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STREAMS AVAILABLE AFTER 10TH

After completing Class 10, students usually choose one of the main academic streams for their higher secondary education. Each stream focuses on different subjects and prepares students for different career paths.

The three main streams available after Class 10 are:

- 1 **Science**
- 2 **Commerce**
- 3 **Arts/Humanities**

In addition to these, students can also choose vocational or skill-based courses depending on their interests and career goals.

Understanding these streams will help students make a better and more informed decision about their future.

Science Stream

The **Science stream** is one of the most popular choices among students. It focuses on subjects related to scientific concepts, technology, and research.

Students who choose Science usually study subjects such as:

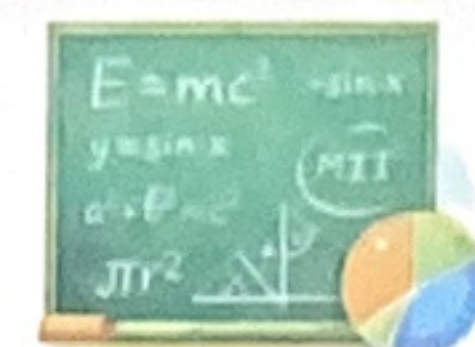
- ✓ Physics
- ✓ Chemistry
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Biology
- ✓ Computer Science



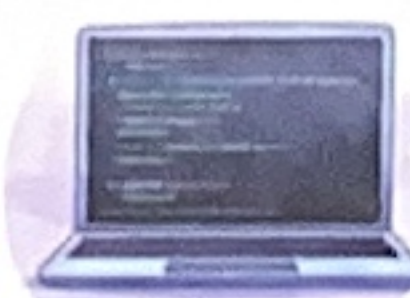
Physics



Chemistry



Mathematics



Computer Science

Science stream can be divided into two main combinations:

PCM (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics)

This combination is commonly chosen by students who want careers in engineering, technology, architecture, or data science.

PCB (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)

This combination is chosen by students interested in careers in medicine, healthcare, and biological sciences.

Some schools also offer **PCMB**, which includes both mathematics and biology.

Commerce Stream

Commerce is a great option for students interested in business, finance, economics, and management.

This stream focuses on understanding how businesses operate, how money is managed, and how the economy work.

Common subjects in the Commerce stream include:

- ✓ Accountancy
- ✓ Business Studies
- ✓ Economics
- ✓ Mathematics (optional)
- ✓ Entrepreneurship



Commerce stream can lead to careers in finance, accounting, business management, and entrepreneurship.

Arts / Humanities Stream

The Arts or Humanities stream focuses on subjects related to society, culture, history, law, and human behavior.

Students who choose this stream study subjects such as:

- ✓ History
- ✓ Political Science
- ✓ Geography
- ✓ Psychology
- ✓ Sociology
- ✓ English or Literature



This stream is suitable for students who enjoy reading, writing, communication, and understanding social issues.

Arts offers many exciting career opportunities in areas like law, civil services, journalism, teaching, and psychology.

Vocational and Skill-Based Courses

Apart from the traditional streams, students can also choose vocational or skill-based courses after Class 10.

These courses focus on practical skills and technical training that prepare students for specific industries.



Examples include:

- ✓ ITI Courses
- ✓ Polytechnic Diploma
- ✓ Animation and Multimedia
- ✓ Hotel Management
- ✓ Fashion Design
- ✓ Computer Applications



These programs can lead to early employment opportunities or further specialization in technical fields.

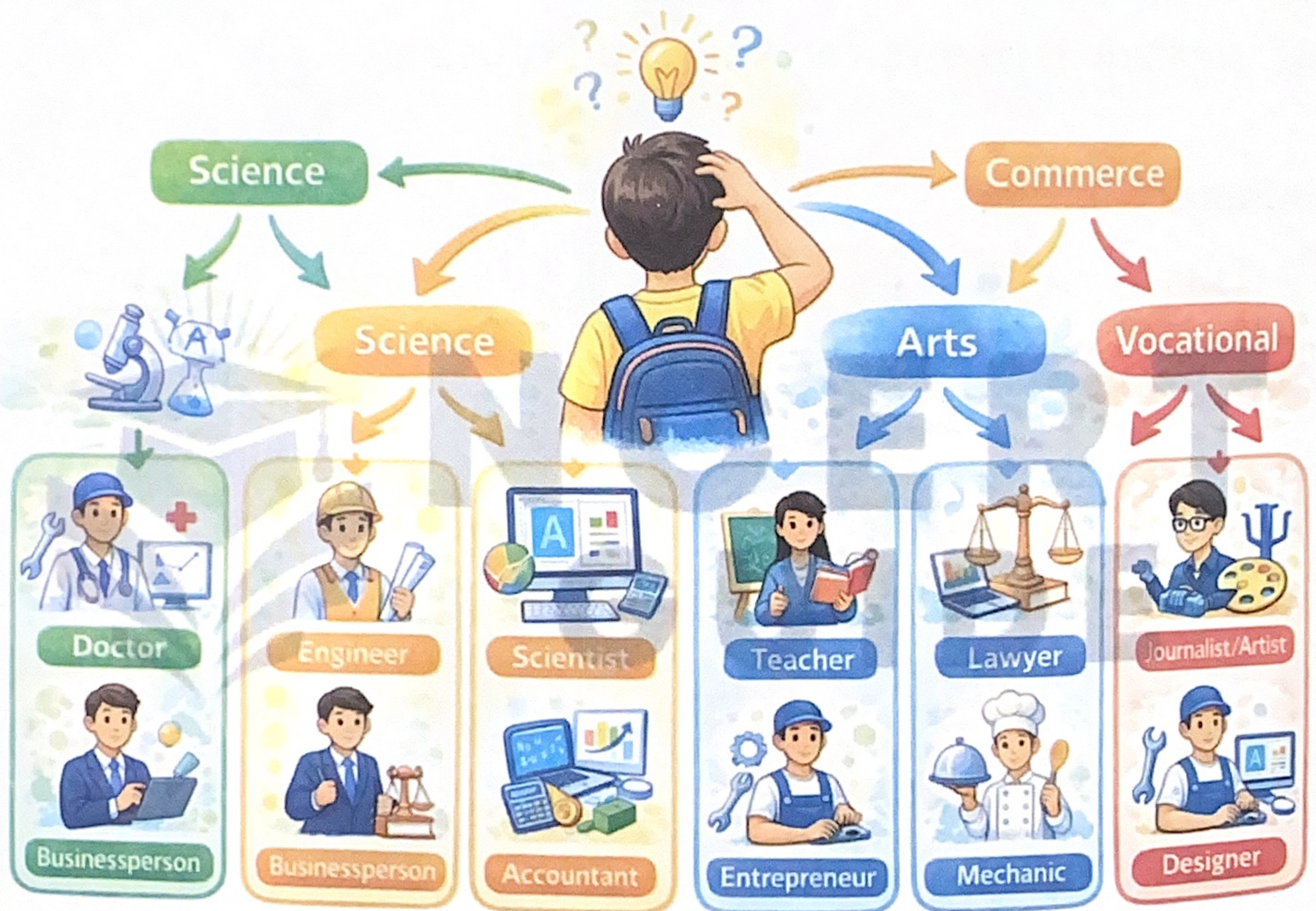
Choosing the Right Stream

Each stream offers many opportunities and successful careers. There is no stream that is better or worse than others.

The best stream for you depends on:

- 👉 Your interests
- 👉 Your strengths
- 👉 Your career goals

Choosing the right stream can help you enjoy your studies and build a strong foundation for your future career.



Career Tip from Ncert Guide:

"Every stream offers great career opportunities. The key to success is not the stream you choose, but the dedication and skills you develop while studying."