



Shavington Academy

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Options 2016-17



# 9-1 GCSE Curriculum

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<b>Content</b>	<b>new and more challenging</b>
<b>Structure</b>	<b>all exams at the end of the course</b>
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>mainly by examination, non-exam assessment only when necessary</b>
<b>Tiering</b>	<b>Foundation and higher tiering only in Maths</b>
<b>Grades</b>	<b>9-1</b>

**By the time your child reaches Year 11, all of their GCSEs will have been reformed**

# The Reforming of GCSEs

## New GCSE Grading Structure



NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

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

**AWARDING**  
4 and above = bottom of C and above



# Progress

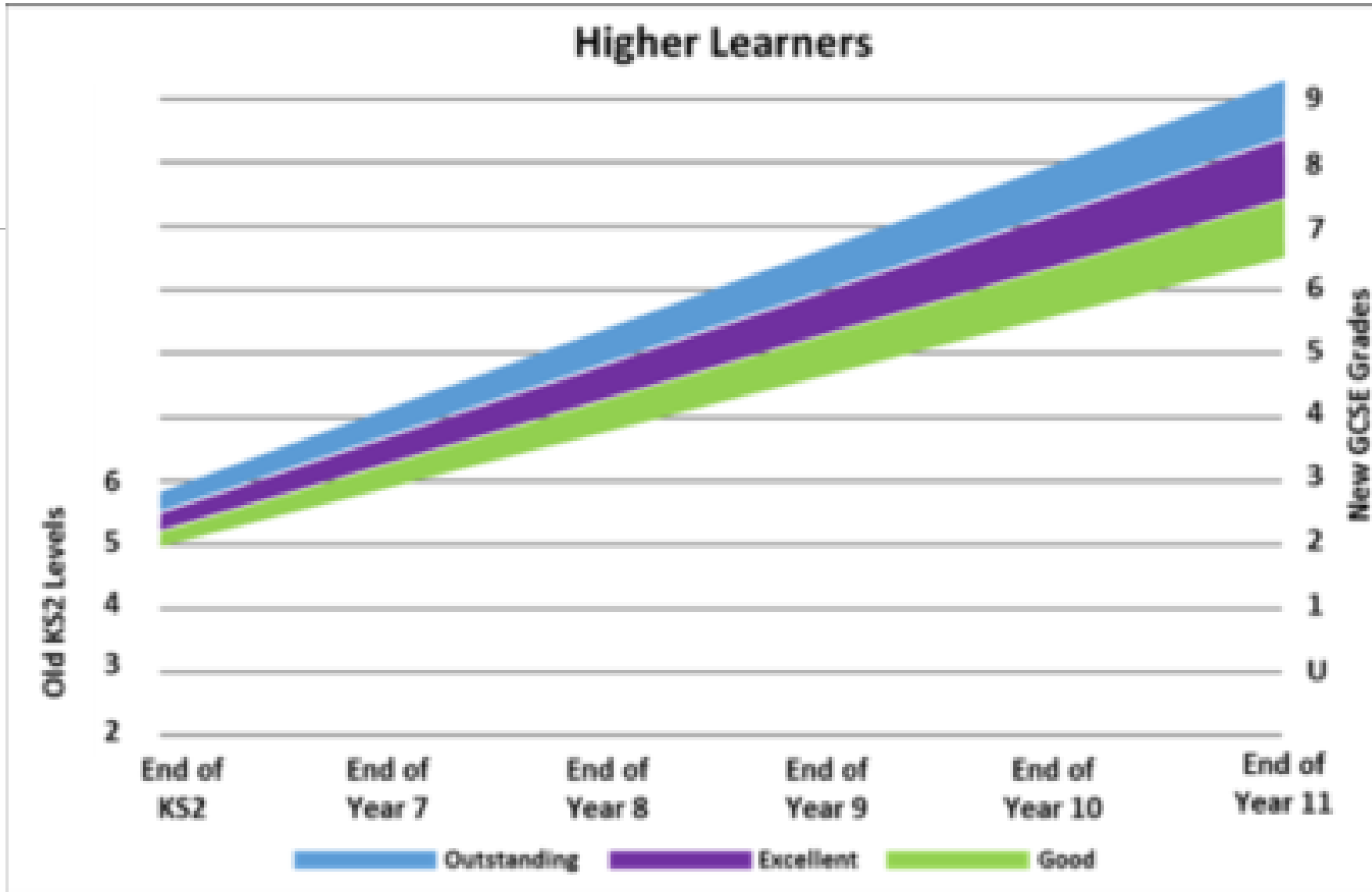
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**Your child's flight path to their GCSEs starts from their KS2 Data. Their Maths and English Year 6 SAT results are averaged and we use that to determine their Learner group:**

**Higher**

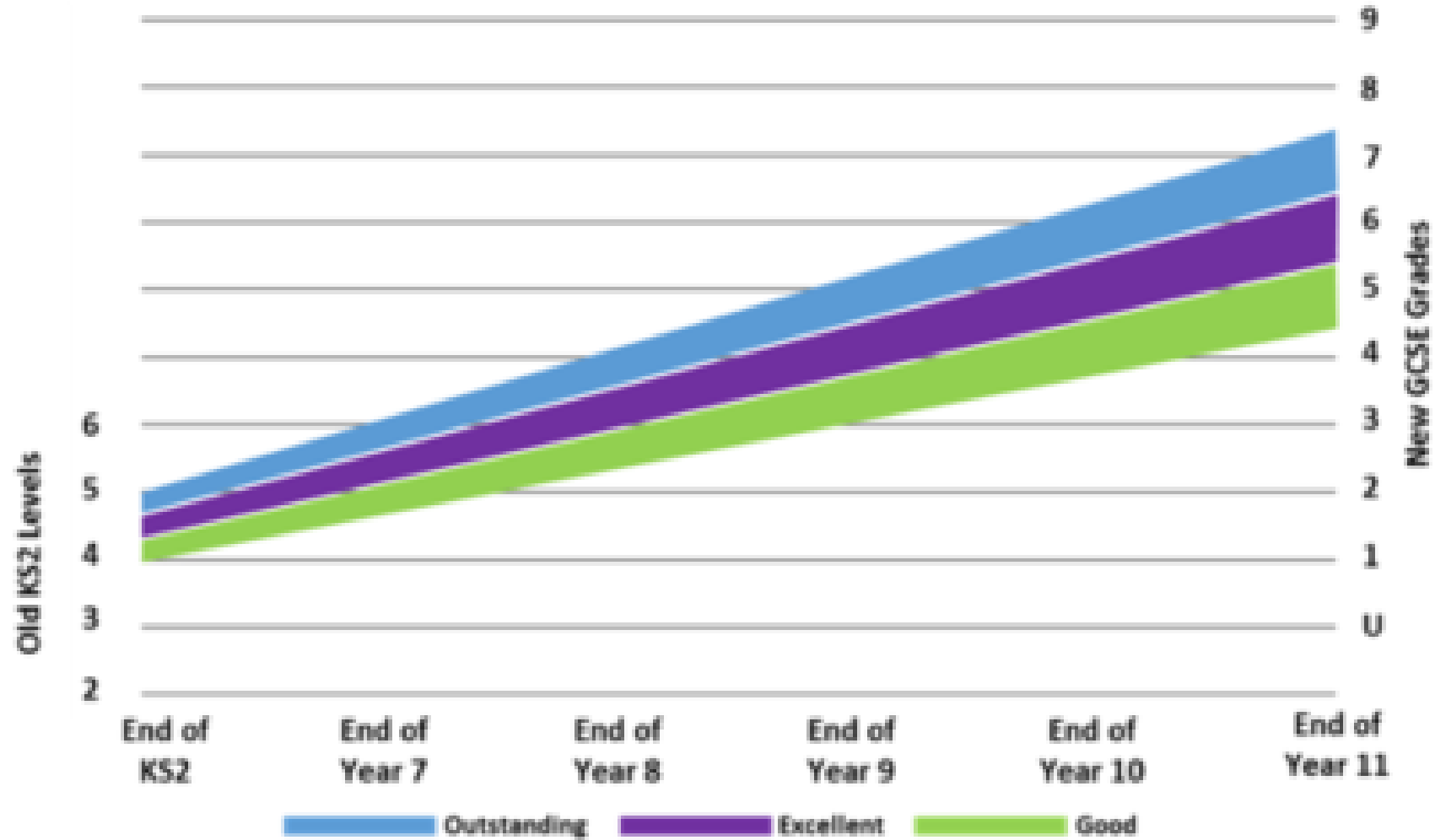
**Intermediate**

**Foundation**



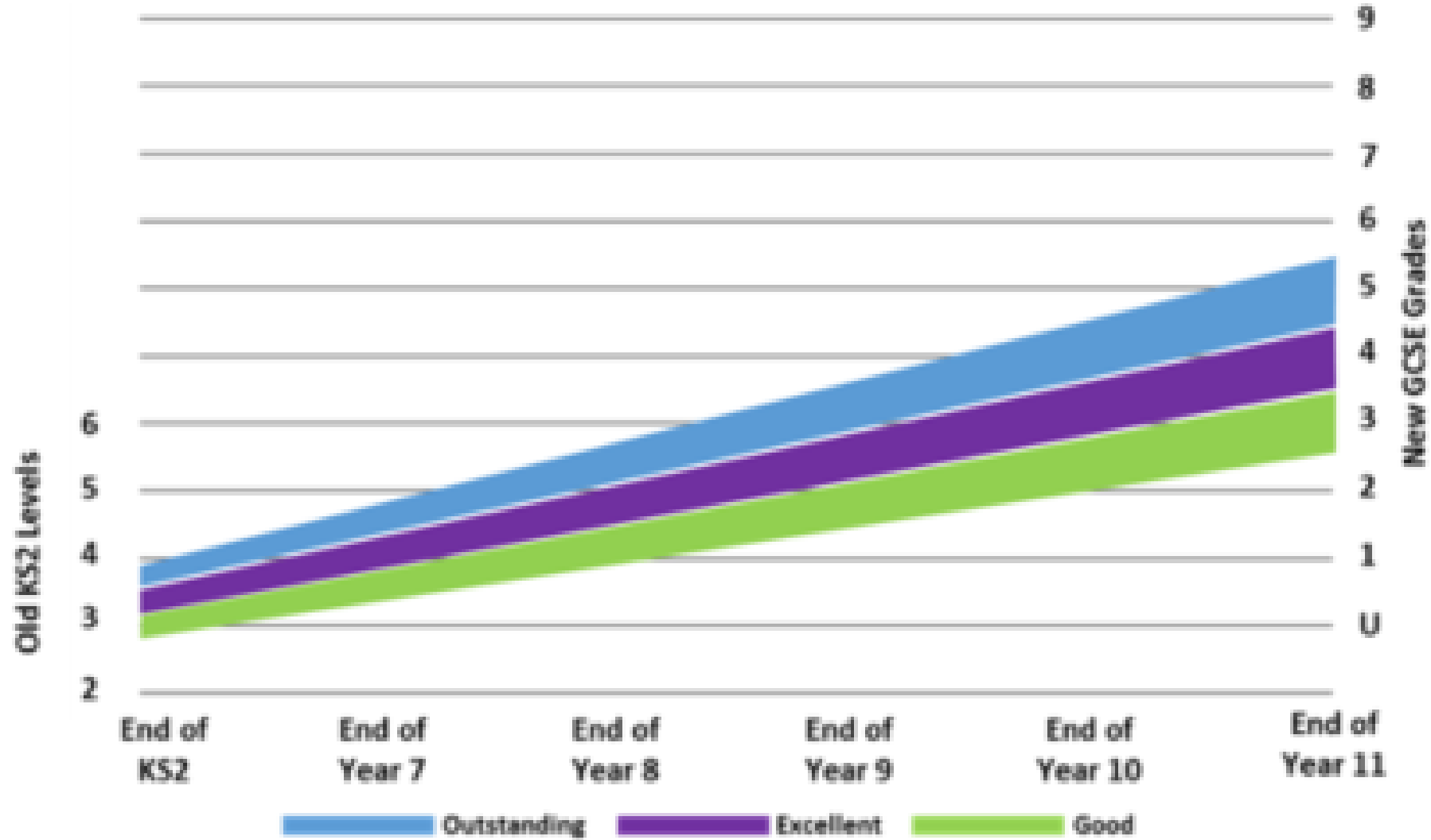


# Intermediate Learners





# Foundation Learners





# Core Subjects

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**English Language**

**English Literature**

**Mathematics**

**Science – Dual/Triple award**

**Philosophy & Ethics**

**OCR Cambridge National in ICT**



# What should you consider when making option choices?

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These option choices are personal and should be made in discussion with parents, carers, teachers and of course your child. It might be useful to also consider:

The range of subjects being selected – it is important to consider a broad range

Whether a subject is enjoyed and your child feels confident they can achieve well in it

What job or college course your child might be considering when they leave Shavington

It is important that your child is not influenced by their friend's choices – these are THEIR options

# Options Process – Support provided

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- This Options Evening
- Parents' Evening on Thursday
- Taster sessions
- Class and Form Teachers
- A meeting with a member of the Leadership team

# Options



Your child must choose 1 subject from:

<b>GCSE Computer Science</b>		<b>GCSE German</b>	
<b>GCSE Geography</b>		<b>GCSE History</b>	
<b>GCSE Spanish</b>		<b>GCSE French</b>	

# Options – 2 choices from any



GCSE Computer Science	GCSE German
GCSE Geography	GCSE History
GCSE Spanish	GCSE French
GCSE Classic Civilisation	GCSE Art & Design*
GCSE Media Studies	GCSE Textiles*
GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition	GCSE Photography
GCSE/BTEC Level 1/2 in Engineering	GCSE Physical Education
BTEC Level 1/2 in Construction	BTEC Level 1/2 Business Studies
BTEC Level 1/2 in Performing Arts	BTEC Level 1/2 in Music
OCR National Level 1/2 in Child Development	BTEC Sports Studies

\* Only 1 of these 2 subjects can be chosen

# English Baccalaureate

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If you want your child to follow this, they **MUST** take History or Geography and a Language – French, German or Spanish

They are then free to make 1 further choice from the full list

# Will option choices automatically be guaranteed?

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We hope to be able to give as many students as possible their option choices, but it cannot always be possible for a number of reasons:

The range of subjects offered may have to change, for example, if not enough students choose a course it cannot run

It may be necessary to limit the number of students on a course due to health and safety guidance, this often applies to subjects such as Construction, Engineering and Food Technology

A student's progress and attainment in subjects will also be taken into account to ensure that they have the best chance of success

The reserve choice is therefore very important, as it will have to be used if any of the situations above occur

# Deadline

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Options Form should be with Miss Morris,  
no later than

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**