

GCSE Choices 2023

Year 9



GCSE Choices Evening 2023

Tonight...

- Overview of the Choices process
- 'Subject Marketplace' (Sports Hall)

Sources of Information

- Choices Booklet
- FAQs section on each subject on the school website (available from next week)
- Subject staff tonight and on Year 9 Parents Evening (16th February via School Cloud)



Dates & Deadlines

W/C 9th Jan

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16th Jan

W/C 16th Jan

19th Jan

16th Feb

27th Feb – 9th
Mar

10th Mar

Choices assemblies all week in registration

(subjects NOT taught in Year 9).

Careers / choices information delivered to pupils in lessons of those subjects taught in Year 9.

Choices booklet issued.

Choices evening for students and parents / carers.

Year 9 Parents' Evening.

A chance to speak teachers individually about choices.

Students meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss choices (these are called 'Choices Interviews')

Choices form deadline.

This must be completed and submitted via a link we will send students on email.

They will also fill out a paper copy to take as a prompt to their Choices interview.

Compulsory Subjects

Compulsory:

Students will all study each of these subjects:

- Mathematics (GCSE)
- English Language & Literature (GCSE)
- Science (double option worth 2 GCSEs)
- Physical Education (non-accredited)
- Life Programme (non-accredited)

Choice 1:

Students must choose ONE subject from this list of subjects:

- Geography
- History
- French
- German
- Spanish
- Computer Science
- Separate Sciences

Choices 2, 3 & 4:

You must choose **THREE** subjects from this list:

GCSE		VTQs
Art	Dance	Pearson BTEC Digital Information Technology
Design Technology	Drama	
Fashion & Textiles	Music	
Photography	French	
Geography	German	
History	Spanish	
Religious Studies	Business Studies	
Separate Science (Biology, Chemistry & Physics)	Computer Science	
Physical Education	Psychology	
	Media Studies	
		Pearson BTEC Health & Social Care
		Pearson BTEC Music Practice
		WJEC Tech Award in Hospitality & Catering

English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

EBacc means the following set of subjects:

- English Language & English Literature
- Maths
- Sciences x 2
- **History or Geography**
- **French, German or Spanish**

Definitely something to consider

Languages



- Real asset for future careers to be able to speak another language – global marketplace
- UK one of the only countries in Europe where studying languages to 16 is not compulsory
- Proficiency in one foreign language makes it a lot easier to pick up a second (or third) one
- Well-respected by universities and other post-18 pathways
- One of the strongest faculties in the school – excellent exam results
- Very strong argument for all students taking a language (especially those in sets 1-3)
- Definitely something to strongly consider... should have good reasons for not taking a language.

Advice

- Don't choose a subject because a friend has.
- Don't choose a subject based on current teacher.
- Take your time, do the research.
- Aim for a sensible balance of subjects.
- Think about what your strengths are and what you enjoy.
- Give particular thought to languages and the EBacc
- Think about possible future careers and post-16 and post-18 pathways.



Final Key Points

- Bring a list of initial choices to your meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
- Choices must be listed in order of preference.
- Think carefully about reserve choices too. These must also be in order of preference.
- Completed forms must be returned on or before 10th March – link to electronic form sent via school email nearer the time



Sources of support and information:

- Subject teachers
- Head of Faculty/Subject
- Form Tutor
- Head of Year, Mr Barnett
- Pastoral Manager, Mrs Purslow
- SENCO, Miss Yates
- Assistant Head, Ms Dixon



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