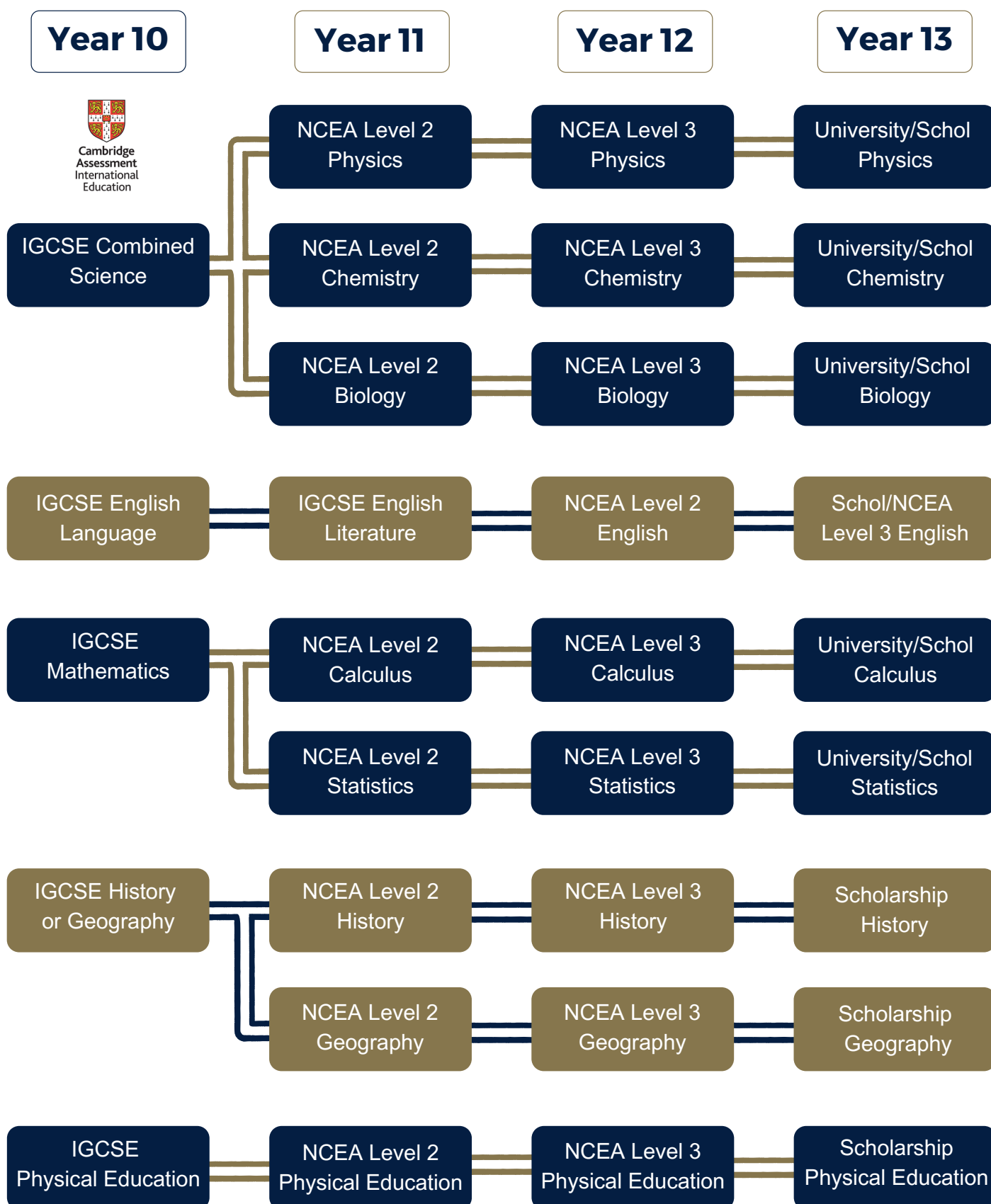




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Please note this is a generalised, but common pathway. There are multiple alternative options. Individual planning and advice is available for all students



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GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING OPTIONS

The Accelerate Programme is one that offers the opportunity to advance a student's learning. Students are selected on their academic results and their entrance test in Year 8, where the top two classes are given an opportunity to access the same curriculum in Term One. Decisions are then made based on academic results and teacher feedback to ensure no one is left behind or pushed too far.

In Year 10 these classes are given the opportunity to participate in Cambridge IGCSE subjects. The advantages of acceleration include; the opportunity to challenge and extend a student, the competitive advantage of being in a highly motivated academic class, the opportunity to complete University Papers in Year 13, and the ability in Year 13 to apply to University Halls of Residence with already qualified in NCEA Level 3 at Excellence.

With this programme comes increased pressure. In Year 10, students are required to study at the same level as Year 11s with 4 periods per week. As an accelerate student completes Year 10, they need to consider carefully their ability to continue to handle the pressure and to perform at a high level.

Accelerate students and their parents should consider these statements when deciding:

- Take care over making your choice. Discuss it carefully with your teacher and parents. Talk to people who can assist you. Careers staff can help you while subject teachers can also help.
- Plan two or three years ahead by looking at the course pathways.
- Do not choose a subject because your friends are taking it - choose subjects based on your requirements.
- If you wish to pursue particular careers or tertiary qualifications, find out the secondary qualifications that you will need for entry and the subjects that you need to study.
- Select subjects that you enjoy and in which you expect to succeed. Entry to Year 12 and Year 13 and to tertiary courses will depend upon the grades you gain.
- Be realistic about your abilities. Generally, it is not advisable to continue with a subject if you are not achieving sound results at your current level of study.