

GCSE Options Evening

February 2026



Agenda

Introduction

The importance of the process

What to consider when making choices

How to complete the process

What next?

Why GCSEs Matter



GCSEs are the building blocks for your future.



They help you develop skills and open doors to college, apprenticeships, and careers.



The choices you make should reflect your interests and strengths.

The Core Curriculum

English

Maths

Science

PE

PSHE (Period 1)

A Modern Foreign Language (French or Spanish)

A Humanities Subject (History or Geography)

Option Subjects

Students will have 4 option subjects:

- Students can choose between ***French*** or ***Spanish*** (or both)
- Students will choose between ***History*** or ***Geography*** (or both)
- Choose two from 20 subjects, including creative, practical and theoretical disciplines

Option Subjects

3D Design

Art & Design

Business

Computer
Science

French

Geography

Health &
Social Care

History

Hospitality
and Catering

Media
Studies

Music

Photography

Performing
Arts - Dance

Performing
Arts - Drama

Psychology

Religious
Studies

Separate
Sciences

Sociology

Spanish

Sport and
Exercise

Textiles

The Importance of Core Subjects

English

Maths

Science

PE PSHE

(Period 1)

A Modern Foreign Language

A Humanities Subject (History or Geography)

English

Studying English helps you become more interesting and curious about the world.

In English, we read amazing stories and books that deal with important topics like pride, racism, and caring for others.

English also teaches you how to express yourself clearly and confidently, both when speaking and writing.



Maths

Maths helps you understand why the world works the way it does and shows how what you learn in the classroom connects to real life.

By solving maths problems, you develop important problem-solving skills that you'll use throughout your life, no matter what career you choose.



Science

Science helps you understand how the world around you works.

By learning about the scientific method - examining evidence, thinking logically, and reviewing ideas - you gain skills to solve problems.

These tools prepare you for success in further studies and future jobs.



Physical Education

PE helps you take care of your physical and mental health while encouraging an active and healthy lifestyle.

You'll have the chance to participate, enjoy, and achieve in sports, with outstanding performances being celebrated.

PE also helps you build a lifelong love for staying active.



PSHE

Personal, Social, and Health Education (PSHE) helps you become a responsible and socially aware global citizen by exploring local and global issues and developing critical thinking skills.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) teaches you how to build healthy, respectful relationships and understand key topics like consent, wellbeing, and equality, preparing you to make informed decisions with confidence.



The English Baccalaureate



- History and Geography represent challenging GCSEs that develop not only important subject knowledge but also transferrable skills that prepare students for the world of work
- We are part of a global society - languages give you options to work and travel
- Languages can be challenging - they show employers that you can work hard
- A GCSE language will support an application for EVERY post-sixteen course



Every student in the UK will study English, Maths and Science, so what makes YOU different?

What to consider when making choices

- Specific GCSEs are not needed for level 3 study - a range of experiences and good grades are what's needed
- Good GCSE grades in a range of subjects will get you into anywhere (TMS Sixth Form, College, other training)
- Choose subjects based on interests, skills and strengths; NOT friends or specific teachers

Option Subjects

3D Design	Art & Design	Business	Computer Science
French	Geography	Health & Social Care	History
Hospitality and Catering	Media Studies	Music	Photography
Performing Arts - Dance	Performing Arts - Drama	Psychology	Religious Studies
Separate Sciences	Sociology	Spanish	Sport and Exercise
	Textiles		

Tips for Choosing Your Options

Think about:

- What you enjoy and are good at
- Subjects that align with your future ambitions

Avoid:

- Picking subjects just because your friends are choosing them
- Choosing based on your favourite teacher (teachers can change!)

Every student's journey is unique



Example 1: Stacey - GCSEs led to Durham University to study Biological Sciences.



Example 2: Jack - GCSEs and sports led to an apprenticeship at Transport for London.

The key is to focus on your own goals and strengths

What next?

Attend	Attend Options Evening on 12th February with your parents
Look through	Look through the options booklet and discuss with your family
Ask	Ask your teachers if you have a specific question about a subject
Speak	Speak to your teachers at the Y9 parents' evening on the 5th March
Speak	If you have general questions about the process, speak to Miss Miller
Submit	Submit the options form to Miss Miller by Friday 6th March Do not rush to do this

How to complete the process

OPTION CHOICE FORM

STUDENT'S FULL NAME: _____ FORM: _____

Choose 1 subject from Table 1:

1

Subject	Tick One
Geography	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
History	<input type="checkbox"/>



How to complete the process

Choose 1 subject from Table 2*:

2

Subject	Tick One
French	
Spanish	✓

How to complete the process

Choose 4 subjects from Table 3: □

- Put 1 in your first-choice option. This is the subject you would most like to study
- Put 2 in your second-choice option. This is your other preferred option
- Put 3 and 4 in two other subjects. These will be your reserve choices in case there is not room in choices 1 or 2
- Please do not reselect subjects you have already chosen in Table 1 and Table 2.

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Subject	Option Choice
Computer Science	
French	
Geography	
History	4
Separate Sciences	
Spanish	
3d Design	1
Art & Design	
Photography	
Business Studies (BTEC)	2
Health and Social Care	
Hospitality & Catering	
Media Studies	
Music (BTEC)	
Performing Arts – Dance (BTEC)	
Performing Arts - Drama (BTEC)	
Psychology	3
Religious Studies	
Sociology	
Sport Studies (BTEC)	

Please feel free to
visit the subject
stands

Canteen

- English & Media Studies
- Maths & Business
- Science & Health & Social Care

Drama Studio

- Music
- Performing Arts – Dance & Drama
- Sport & Exercise Science

Bramley Downstairs

- Computer Science - B4
- Hospitality and Catering – B2
- French & Spanish - B5

Bramley Upstairs

- Geography – B16
- History – B9
- Psychology – B17
- Sociology – B17
- Religious Studies – B17
- 3D Art – B14
- Art – B14
- Photography - B14
- Textiles – B15