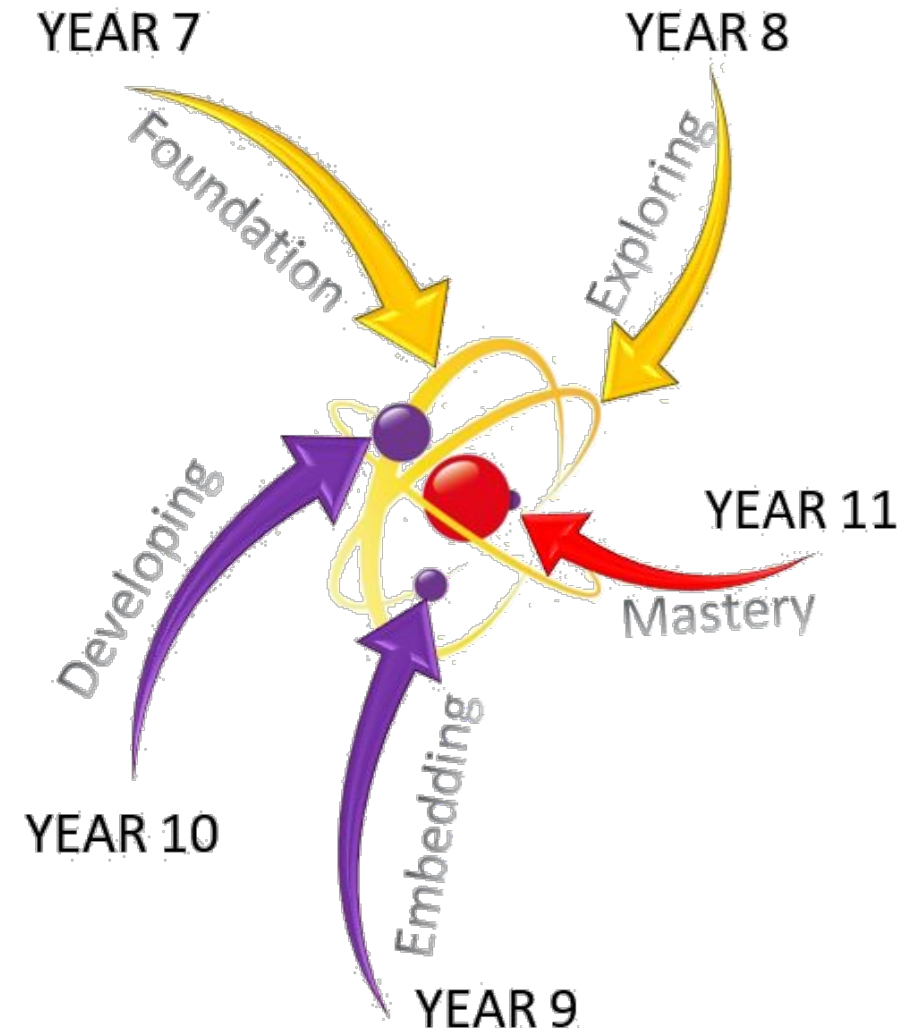


# KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS EVENING

## GCSE Class of 2026



# MILESTONE MOMENTS...



- First words and first steps
- First day at Primary school
- First day at Secondary school
- **Key stage 4 Options**
- Year 11 Prom
- GCSE Results day August 2026
- First day of Post 16 choice and your future...



*'We will make the biggest difference to the lives of all our students by laying the foundations to encourage a successful future.'*

# HOW IS KS4 GRADED?



- A numerical system of **Grades 1-9** for GCSEs
- A **Pass, Merit, Distinction, Distinction\*** for BTECs and other vocational qualifications
- Your child will receive a target for your GCSEs/BTECs based on their KS2 results & CATs tests.
- It's a number and this is their **estimated point score**, an average is 50.
- This figure is used to track their **progress** across the 2 years at Key Stage 4.

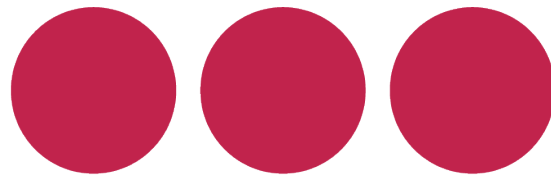
# PROGRESS 8:



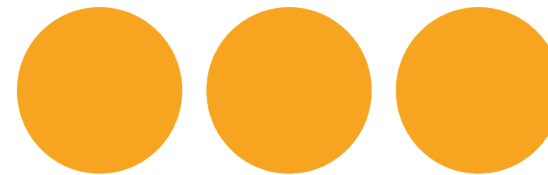
- Each qualification a student takes is worth points.
- But you can only use your **8 best** – and there are limitations – only **certain subjects can sit in each basket**.
- The aim is to get enough points across the baskets to **exceed** your estimated score
- This will give you a **POSITIVE PROGRESS**



English\* Maths



EBacc qualifications x3



Other x3

+0.58

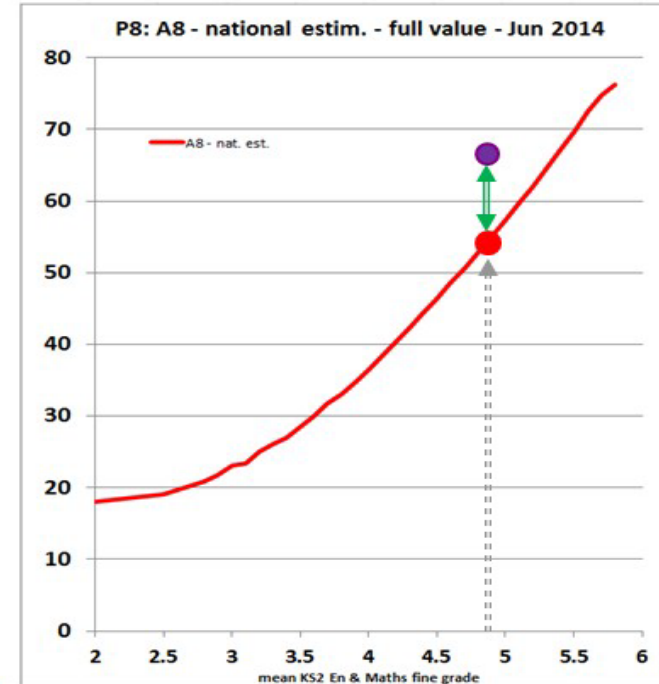
# HOW YOU WORK YOUR P8 OUT:



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- Add up the total of the 8 best subjects
- Take this away from the expected total point score
- Divide the remainder by 10 – this is **progress 8**

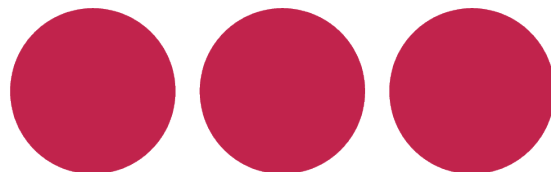
## Worked example



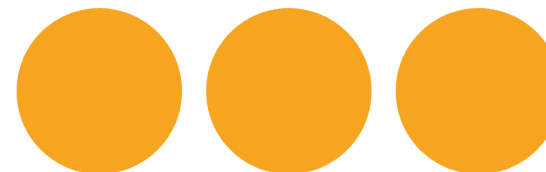
- Pupil has ave KS2 En & Ma score of 4.9
- National ave for this KS2 score = 54
- Difference =  $67 - 54 = 13$
- So Progress 8 score for this pupil =  $13 / 10 = 1.3$
- Progress 8 score for school = average of pupil Progress 8 scores



English\* Maths



EBacc qualifications x3



Other x3

# ATTAINMENT 8:



- Attainment 8 is a way of measuring how well pupils do in key stage 4.
- This is regardless of any KS2 scores/results.
- The 8 subjects which make up Attainment 8 include English and maths. Out of the remaining 6 subjects:
  - 3 must come from Bucket 2 e.g. sciences, language and humanities
  - 3 qualifications can be any other approved subject

**58pts**

# HOW YOU WORK YOUR A8 OUT:



- Each grade a pupil gets is assigned a point score from 9 (the highest) to 1 (the lowest).
- Each pupil's Attainment 8 score is calculated by adding up the points for their 8 subjects, with English and maths counted twice (double).
- Attainment 8 scores are rounded to 1 decimal place.

## Grade:

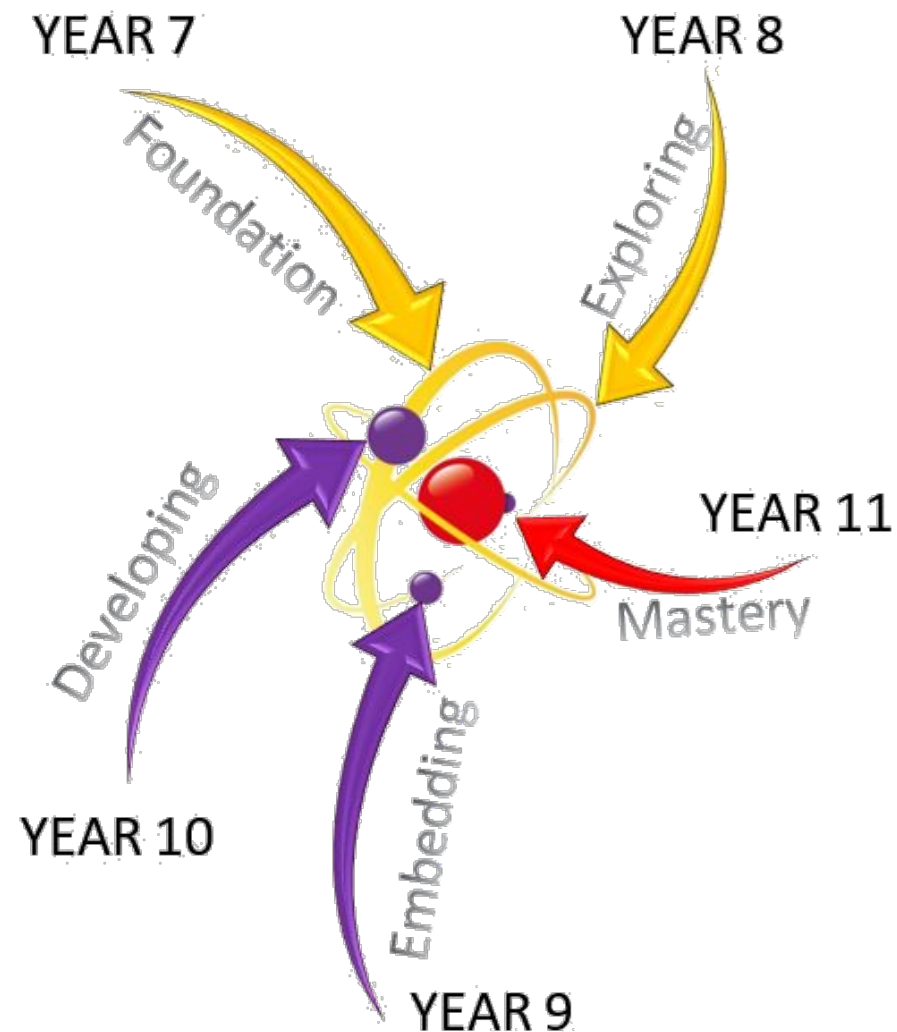


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# KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS PROCESS

## HOW DOES IT WORK?



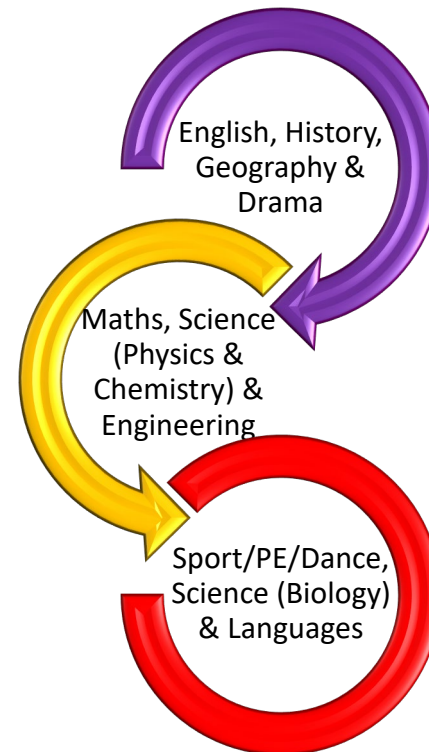


# CORE CURRICULUM:



Everyone will study:

- GCSE English Language & GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Maths
- GCSE Science
- Core PE
- Personal Development
- Religious Education



Computing & Business

Art & Technology

Music & Dance

# OPTION 1: Ebacc Block



Everyone will choose one of the following subjects:

- Geography
- History
- French
- Spanish
- Computer Science



**English Baccalaureate**

A new quality standard at GCSE  
level

# OPTION 2:



Everyone will choose one of the following subjects:

- Geography (GCSE)
- Computer Science (GCSE)
- Art: Fine Art (GCSE)
- Sport (BTEC)
- Drama (GCSE)
- Engineering (WJEC)
- Animal Care (BTEC)
- Art: Fashion & Textiles (GCSE)
- Hospitality & Catering (WJEC)

# OPTION 3:



Everyone will choose one of the following subjects:

- **History (GCSE)**
- **Art: Fine Art (GCSE)**
- **Art: 3D Design (GCSE)**
- **Dance (BTEC)**
- **Business Studies (GCSE)**
- **Hospitality & Catering (WJEC)**
- **Engineering (WJEC)**
- **Animal Care (BTEC)**
- **Child Development (BTEC)**
- **Religious Studies (GCSE)**

# OPTION 4:

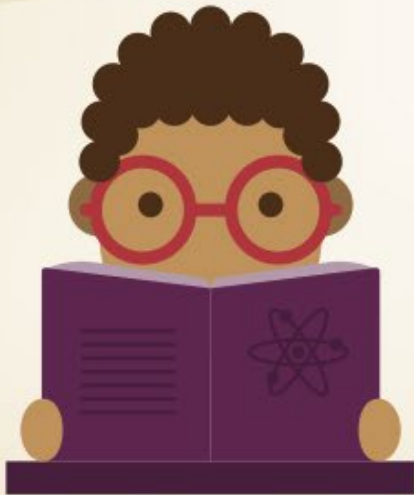


Everyone will choose one of the following subjects:

- Spanish (GCSE)
- French (GCSE)
- Art: Graphic Design (GCSE)
- Digital Information Technology (BTEC)
- Physical Education (GCSE)
- Sport (BTEC)
- Music (GCSE)
- Hair & Beauty (WJEC)
- Business Studies (GCSE)
- Statistics (GCSE)

# HOW DO I DECIDE?

What subjects  
should I choose?



How do  
I make a  
decision?



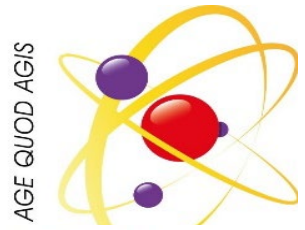
What are  
my options?



# FUTURE CAREERS:

- Think about **career** options!...
- If you are unsure of future plans, try to choose a range of subjects.

**EMPLOYERS FAIR**  
**THURSDAY 25th JANUARY**



**Make sure you choose subjects you will enjoy!**



# YOUR CHOICES:

- This form needs completing and returned by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**.
- Select if you would like to be considered for **separate sciences (x3)**.
- Write **1, 2 and 3** in rank order for the 4 x Options you wish to choose.

## Key Stage 4 Options 2024



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick if you wish to be selected for SEPARATE SCIENCES: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Option 1 – Choose your FIRST, SECOND & THIRD choice subject from Option 1 (put a 1 and 2 in the boxes):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Geography (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	History (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	French (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer Science (GCSE)

Option 2 – Choose your FIRST, SECOND & THIRD choice subject from Option 2 (put a 1, 2 & 3 in the boxes):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer Science (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Geography (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Art: Fine Art (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Art: Fashion & Textiles (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sport (BTEC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drama (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospitality & Catering (WJEC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering (WJEC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Animal Care (BTEC)

Option 3 – Choose your FIRST, SECOND & THIRD choice subject from Option 3 (put a 1, 2 & 3 in the boxes):

<input type="checkbox"/>	History (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Art: Fine Art (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Art: 3D Design (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dance (BTEC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospitality & Catering (WJEC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering (WJEC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Animal Care (BTEC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Child Development (BTEC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious Studies (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business Studies (GCSE)

Option 4 – Choose your FIRST, SECOND & THIRD choice subject from Option 4 (put a 1, 2 & 3 in the boxes):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Art: Graphic Design (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statistics (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Education (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sport (BTEC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business Studies (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Digital Information Technology (BTEC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Music (GCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hair & Beauty (WJEC)

Please note you can only  
take one 'Art', one  
'Sport' and one  
'Business' option

Signed: (Student) \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: (Parent/Carer) \_\_\_\_\_

# YOUR CHOICES:

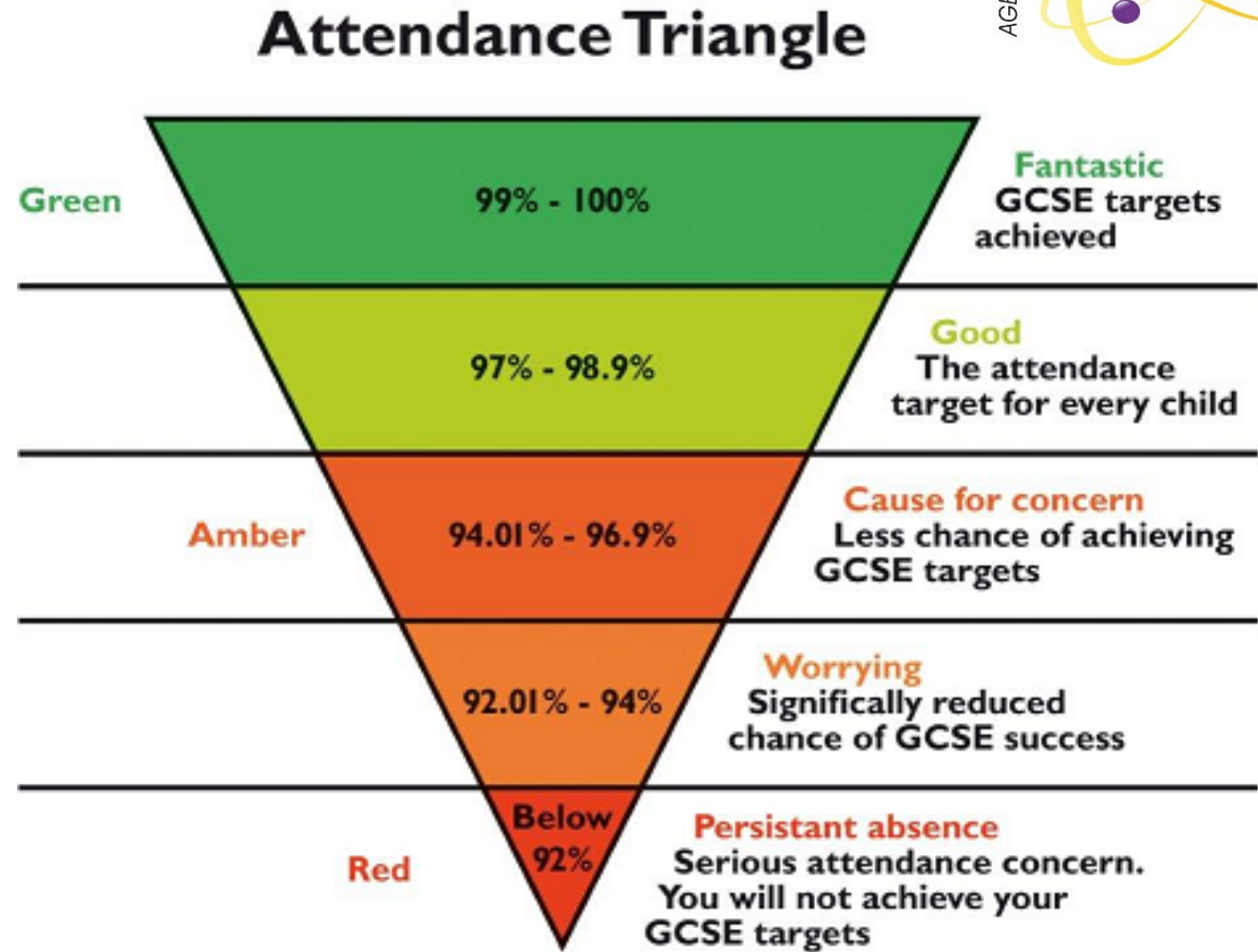


- Make sure they are **your** choices – don't copy friends!!
- Make sure you select a **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> choice** – numbers are limited so you may not always get your first choice.
- Choices are **NOT** guaranteed – they will need to be approved by your teachers.
- Do think carefully about choices – from September, changes will only be made in **exceptional circumstances**
- There are no 'easy' options – every subject requires hard work and dedication - **No pain, no gain!**



# ATTENDANCE IS VITAL:

- How many of you have already had a day off?
- How many of you have already been late?
- How many of you have been on holiday? How many of you caught up on the work you missed due to absence?

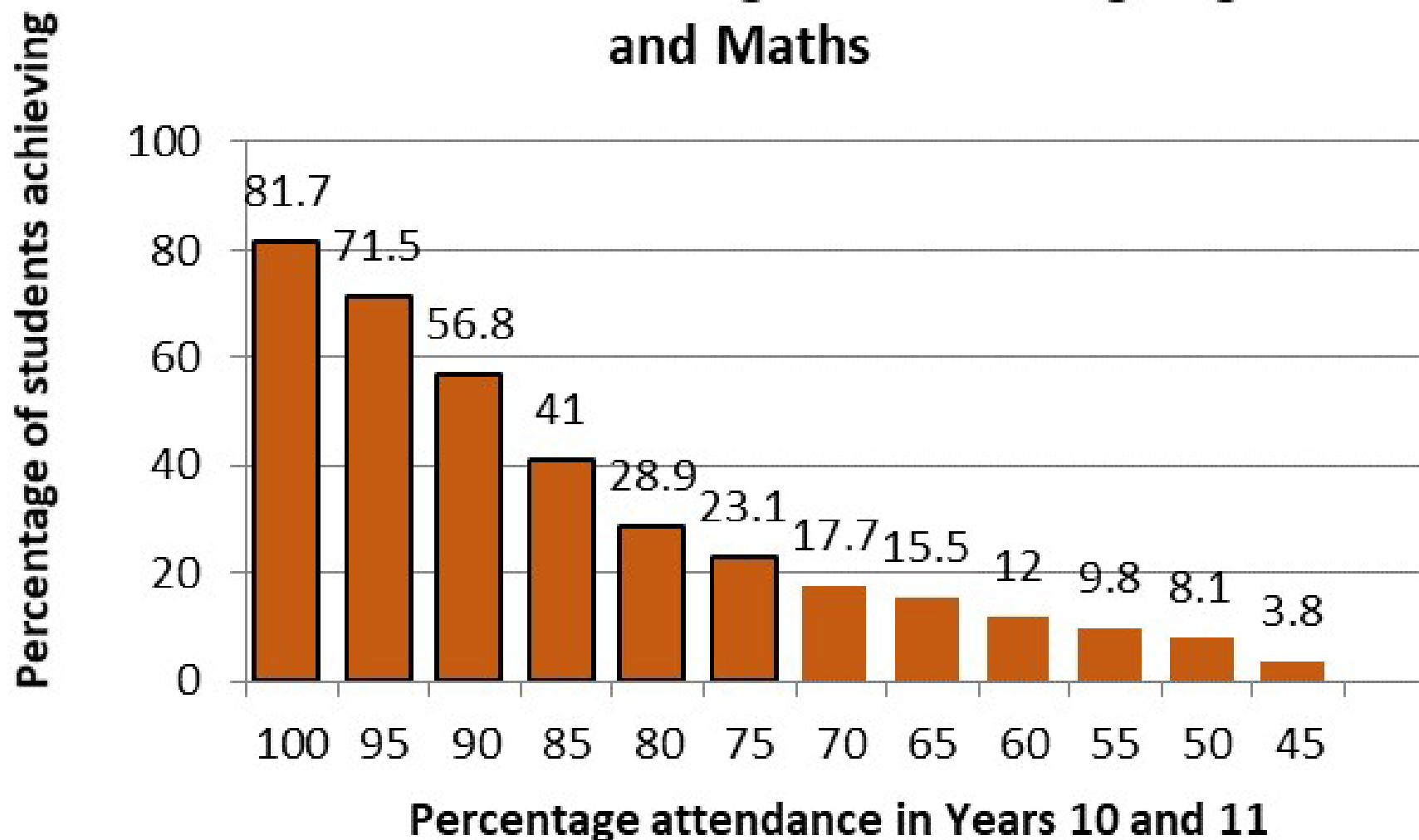


## It is not a coincidence...

# IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES:



Chances of 5+ GCSE 5-9 grades including English and Maths



# NEXT STEPS:

- Visit the gym/technology room to look at the stalls for each subject area
- Ask any questions you have to the relevant staff during the rest of this evenings event
- Read the KS4 Options booklet carefully
- Complete your options form.



**Return your forms by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

# KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS PROCESS

## Any questions?

