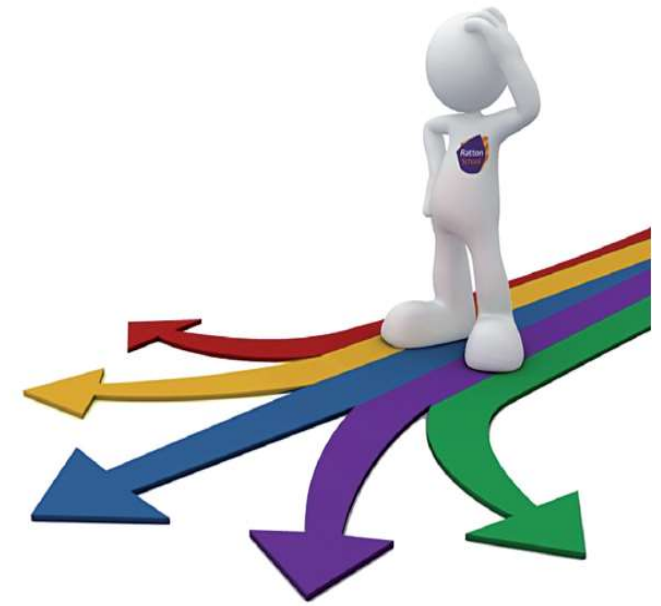


Year 9 Pathways 2026

Achieving Together



A Journey into your future

Achieving Together

Year 7		
Event	When	Details
Assembly	Term 3	Local employer/employee or Ex Ratton Student does presentation about life after Ratton and gives details of the job they do
Careers Day	8 th July 2026	Students take part in The Game of Life

Year 8		
Event	When	Details
Workplace Visits	Throughout the year	Each year 8 student to go on one workplace visit. Workplace visits are to different local workplaces for example: Highways England Drusilla Langham Hotel Students attend for 1.5 – 2 hours in groups of 15 (minibus full) This work is administered and organised by LHy



A Journey into your future

Achieving Together

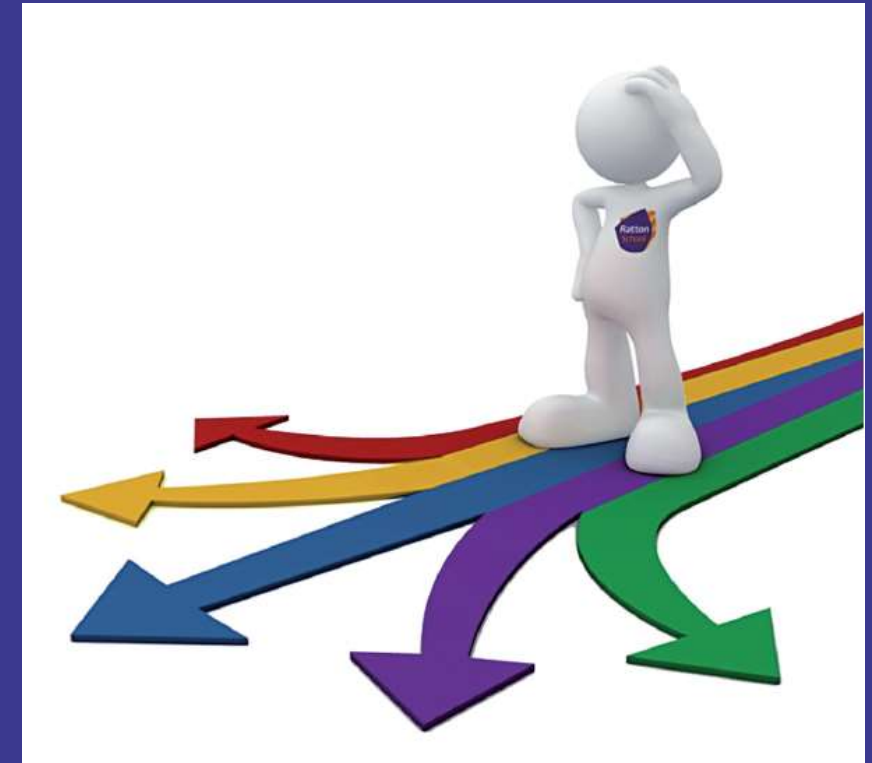
Year 9		
Event	When	Details
Careers Day	Term 4 Wednesday 4 th March 2026	Students attend 3 activities. •What's My Line •Real Cost of Living •Morrisby Careers Aspirations questionnaire
Careers Fair	Term 4 Thursday 12 th March 2026	All local colleges and a selection of local employers attend and talk to students about opportunities for the future
One to One career interview	Term 3 or 4	LHy available to hold careers guidance interviews for students who request.
Career advice	Term 3	Support for Pathways Process by Request



Pathways 2026 – A Supported Process

Achieving Together

Date	Event
February	Taster sessions for some subjects
2nd February	Y9 Reports via Edulink
Wb 2nd March	Option subject assemblies
4 th March/5 th March	Careers Day – A variety of activities geared towards considering the future Careers Fair
12th March	Year 9 Parents Evening
Fri 20 nd March	Deadline for choices via Edulink form

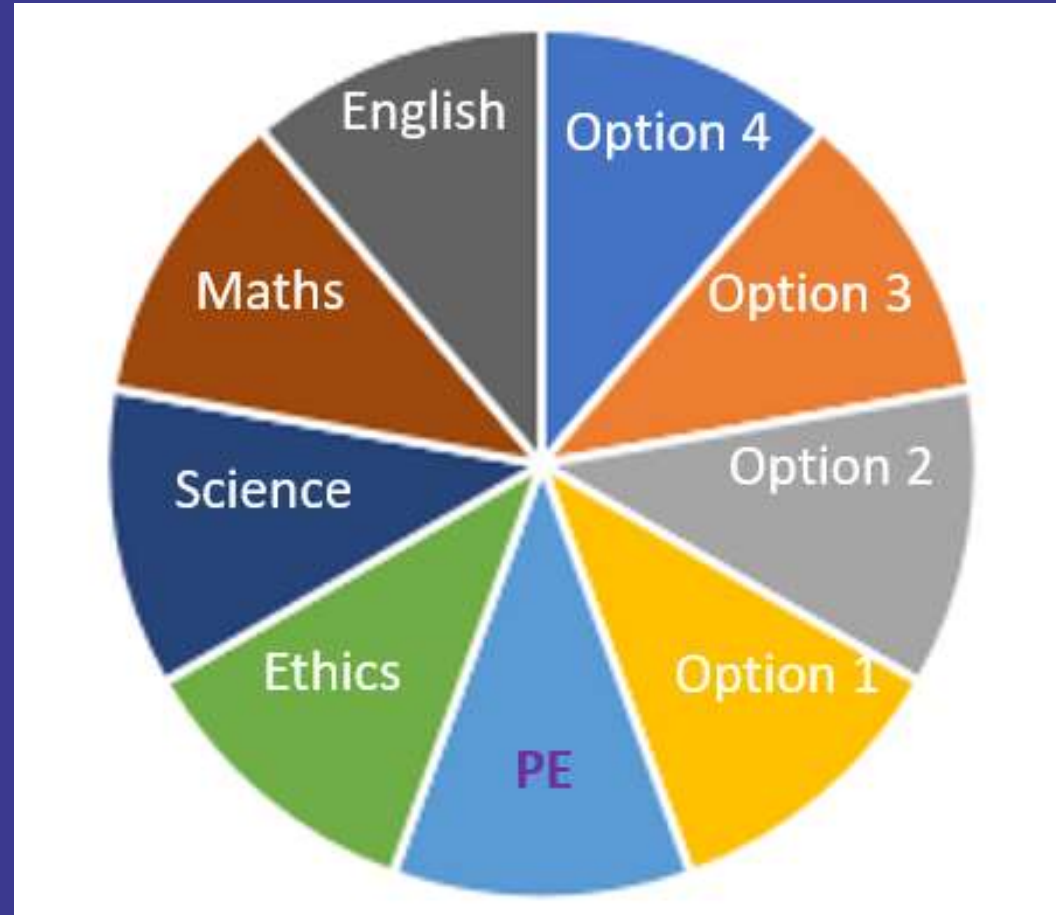


Your Choices - Your Future

You must stay in education or training until you are 18

- **KS4 Year 10 and 11**
- **Year 12 and 13 – At another Post 16 option**

Choices



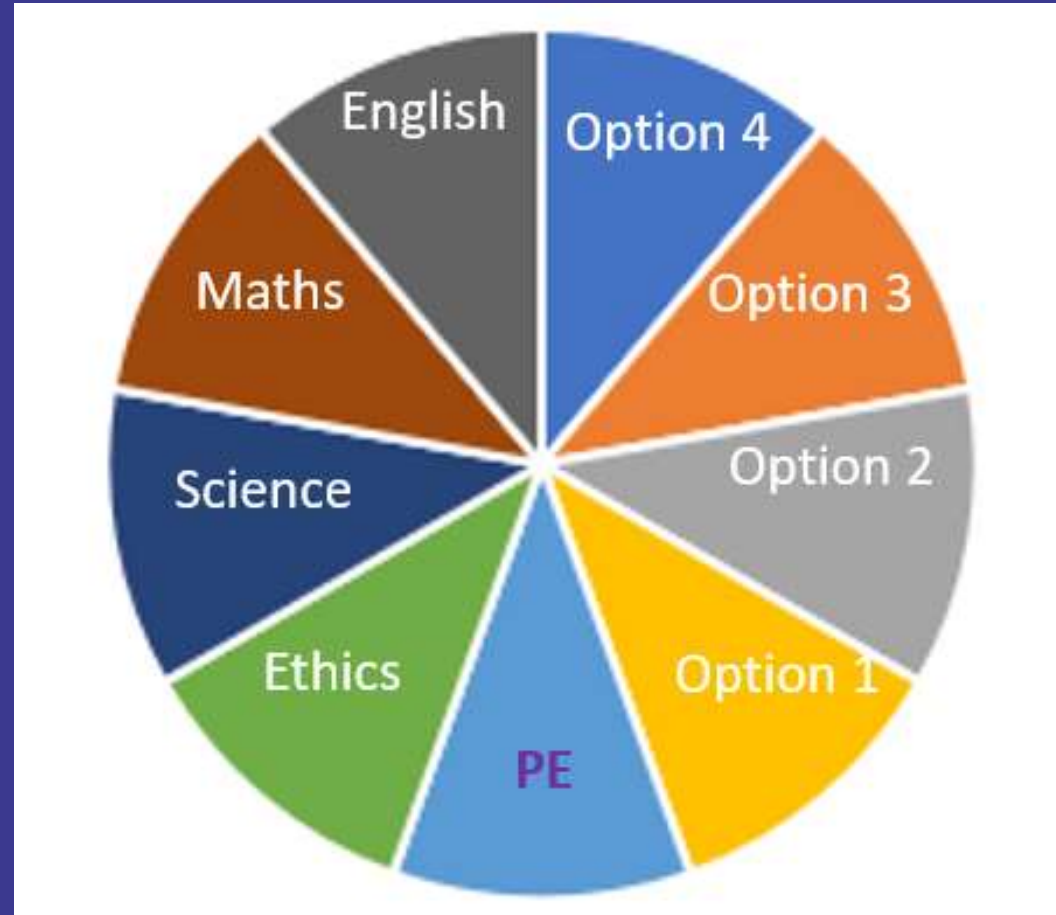
Four Options

Core Subjects KS4

13 exam papers in the Core Subjects

English	Maths	Science	Ethics and PSHE	PE
8 lessons	8 lessons	Combined Science 9 lessons Triple Science 12 lessons <i>2 periods after school in Year 10/11</i>	2 lessons	Combined Science 3 lessons Triple Scientists 2 lessons

Choices



Four Options

GCSEs

- Examinations
- Grading system: 1-9
- New GCSE content in many subjects – that is more challenging- 22 -24 exam papers in a 4-week window
- All subjects linear – importance of revision and exam preparation
- Tiering in exams restricted to a few subjects (Maths, Science and MFL)

Cambridge Nationals/BTEcs

- A different way of working to GCSE
- Up to **25%** through examinations/ external components
- Assessed through projects or assessments all the way through the course
- A Level 2 Pass qualification is the same as 1 GCSE grade 4 and above

The Curriculum Review

In November 2025 the government published their Curriculum and Assessment Review.

The majority of changes will not come into effect for a number of years.

The most important change affecting Year 9 is that the English Baccalaureate is no longer a performance measure for schools and so there are less constraints on the choices that pupils make.

This means you do not have to take History or Geography and a language together. You only need to pick one of these subjects.

Subject Options

Option Block 1

GCSE History
GCSE Geography
GCSE Computer Science
GCSE French
GCSE Mandarin
GCSE Spanish

Pick one subject from Block 1

Subject Options

Option Block 2

GCSE Art
GCSE Art Textiles
GCSE Dance
GCSE Drama
Engineering
GCSE History
GCSE Geography
Hospitality and Catering
GCSE Music or BTEC Music
GCSE Spanish
GCSE Religious Studies

Pick one subject from Block 2
+ one reserve choice

Subject Options

Option Block 3 and 4

GCSE Art
GCSE Art Textiles
Creative iMedia
GCSE Classical Civilisations
GCSE Dance
GCSE Drama
GCSE Religious Studies
Engineering
Hospitality and Catering
GCSE Music
BTEC Music
PE / Sport
GCSE Sociology
Enterprise and Marketing
GCSE Geography
Child Development

Pick **two** subjects plus
one reserve choice

*Make sure the reserves are something you
want to do*

*Not putting a reserve means you may face
allocation to a subject you do not want to do!*

Will all courses run?

- We make our option blocks after students have made their choices
- Some subjects may not have enough students to allow them to run or too many for one group
- If we cannot offer your preferred choices we will use your reserves and we will only speak to your child if there is a problem allocating one of your reserves

To Do List!

- Re-read your Report
- Communicate with your teachers – what subjects will you enjoy and achieve in?
- Make sure you are working at full capacity in all your subjects
- Develop the good independent study skills that are so important to your future success from now
- Be decisive – changing later on is very damaging
- Get excited and be ambitious – this is when you put yourself at the centre of your education.
- Think about your future and career plans – seek advice look at the school website curriculum slides re next steps
- Meet the deadline – Edulink form available to parents/carers on Friday 13th March .
The deadline day is Friday 20th March at 3.30pm.

Next Steps= [Curriculum](#) | [Ratton](#)

Geography	History	Maths
Music	Modern Foreign Languages	Physical Education
Sociology	Science	Pathways

Next Steps

Please make sure you make Parent Evening appointments with the subjects you are thinking about taking

If you are thinking about Enterprise and Marketing or I media make an appointment with your IT teacher

Please email questions to the teacher of

Classical Civilisations gbryden@ratton.co.uk

Sociology jwells@ratton.co.uk

Its all about you
Your choices
Your future!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT US

info@ratton.co.uk



Ratton School Academy Trust
Park Avenue
Eastbourne BN21 2XR
01323 504011
www.ratton.co.uk

Achieving Together

