

Year 9 Curriculum Choices 2023-2025



Our Curriculum
Research
Making choices
What next?



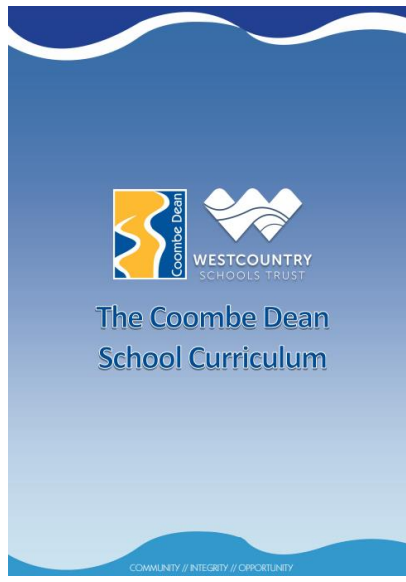
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Curriculum

THE COOMBE DEAN SCHOOL CURRICULUM

COMMUNITY - INTEGRITY - OPPORTUNITY

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We offer a curriculum that is planned with the requirements of the national curriculum at its heart and that:

- Introduces learners to the best that has been thought, said and created
- Promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of our learners
- Prepares our learners for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life
- Provides our learners with access to knowledge that enables them to pursue their academic interests as well as unlock future opportunities as adults who can understand, cooperate and shape the world.

Curriculum design at subject level conforms to what we already know about human cognition and how people learn. Principles of curriculum design such as scaffolding, interleaving and retrieval practice are embedded, aiding pupils to know more and remember more.

Learning experiences are not limited to the classroom and are supported by opportunities to undertake exciting and stimulating enrichment activities. In addition to visits to and from school, our learners can experience:

- Enrichment week in years 7-9
- Work experience week in years 10 and 12
- Annual applied learning days
- Life Education incorporating careers education
- Extra-curricular clubs during the school day and beyond

A proper curriculum, grounded in the knowledge, concepts and overarching ideas of individual subjects is an entitlement for every child. Mary Myatt

IN THIS SECTION

CURRICULUM GUIDE BOOKLET

ENGLISH

MATHS

SCIENCE

HISTORY

GEOGRAPHY

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PE

ART

HOSPITALITY AND CATERING

MUSIC

PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS/
RELIGIOUS STUDIES

BUSINESS STUDIES

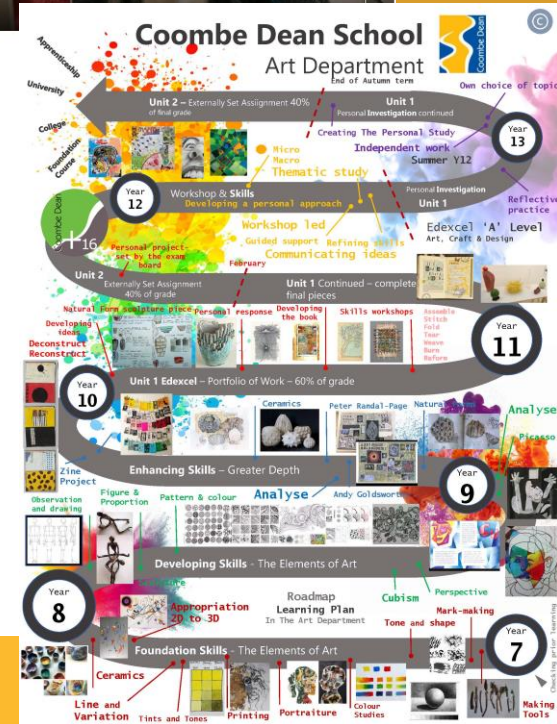
COMPUTING AND ICT

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

ICT & MEDIA STUDIES

DRAMA

FORENSIC READING



Search: Coombe Dean School Curriculum

What does the curriculum look like in Years 10 and 11?

CORE

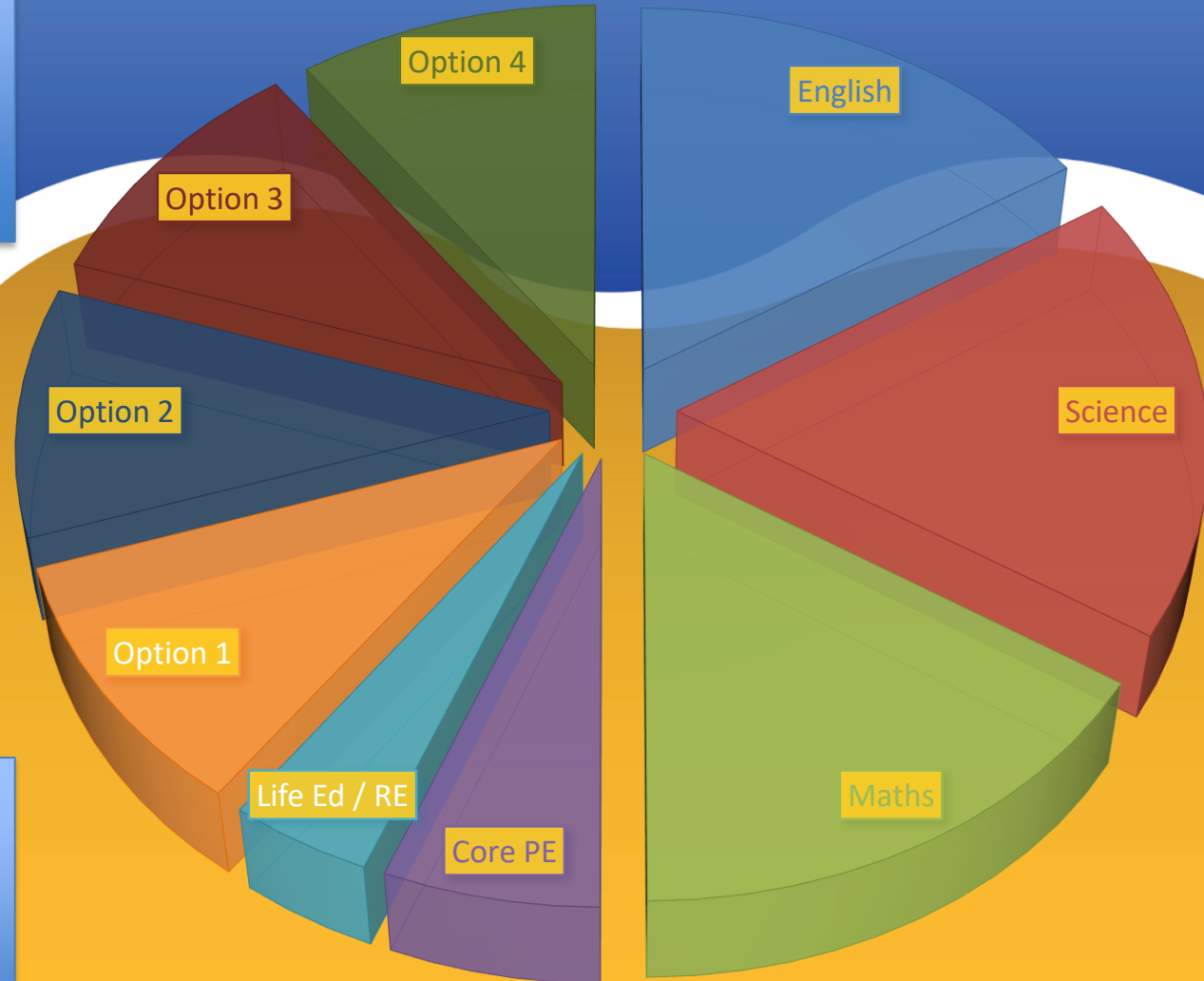
GCSEs in Maths, English
language, English
literature, Science
Life Education, PE



OPTIONS

- 40% of the week
- Four subjects
- GCSE or equivalent

CURRICULUM TIME



9 Level 2
qualifications

How do I decide what to do?

Things to consider when your child is making options choices:

Questions to discuss with your child:

What do you think are your strengths?

Where do you see yourself in the future?

Are the choices you are making being influenced by where you see yourself in the future?

Are you aware of what you might help you to get where you want to be?

Is where you want to be realistic or should there be other plans in place too?

What are your particular interests and abilities and which subjects would best use and develop these?

Things to consider when your child is making options choices:

What careers and courses will be open to your child if they select courses they like and learn well?

Does the career / do the career paths they have in mind require particular subjects?

What does your child see themselves doing for Post-18 education and how do the courses they are choosing fit in with this?

Things for you to consider in the advice you give:

What ambitions do you have for your child?

How much of a role are your ambitions playing in their decision-making?

Are you encouraging your child to choose the right subjects for them, particularly given their abilities, interests and preferences?

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What do I enjoy / am I good at?

A balanced curriculum

What do I want to be?

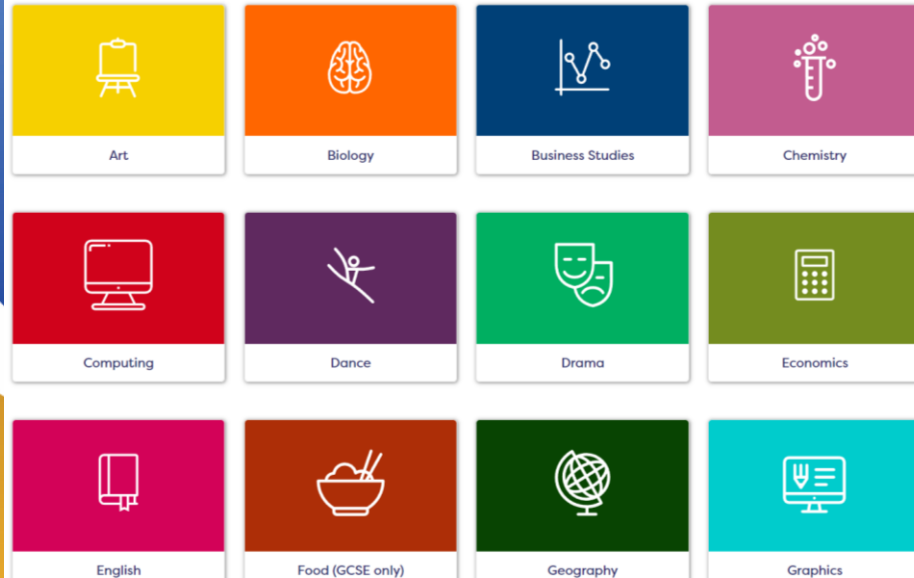
What am I excited to explore further?

Friends?
Teacher?

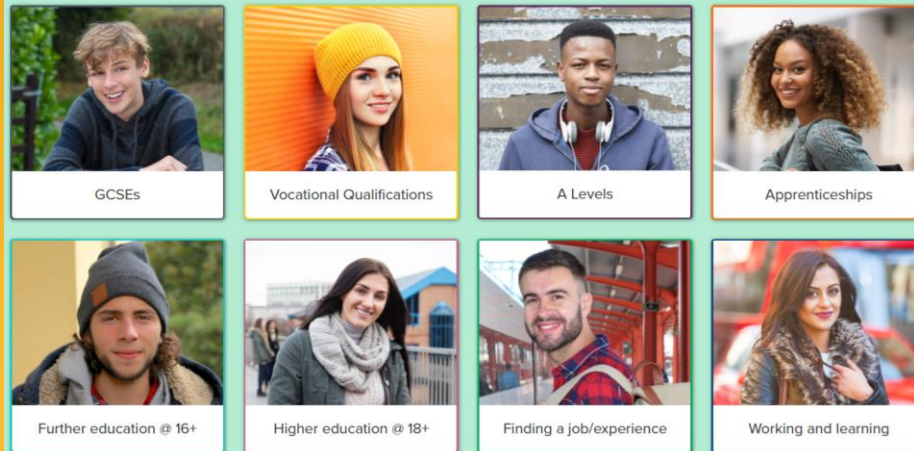


Research – work backwards or forwards

Choose a subject you love and see where it might lead



or look in detail at...



Expert careers information and tools for 11-19 year olds, all in one place

Where do I start?

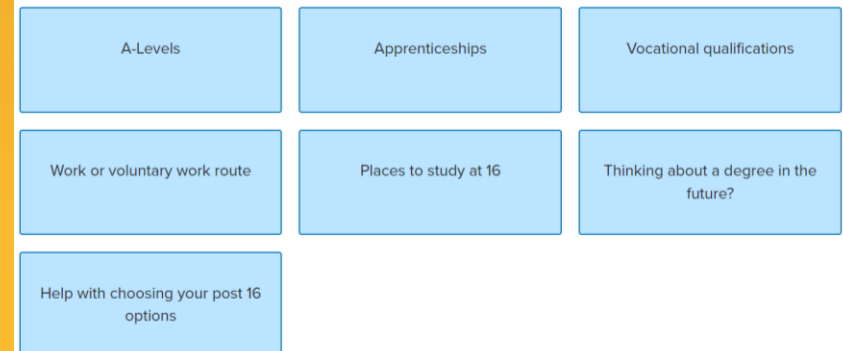
1. Start with you

2. Explore your options



Search: Career Pilot

Your choices at 16



1. Start with you

Quizzes to find out what suits you



2. Explore your options

Search for courses and jobs



Choices at 14+



Choices at 16+



Choices at 18+



Explore pathways



Search jobs



Search courses



Choosing your
GCSEs



How your GCSE
grades could affect
your choices at 16



How GCSEs are
viewed by
universities

GCSEs

Jobs

Search for a job

Enter job title eg: accountant

Search


Explore jobs and careers



Jobs by job sector




Start with your values



Start with a subject



Green jobs



Do the job quiz



Careerometer

Compare up to 3 jobs



Finding a job/experience

Jobs

Search for a job

accountant

Search

Auditor

Salary range: £19,000 to £65,000

Internal and external auditors check organisations' financial records and procedures to make sure they are accurate and efficient.



Bookmaker

Salary range: £18,000 to £30,000

Bookmakers organise gambling activities in betting offices, at racetracks and online.



Management accountant

Salary range: £22,000 to £55,000

Management accountants look after a company's finances and find ways to improve profitability.



Private practice accountant

Salary range: £22,000 to £65,000

Private practice accountants help people and businesses manage their money effectively.



Public finance accountant

Salary range: £22,000 to £65,000

Public finance accountants make sure money is spent properly in public sector organisations.



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£ ANNUAL SALARY

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Average UK salary in 2019 was £30,378
(source Office for National Statistics)

WORKING HOURS

37 to 39 a week

You could work evenings / weekends;
occasionally

FUTURE EMPLOYMENT

There will be 3.3%
more Private
practice accountant
jobs in 2027.

3.3%



What you'll do



Routes into this job



People currently working in this job by region



Live job vacancies by region New



Career path and progression



Other useful information



What you'll do



Routes into this job



You can get into this job through:

- a university course
- an apprenticeship
- working towards this role
- training with a professional body

University

You could do a degree in any subject and then apply to graduate schemes that offer training towards a professional accountancy qualification. Subjects that show you have excellent numeracy and analytical thinking skills may be particularly useful.

If you want to take a more focused route to a graduate scheme, you could take an accountancy related degree, like:

- accountancy
- accounting and finance
- business and management
- maths

Some degree courses may give you exemptions from some of the professional accountancy training modules.

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree

For more information

- equivalent entry requirements
- student finance for fees and living costs
- university courses and entry requirements

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We provide careers information, advice and guidance. We can help you to make decisions on learning, training and work at all stages in your career.

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Skills assessment

Learn more about your skills and match them to potential new careers.

Assess your skills

Explore Careers

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Look for learning and training opportunities local to you.

Look for courses

Careers advice

Search: National Careers Service

Early years teacher

Nursery teacher

Early years teachers are specialists in early childhood development and work with children up to the age of 5.

Average salary (a year)

£25,714 £36,961
Starter Experienced

Typical hours (a week)

32 to 37
variable

You could work

between 8am and 6pm
on a rota

Open all

How to become

Explore the different ways to get into this role.

You can get into this job through:

- a university course
- working towards this role

University

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Feedback

Entry requirements

Qualification requirements

▶ UCAS Tariff - Not accepted

▼ A level - AAA - ABB

Standard offer: AAA including English Literature or combined English Literature and Language. Contextual offer: ABB including A in English Literature or combined English Literature and Language. Please visit: bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/entry-requirements-qualifications/contextual-offers/ for more information about contextual offers.

English

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English

University of Aberdeen

Main Site

MA (Hons)

4 years

Full-time

11/09/2023

120-152

UCAS Tariff Points

English

University of Bedfordshire

Bedford Campus

BA (Hons)

3 years

Full-time

09/2023

104

UCAS Tariff Points

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Explore careers

Find out what a job involves and if it's right for you.



Explore by job category

Administration

Animal care

Beauty and wellbeing

Business and finance

Computing, technology and digital

Construction and trades

Creative and media

Delivery and storage

Emergency and uniform services

Engineering and maintenance

Environment and land

Government services

Healthcare

Home services

Hospitality and food

Law and legal

Managerial

Manufacturing

Retail and sales

Science and research

Social care

Sports and leisure

Teaching and education

Transport

Travel and tourism



EBacc subjects

The EBacc is made up of:

- English language
- Mathematics
- Science
- History or Geography
- a Modern Foreign Language



HELP YOUR CHILD MAKE THE BEST GCSE CHOICES

You and your child may currently be considering, with advice from their school, what GCSE subjects they should take next year.

The Department for Education recommends these core subjects, which make up the English Baccalaureate (EBacc), and help keep options for young people open:

- English language and English literature
- Maths
- Science
Combined science or 3 single sciences from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Computer science
- History or Geography
- A language
Ancient or modern

WHAT IS THE EBACC?

The EBacc is not a qualification in its own right – it's a combination of GCSE subjects, including a language, that offer an important range of knowledge and skills to young people.

EBACC FUTURE PROOFS YOUR CHILD'S PROSPECTS

While your child may not have decided on their future career path yet, choosing the EBacc at GCSE gives them access to a full range of employment options when they leave secondary school and the broad knowledge that employers are looking for.

If they are thinking of going to university, the EBacc is also recommended by Britain's most prestigious universities.



The research found that students studying EBacc subjects for GCSE, were more likely to stay in education after 16.

The Centre for Longitudinal Studies, August 2017

The government's ambition is to see 75% of pupils studying the EBacc subject combination at GCSE by 2022, and 90% by 2025.

New GCSE Grading Structure

NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE		CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9	iMedia, Enterprise and Marketing, Hospitality and Catering	A*
8		
7		
6	<div>GOOD PASS (DfE)</div> <div>5 and above = top of C and above</div> <div>AWARDING</div> <div>4 and above = bottom of C and above</div>	B
5		
4		
3	L2 Distinction* = 8.5 L2 Distinction = 7 L2 Merit = 5.5	D
2		
1		
	L1 Distinction = 3 L1 Merit = 2 L1 Pass = 1.25	F
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GCSE reform Assessment



- Curriculum Choices Booklet
- Curriculum Learning Journeys
- Guide to the Parents' Evening
- Information on Curriculum Choices

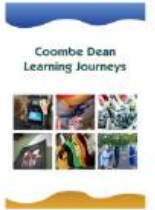

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Year 9 Curriculum Choices

Dear pupils in Year 9 / Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find linked below and at the bottom of this page, resources to support the curriculum choices process.

Choices - Year 9 Curriculum Choices Booklet 2023 - 2025 Roadmaps - Curriculum Learning Journeys



- Simple guide - Year 9 Parents' Evening


The first is the Curriculum Choices Booklet, which gives summary information for parents and students about the subjects that students in Years 10 and 11 will study which are a compulsory part of their education, as well as information about option subjects which students can choose from to complete their curriculum for Years 10 and 11.

The second is a simple guide to parents' evening aimed at answering any questions you may have about the purpose or focus of the opportunity to meet virtually with teachers on Thursday.

Information about the choices that are available when the information and curriculum choices Form is released next Friday.

Parent and pupil presentations explaining the curriculum choices process, which covers what the curriculum looks like in Years 10 and 11, how to research and ask questions, and make good decisions followed by some advice and what happens next.

Parent video presentation:



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- LANGUAGES
- PE

Curriculum Subject Presentation Videos:

Art

Computer Science

Creative Media

Design and Technology

Drama

Enterprise and Marketing

Geography

History

Hospitality and Catering

Modern Languages

Music

Physical Education

Religious Studies

Science

Options Form:

Please use the following Form to submit your curriculum choices by Monday 4th April at the latest. Please review your choices carefully before submitting.



Advice Video next slide should start automatically

GCSE Choices

Key Guidance and MS Form

Will be available on the website after 3pm on Friday 17th March
and sent by ClassCharts

Year 9 – 2023-2025 Curriculum Choices

Key Guidance on completing the MS Form

Making choices

Having considered the available information, students are asked to make 4 preferred choices based upon the option column structure that we are sharing below. They will also be asked to make a second preference choice from each column.

Subject availability

Numbers in a class are usually capped at 30. Classroom-based practical subjects have a lower maximum number in line with health and safety guidelines and/or space needed to complete the course. Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate all four first preferences, some combinations may not be possible due to class sizes and/or teacher availability. In these cases, second preference options will be the most likely allocated subject.

Please note, this is **NOT** the curriculum choices Form itself and is being provided to give information specifically relating to how to complete the curriculum choices Form to submit your choices.

Core compulsory curriculum	Choice between (choose at least one of)
English Maths Combined Science Life Education (PSHE and RE) Core PE	Geography History

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- Geography and History can both be selected, but not more than once!
- All students will study combined science as default which is taught over 9 hours each fortnight and results in 2 grades i.e. GCSE grades 5, 5 or 6, 6. The option of taking separate (triple) science which is 3 separate GCSEs and has an additional 5 hours per fortnight teaching results in 3 grades i.e. 5, 5, 6, one for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Students should only opt for this route if they are very keen scientists (they would have 5 hours of science extra per fortnight, so 14 hours in total) who are making strong progress and demonstrating strong effort in their science studies. This effort and progress will be taken into account when access to this option is assigned.

2023 Year 9 Curriculum Choices for 2023-2025

Please submit one Form to register your first and second preference subjects from each of the 4 subject columns.

1. Please enter your name *

Enter your answer

2. Please select your tutor group *

- ☐ 9BKD
☐ 9EPC
☐ 9GLM
☐ 9LLB
☐ 9MNN
☐ 9VW

3. Please select your intended pathway (described in the Curriculum Choices booklet)
Humanity = Geography or History *

- ☐ EBacc (Core plus a humanity and a modern language)
☐ Standard (Core plus a humanity only)

The MS form should be submitted by the end of Wednesday 29th March. Subjects are NOT allocated on a first come, first served basis, so there is no need to rush the process of taking in all of the information!

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