



Shavington Academy

Options 2018-19



9-1 GCSE Curriculum

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

The Reforming of GCSEs

New GCSE Grading Structure

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NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE 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



Progress

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:

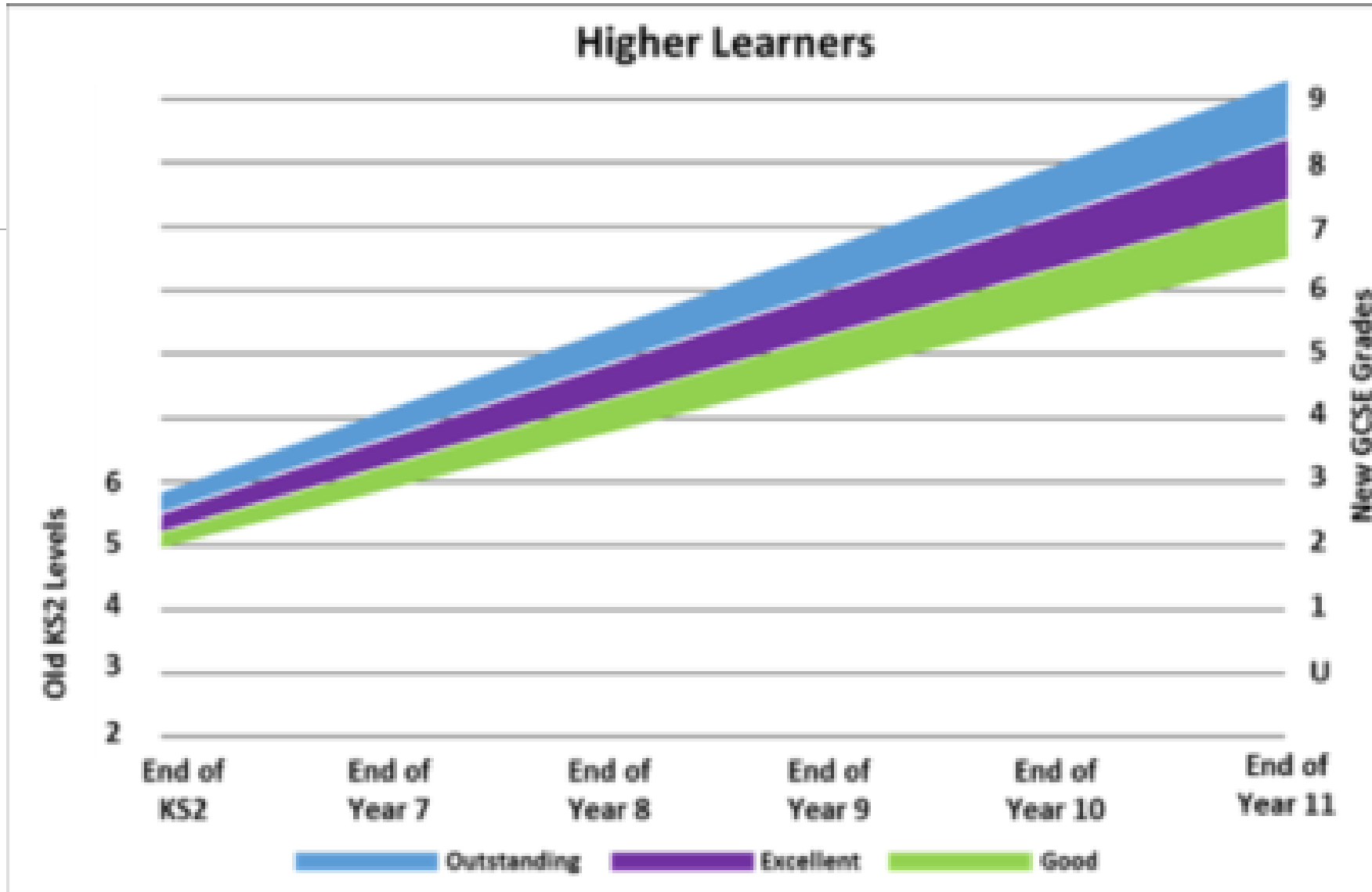
Higher

Intermediate

Foundation

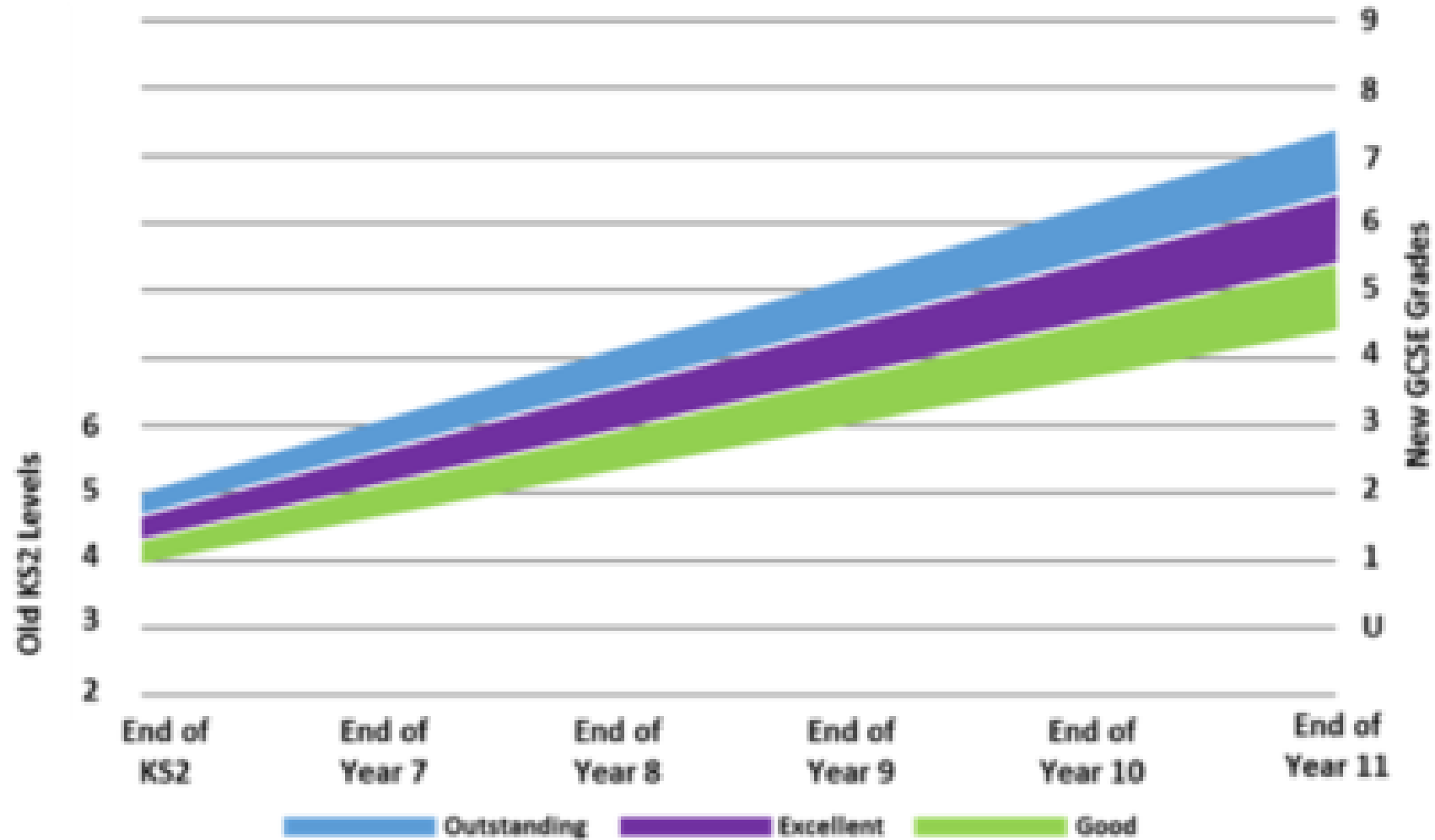


Higher Learners



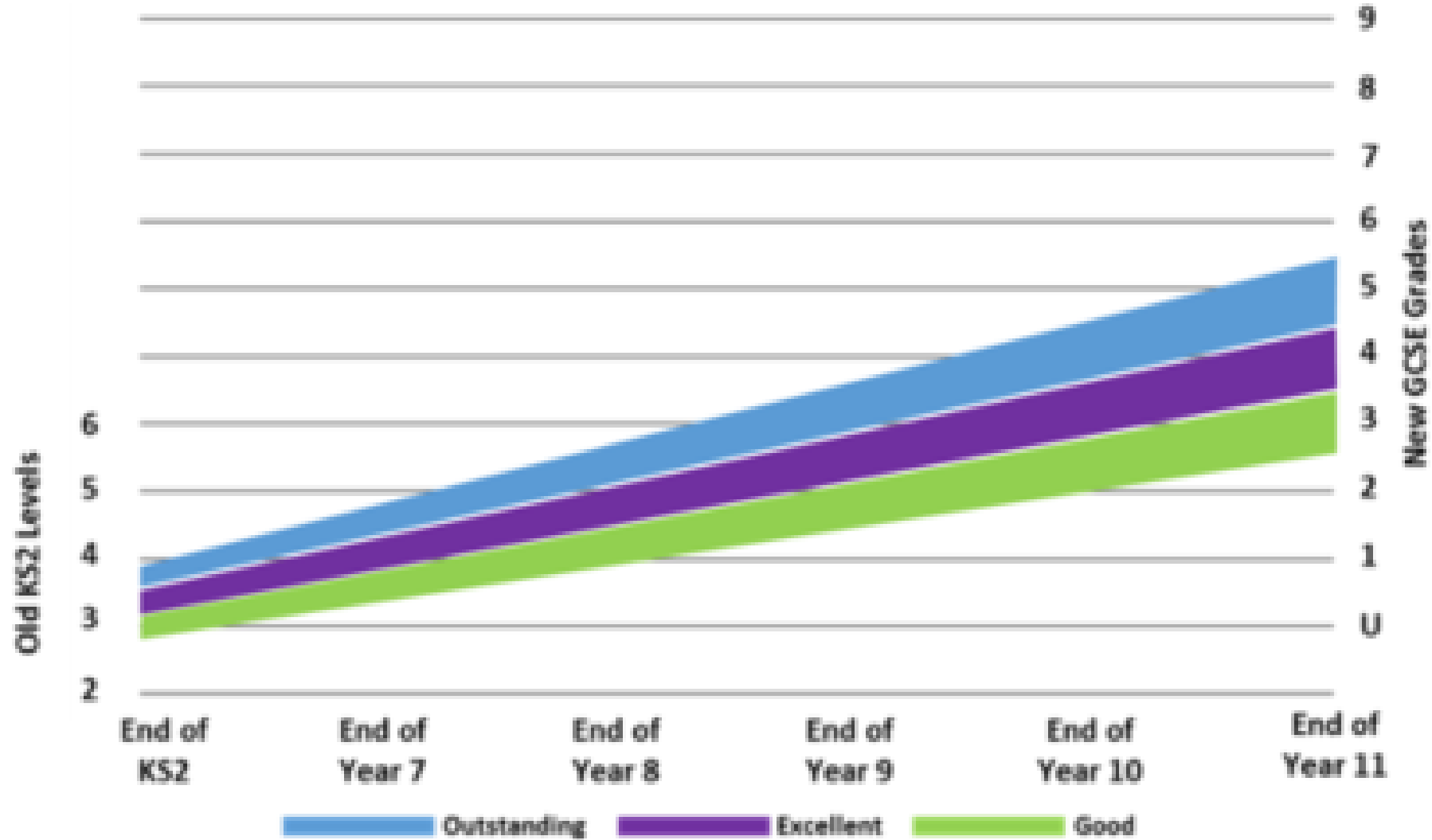


Intermediate Learners





Foundation Learners





Core Subjects in Year 9

English Language

English Literature

Mathematics

Science – Dual/Triple award

History

Geography

Languages

Art

What should you consider when making option choices?



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

- 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:

Computer Science*	French*	Classic Civilisation	Food Preparation and Nutrition
Photography	PE*	Engineering*	Music

Options – Year 9



Computer Science	French	German	History
Geography	PE	Engineering	Art/Textiles
Construction	Child Development	Sociology	Drama
Media Studies	Business Studies	Those in the lighter boxes are reviewed each year	



English Bacculaureate

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

They are then free to make 1 further choice



Will option choices automatically be guaranteed?

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

Options Form should be with Miss Morris,
no later than

Thursday 7th June