



Year 8 into 9 Options 2020-2021

Making choices
for Year 9

Our Curriculum in Years 9, 10 and 11



The Island Futures Curriculum develops skills and knowledge and prepares you for the challenges within the IB Diploma and Applied Learning Pathway;

Supports you to be confident independent learners, collaborators and critical thinkers; gives you experiences and opportunities to discover your passions;

Allows you to specialise within a broad all round education;

Gives you the opportunity to serve others and develop your global awareness

Entrance

Most students in Year 10 will sit 9 GCSE/IGCSE courses, these are split between two exam boards, Edexcel and Cambridge.

CAMBRIDGE BOARD:

- First Language English
- World Literature
- English as a Second Language
- Business Studies
- French
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Drama
- Music
- Design & Technology
- Geography
- Global Perspectives

EDEXCEL BOARD:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- History
- Maths
- Art
- Economics
- Japanese

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Year 9 Core Subjects and Options

In Year 9 you will all study English, Maths, Explorations and Science. You will then choose one language, two humanities subjects, two technology subjects and two arts subjects.

Languages:

- French
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Japanese

Humanities:

- History
- Geography
- PRS

Technology:

- Food Tech
- Design
- Textiles

Arts:

- Music
- Theatre
Drama
- Visual Arts

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N.B. The language you pick will be the language you sit at GCSE

In Year 9 you will pick 2 elements courses. You will make a first and second choice for each semester.

Elements courses aim to ignite your passion and motivation to learn.

The skills acquired by you on these courses will help bridge the gap between IGCSE, the IB Diploma and the world beyond Island School.



You will also begin Explorations which is made up of two components. An **IGCSE Global Perspectives** and an **International Education Award in Applied IGT**.

IGCSE Global Perspectives

IB Core

Team Project - 35%

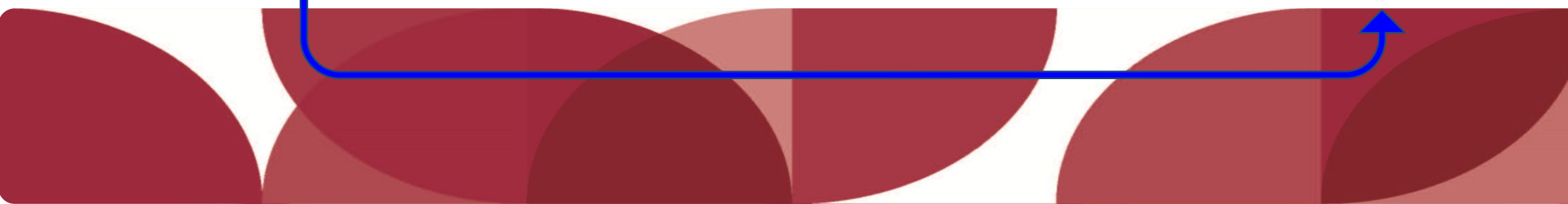
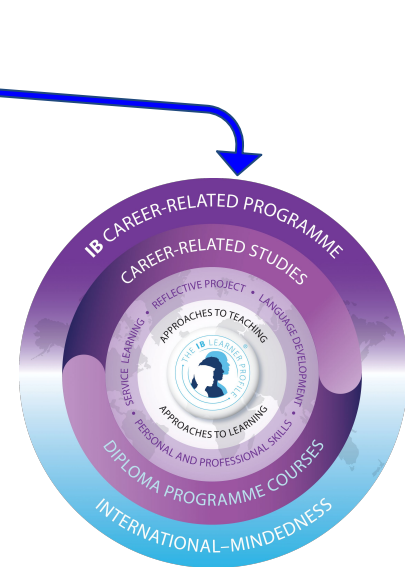
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Individual Report - 30%

Extended Essay

Written Exam - 35%

Theory of Knowledge



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26th Sep
Options
Introduction

2nd Oct
Options
fair

24th Oct
Options
Choices
Made

Oct - Jan
(Discussions with
tutor, family,
teachers)

30th Jan
Options sign off
No further
changes



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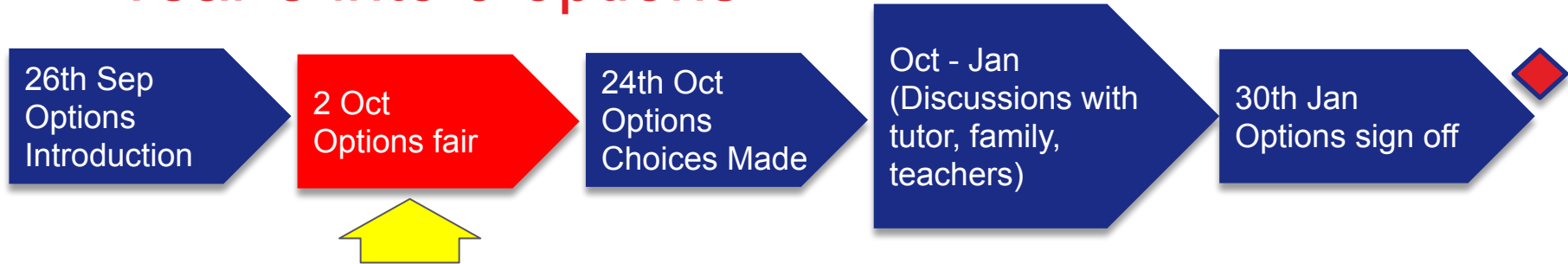
What should I do now? After this session you should begin to research the available options.

How do I do this? You can look on the school website to see all of the available options in the Island Middle School Curriculum.

Who can I go to for help? Tutors, SHoH, Subject Teachers, IN Department and LSC

What is the timeline? It is here!

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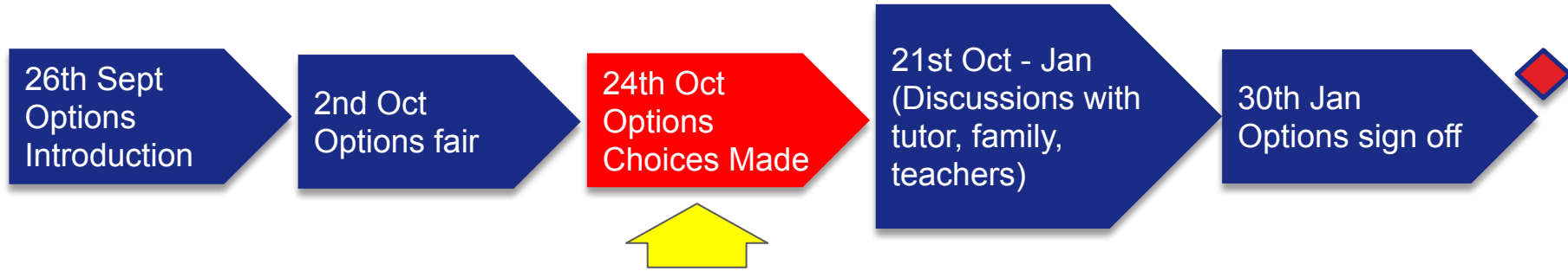


What is the Options Fair? This includes a presentation to your parents about the options process. It also includes the opportunity for you and your parents to visit all of the subject areas you are interested in.

What should I do before the Options Fair? You should do your research about the various options you think you might be interested in. You should discuss your ideas with your parents.

What should I do at the Options Fair? You should have narrowed your potential options so that the afternoon is focused and purposeful. You should know which subjects to visit. You should have a list of questions/ queries that you would like to ask about

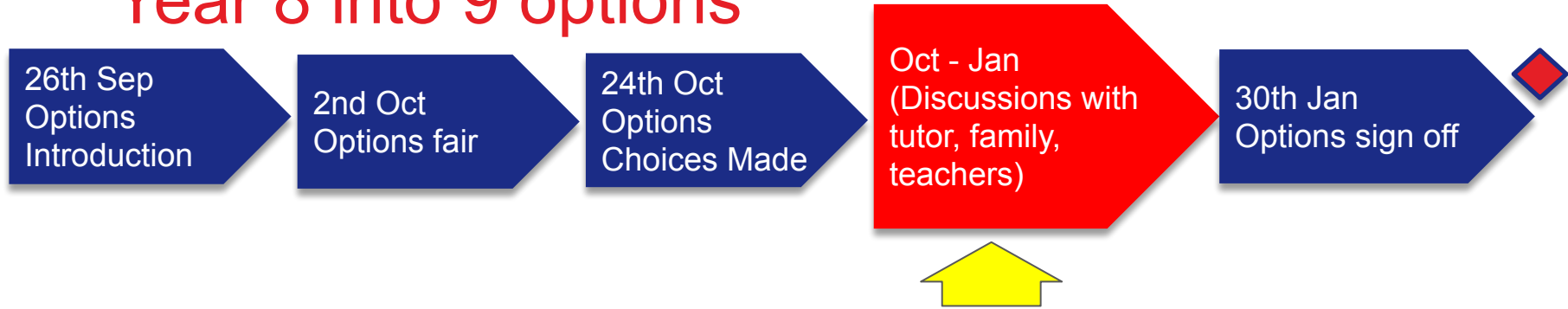
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What is this date? This is the date that you must have made your option choices by.

What should I do before this date? You should have agreed your options choices with your parents having spent a considerable amount of time making the decision.

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What is this time period for? We understand that making the right options choices is important. This period of time is when you will discuss your options choices with your tutor and if necessary SHoH.

What do I do if I want to change a choice I have made? You should complete the options change form that you can get from your tutor, take it to your tutor and be prepared to justify your change.

What will happen then? Mr Lee will consider your request and will endeavour (wherever possible) to accommodate the change. Unfortunately some changes are not possible based upon the complexity of the timetable and demand of certain subjects.

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What is this date? This date is the cutoff for any changes to options for 2020-2021.

What should I do before this date? You should check the option choices you have made.

After 30th Jan 2020 we will not be able to change students option choices, unless there are exceptional circumstances.



Your tutor guides you, alongside your SHoH

Talk to your subject teachers

Look at current options on the [school website](#) to get an idea

A brochure and further guidance will be sent to you and your parents just before the Options Fair on Wednesday 2nd October

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All option courses are subject to availability.

Elements option allocation will go, in order of priority, to students entering Year 11, then 10, then 9

Waitlists will go in the same order

Ideally, you should view your Elements as a 3 year process, but review them regularly to check that they are still the best choice for your interests and future pathways.

Option Choice Example

Language	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
Chinese	History	Geography	Food Tech	Design Tech	Art	Music

	Semester 1 1st Choice	Semester 1 2nd Choice	Semester 2 1st Choice	Semester 2 2nd Choice
Elements 9-11	Film 101	Robotics	Robotics	Dance

How to make your choices:


Step 1: Logon to the Isle

Step 2: Go to the 'Students' tab.

Step 3: Select 'Student Options'

Step 4: Open the "Year 8 into Year 9 options link

- Select 1 Language and 6 optional Subjects
- Add any notes to justify your choices
- Select 4 Elements courses - 2 for the first semester and 2 for the second.
- Click '**Submit**'



Not to be done
until after the
Options Fair
(2nd October)

Please note you will be emailed (your school email) a receipt to say you have submitted your form. If you do not receive this receipt you **HAVE NOT** submitted your form.