



# Year 9 into Year 10 Options

Thinking ahead to the IBDP  
and IBCP

# Our Curriculum in Years 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 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

# Year 10 Core Subjects and Entrance Options

In Year 10 you will all study First Language English, World Literature, Maths and 1 x Language. You will then choose your 4 options subjects from the whole selection of options. You will also make one backup option selection.

## Core (compulsory):

- English Language
- World Literature
- Maths
- 1 x Language

## Entrance Options:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● History</li><li>● Geography</li><li>● Religious Studies</li><li>● Music</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Business Studies</li><li>● Economics</li><li>● Drama</li><li>● Chemistry</li><li>● Physics</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Biology</li><li>● Art and Design</li><li>● Food Prep and Nutrition</li><li>● D and T</li></ul> |
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**N.B. The language you pick needs to be the language you took in Year 9**

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 Applied Learning Pathway and the world beyond Island School.

In Year 10 you will take 4 elements courses, **two** in semester 1 and **two** in semester 2. You will make a first and second choice for each block in each semester.

Student, Society Well-Being



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

### IGCSE Global Perspectives

Team Project - 35%

Individual Report - 30%

Written Exam - 35%

### IB Core

CAS

Extended Essay

Theory of Knowledge



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26th Sep  
Options  
Introduction

2 Oct  
Options  
fair

24th Oct  
Options  
Choices  
Made

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

Jan  
Options sign off  
No further  
changes until  
the new year



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

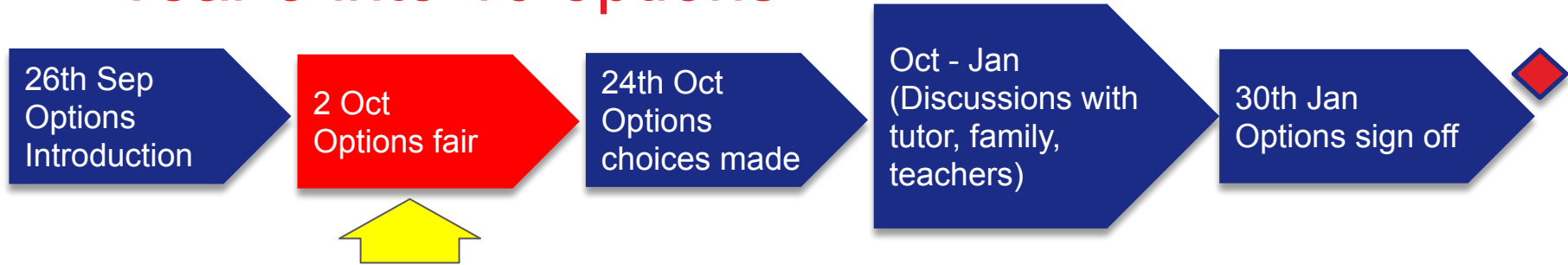
**How do I do this?** You can look on the school website to see all of the available options in the Island Middle School Curriculum.

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

**What is the timeline?** [Here!](#)



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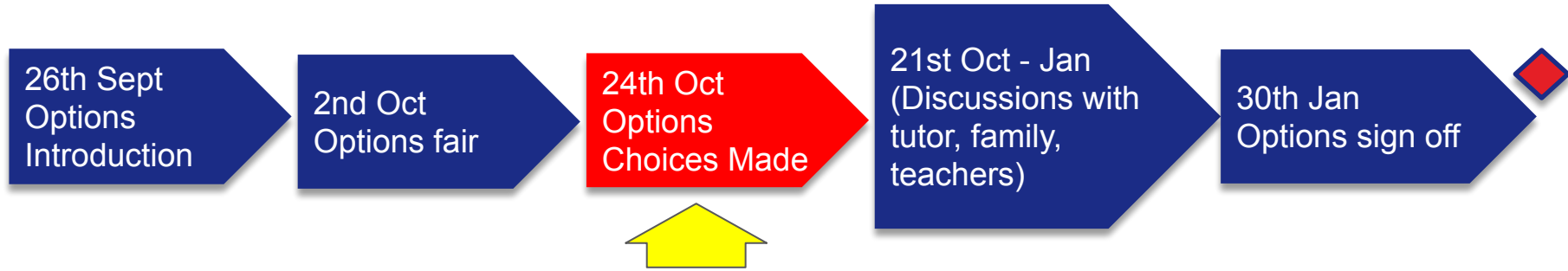


**What is the Options Fair?** This includes a presentation to your parents about the options process. It also includes the opportunity for you and your parents to visit all of the subject areas you are interested in.

**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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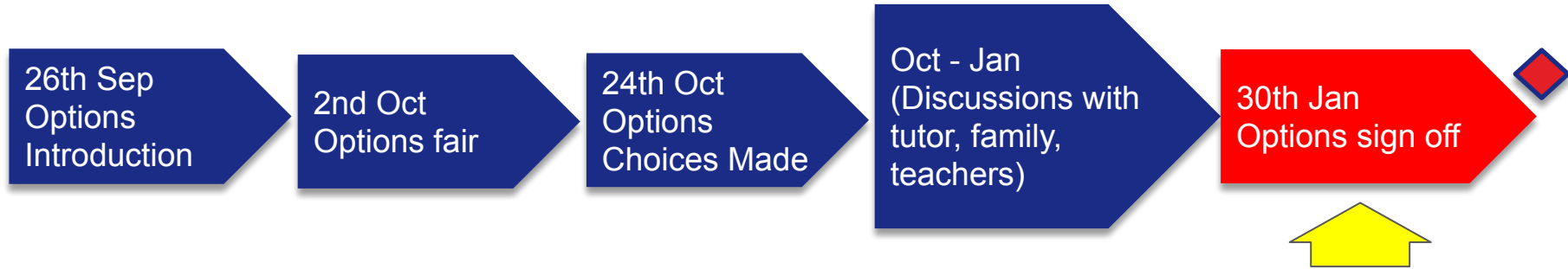


**What is this time period for?** We understand that making the right options choices is important. This period of time is when you will discuss your options choices with your tutor and if necessary SHoH.

**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 in choice.

**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 until the new year, unless there are exceptional circumstances.**

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Individual discussions will take place between you and your tutor during Thrive following the Options Fair.

For I/GCSE you should usually aim to take at least one science, one language and 3 others.

Elements choice...you are encouraged to make broad and balanced choices. Unless you have a very specific focus, then similar skill sets may be followed with guidance.

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Students making changes to options after the final round choice will be 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

## Entrance:

Language	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	<i>Backup</i>
Chinese	Biology	Geography	Art	Engineering	Chemistry

## Elements:

	Semester 1 1st Choice	Semester 1 2nd Choice	Semester 2 1st Choice	Semester 2 2nd Choice
<b>Mondays 10-11</b>	Cryptography	Freakanomics	Debating	Law
<b>Wednesday 9-11</b>	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 9 into Year 10 options" link

- Select 1 Language and 4 optional entrance subjects. Select 1 backup entrance subject.
- Select 4 Elements courses - 4 (2 backup) for the first semester and 4 (2 backup) for the second.
- Add any notes to justify your choices.
- Click '**Submit**'.

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.



school website