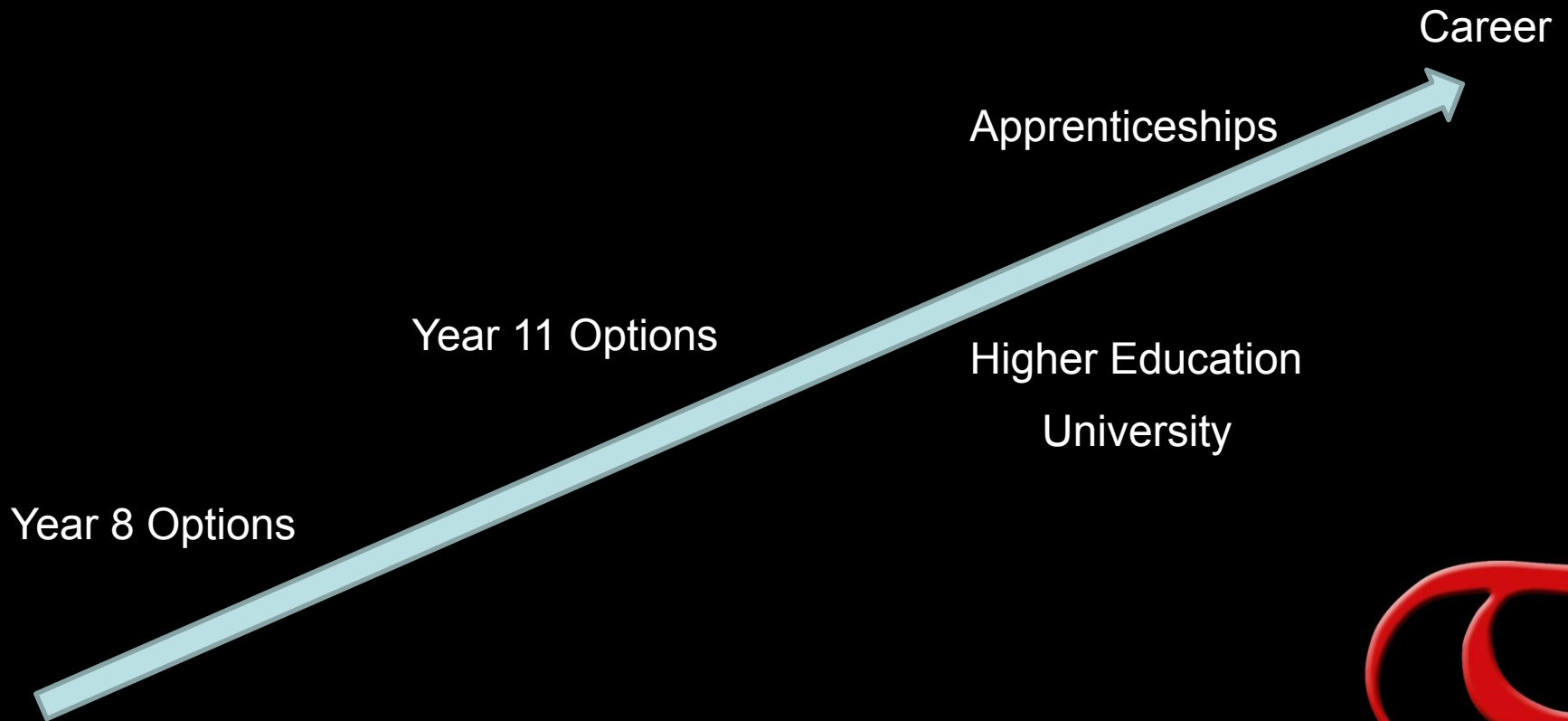

Year 8 Options Evening

Tuesday 12th November 2019

*Welcome to all Y8 students,
parents and carers.*



Where do you want to end up?



Tavistock
COLLEGE

Your Future Career

- What do you want to do?
- What do you need to be able to do this?



University – Higher Education

- Students apply to university in year 13
- Look at the UCAS website
- What do you need?
- Not many subjects are essential for courses, however, for some career paths (E.g. medicine, veterinary science) there are compulsory subjects at both GCSE and A-Level

Apprenticeships

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grades A*-C
Advanced	3	2 A level passes
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or Masters degree

Pathways

To ensure that students have a relevant, broad and challenging curriculum we have introduced different pathways for students. These pathways are decided on how a student is performing, both currently and over time since leaving primary school.

Both pathways are based on the following curriculum principles:

- The same core subject content.
- A 3 year key stage 4 curriculum which offers the best blend of depth and breadth of study that the new GCSE courses require.
- Subjects being delivered by subject specialists within their faculty areas.
- Giving students an opportunity to make informed choices over a number of their option subjects.

Pathways

EBACC Pathway

The EBACC Pathway is open to all students at Tavistock College, but compulsory for students who we feel it is most appropriate for. Students will take a language (French, Japanese or Spanish) and one of history or geography. Students will then also select 2 further subjects and a reserve. These 2 further subjects could include another language or history or geography. Students selected for the EBACC pathway will have a blue options form.

- Language option: French, Spanish or Japanese.
- Humanities option: Geography or History
- 2 further option choices
- 1 reserve choice

Pathways

TECHBACC Pathway

The TECHBACC Pathway is open to students who we feel it is most appropriate for. Students have to choose 4 options and a reserve. In the four options students must select at least one of French, Japanese, Spanish, computing, geography or history. Students selected for the TECHBACC pathway will have a green options form.

- 1 option choice from: French, Japanese, Spanish, Geography, History and Computing.
- 3 further option choices
- 1 reserve choice

Core Curriculum

- English language and literature
- Mathematics
- Science (double or triple)
- Ethics and beliefs
- PE

Options - EBACC Subjects

- ❖ Computing
- ❖ French
- ❖ Geography
- ❖ History
- ❖ Japanese
- ❖ Spanish

Options - Creative Arts

- Art and design
- BTEC Creative media
- BTEC Dance (done in core PE time)
- Drama
- BTEC Music
- Photography

Options - Humanities

- Business
- Geography *
- History *

Options - Modern Foreign Languages

- French *
- Japanese *
- Spanish *

Physical Education

- Level 2 Physical education

Technology

- Child development and care
- Computing *
- BTEC Construction
- Design and technology
- Hospitality and catering
- Textiles design

KS4 Curriculum

- Very little, if any, coursework
- No A*-G grades
- New scale of 9-1
- Virtually all exams are taken at the end of Y11.

New Curriculum

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

New Curriculum

- Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as previously achieved a grade C and above.
- Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as previously achieved a grade A and above.
- Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 1 and above as previously achieved a grade G and above.

Timescales

- Options evening 12th November.
- Options interviews start Monday 25th November.
- Year 8 Parents' Evenings, Thursday 5th December (now for all students)
- Options forms handed in by Friday 24th January
- Options finalised and confirmation sent out by Easter

FAQ

Can any subjects be taken early in year 10?

The Government has scrapped early entry for students as an option.

Can I change pathway?

We recommend staying on the pathway allocated. However we will always listen to any requests or queries.

FAQ

Can I change my options?

This may be possible soon after the options process, however it is not guaranteed. This cannot happen once courses have begun in Y9.

Why can't we choose any combination we like?

We have to fit subjects into blocks. We do this to maximise the number of 'fits' given the staffing we have and the size of the year.



FAQ

What happens if my subject is full?

Unfortunately this is a possibility. We will look at the priority you give the subject on the form and also judge your suitability.

Parents will receive a letter home if the options allocated are different to those requested.

Tonight - Information Gathering

Room	Subject
L1	Creative media
L2	RE
L3	PE, child development
L4	French, Spanish, Japanese
L6	Art, photography, textiles
L7	Science
M9	English, mathematics
Innovation Centre	History, geography, business studies
Octagon	Computing, construction, design technology, catering and hospitality
DR2	Dance, drama, music
KS3 Hub	SEND