## GCSE Subjects explained......

GCSE stands for General Certificate of Secondary Education.

#### Core Subjects

- English
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science (combined science or separate sciences)

Citizenship, physical education, and religious studies are foundation subjects which are studied but not examined.

### **Option Subjects**

### Languages

- Spanish
- French
- •German
- Mandarin
- Punjabi
- Russian

# Humanities & Business

- Geography
- •Business studies
- History
- Economics
- •Religious Studies

### Other subjects

- Design & Technology
- Food
- Textiles
- Astronomy
- Computing
- Statistics
- Psychology

#### Art

- Drama
- Music
- Dance
- Media
- Arts
- •Design & Technology
- •PE

### What is the English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)?

DfE recommendation which recognise students that have achieved a Grade 5 or better in FIVE specific GCSE subject areas from: Mathematics, English, English literature, Science, a language and one humanities.

## **Tiering**

Tiering applies to mathematics, science and MFL. There are two tiers in the subject: Foundation and Higher.

Higher tier grades are from grade 4 to grade 9

Foundation tier is from grade 1 to grade 5

Higher

Grades 6-9

Foundation & Higher Grades 4-5

Foundation Grades 1-3



