

YEAR 9 OPTIONS – FAQs

How many subjects do I pick?

All students study the core subjects (equal to 5 G.C.S.E.s). In addition, you need to choose three more qualifications, at least one of which should be from the 'ebacc' qualifications.

Can I choose more than 3?

You will need to choose 'reserve' subjects in case it is not possible for you to study your first choice subjects but the maximum number of options you will be able to study is three.

How are options assigned? Is it 'first come, first served'?

No. We use a 'best fit' model, meaning that we will try to get as many students as we can to have their first choice options. Where subjects are ones that have been studied previously we may ask subject teachers about student suitability (based on how much they are likely to enjoy it and be successful at it).

I believe my child is entitled to additional support with their learning. How will they get this support while they study for their GCSEs?

Please contact our Special Education Needs co-ordinator, Mr Jay Dann-Finch (e-mail address on the next page)

Where can I find the options form?

The link to the options form will be posted on the website and e-mailed home to parents as soon as it is live.

What is the deadline to complete the options form?

Please try to complete the options form by Monday 8th March. If you are concerned that you might not meet this deadline, please contact Mr Dean (e-mail address on the next page)

When will I find out which subjects I will be studying next year?

Unfortunately we can't give you an exact date as this depends on a number of factors. However, as soon as the timetable is completed, we will send you an email to let you know.

Useful contacts

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