

Year 9 Options Assembly





What are GCSE options?





English 5 lessons

Maths 5 lessons

Science 6 lessons

+ 4 more

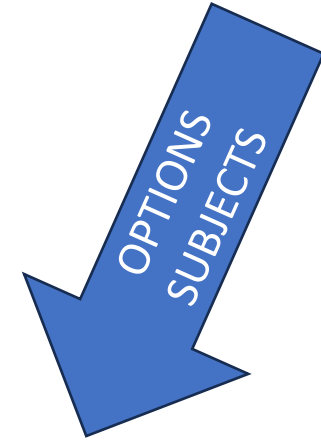
PE 1 double lesson





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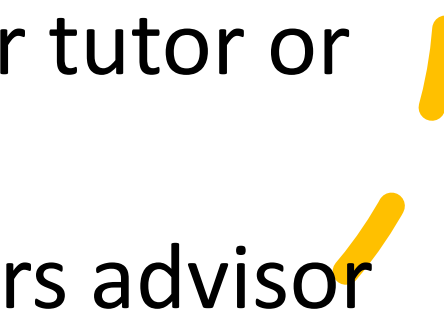


+ 4 more

(1 double and 1
single for each)



Support to
make the
right
decision

1. Booklet with all of the subject information in it
 2. Taster and information sessions – for you to try out and find out more about the subjects you don't study in Year 9
 3. Parent and carer evening
 4. Speak to Ms Searle, your tutor or year team
 5. Meeting with SLT/ careers advisor
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The booklet is on our website



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All students in years 10 and 11 follow a core curriculum which consists of English language, English literature, maths, combined science (two GCSEs but all three sciences studied), physical education (core PE) and personal education (PSHE).

You then choose four additional subjects to study. This means that you study nine subjects in total.

You should choose carefully, considering aptitude, enjoyment and future job or course requirements.

The subjects are arranged in blocks. This means we can timetable lessons. You will study one subject in each block.

When choosing your subjects, you will indicate a first and second choice for each block.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Option block A	Maths	Maths	Option block C	Core PE
2	Maths	Science	English	Option block C	Core PE
3	Option block B	Option block A	English	Maths	Science
4	Option block B	Option block A	Science	English	Maths
5	Science	Option block C	Option block B	Option block D	Option block D
6	English	Science	Science	English	Option block D
7	Tutor Time TF2 Miss C Dutton	Tutor Time TF2 Miss C Dutton	Tutor Time TF2 Miss C Dutton	Tutor Time TF2 Miss C Dutton	Tutor Time TF2 Miss C Dutton

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4	Option block B	Option block A	Science	English	Maths
5	Science	Option block C	Option block B	Science (option block D)	Science (option block D)
6	English	Science	Science	English	Science (option block D)
7	Tutor Time TF2 Miss C Dutton	Tutor Time TF2 Miss C Dutton	Tutor Time TF2 Miss C Dutton	Tutor Time TF2 Miss C Dutton	Tutor Time TF2 Miss C Dutton

Why blocks? Which subject where?

A	B	C	D
Computer Science	Business	Health and Social Care	Business
Geography	History	Statistics	Sports Science
History	Photography	Geography	Art & Design
History	Religion and Philosophy	Separate Science	Computer Science
Spanish H	Separate Science	Photography	Statistics
Spanish F	Drama	Sports Science	Hospitality and Catering
			Music

How to make the best choices



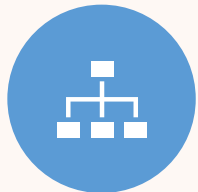
What are your strengths?



What do you enjoy?



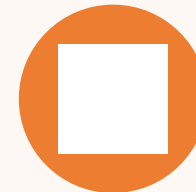
What will support you in your next steps and future choices?



Consider the assessment



Consider the type of learning across the two years



Talk to the subject teachers if you aren't sure – pop and see them

How NOT to make the best choices

01

Don't choose a subject because your friend is doing it – they may end up in a different group, or love the subject and you hate it.

02

Don't choose (or not choose) because of a teacher – they change!

03

Don't choose a subject based on what you THINK you know about it – check and find out first.

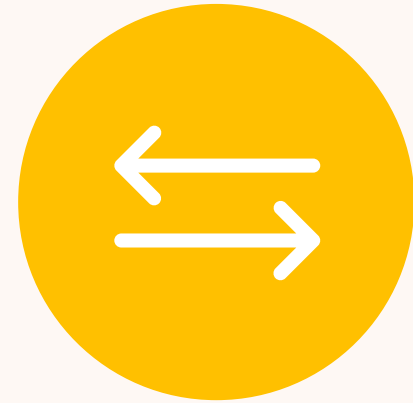
Deadlines and next steps



OPTION FORM – COMPLETED
BY THURSDAY 5 MARCH
(6PM)



THEN WE LOOK AT WHO
WOULD LIKE WHAT SUBJECT
– FIRST AND SECOND
CHOICES.



WE THEN LOOK AT HOW IT
ALL FITS TOGETHER TO MAKE
THE TIMETABLE AND
CLASSES.

Where do people go wrong?

01

Second choices are also very important-make sure they're subjects you're up for!

02

Don't use a parent/carer evening on a subject you're not going to take (eg music)

03

Make sure you fill in the form by the deadline!

04

Don't believe rumours. Ask!

(Can you swap in September? No. First to fill in the form = better chance of getting first choices? No)