

Raising Aspirations

Y9 Options Evening
Thursday 22nd January 2026
5-6:30pm

Please collect your option booklet

Work Hard. Be Kind. Belong



**Exciting part of your THS
journey**

**Refining your options for
years 10 and 11**

**Where will these options
take you?**

Digital

**Hospitality and
catering**

**Protective
services**

**Legal, finance
and accounting**

**Care
services**

**Engineering and
manufacture**

**Agriculture,
environment &
animal care**

**Creative and
design**

**Business and
administration**

Hair and beauty

**Sales,
marketing and
procurement**

**Early years and
education**

**Construction and the
built environment**

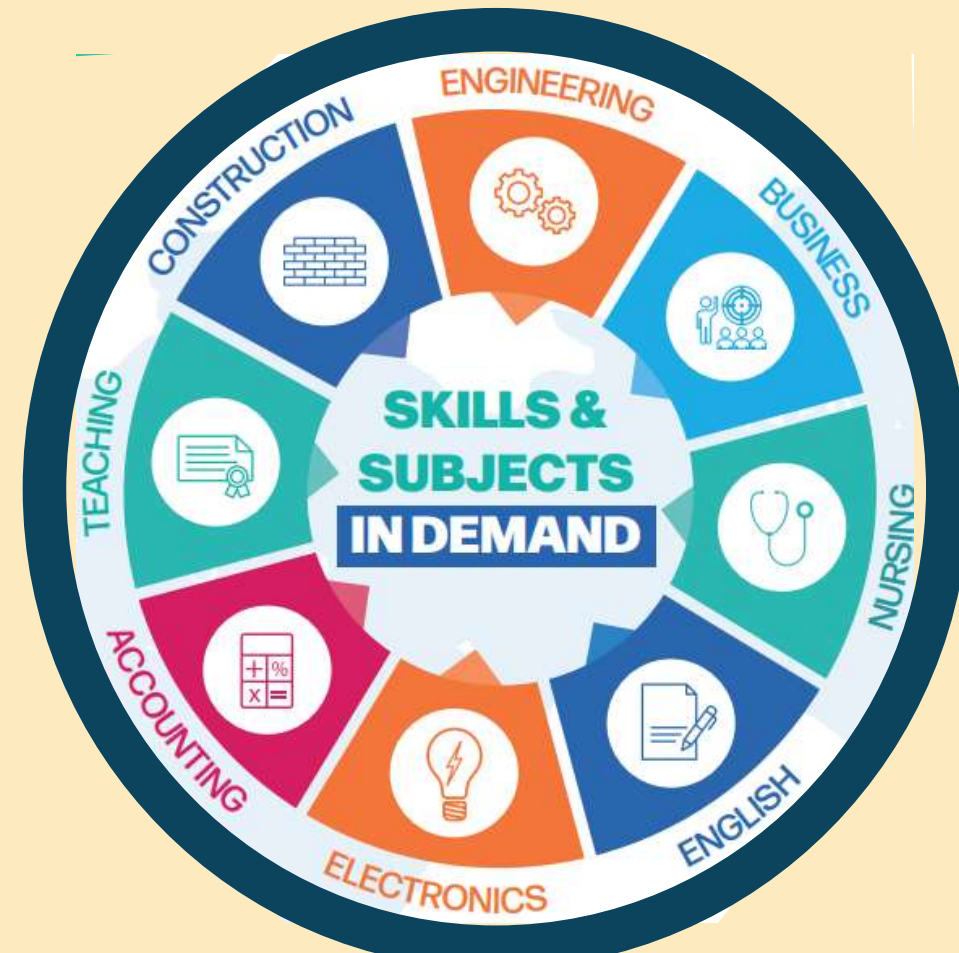
**Health and
Science**

**Transport and
logistics**

Labour Market

	Care support staff
	Nurses
	Administration roles
	Sales executives
	Programmers and software developers
	Customer services
	Management roles
	Van drivers
	Facilities
	Accountants

Most of the labour market careers are careers that need specialist training at a high level



Where will your options take you?

We have invested in a new platform where students have all the information about careers in one place.



This is for students and parents
Unifrog have sent you a link in which to log on



Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11 All tools

Quizzes

Skills profile

✕ Quiz not taken



Quiz profile

✕ 0 of 4 quizzes complete



Exploring

Careers library

✕ Careers favoured



Subjects library

✕ Subjects favoured



Recording

Activities

✕ Recorded at least 10



Skills

✕ Completed all 12



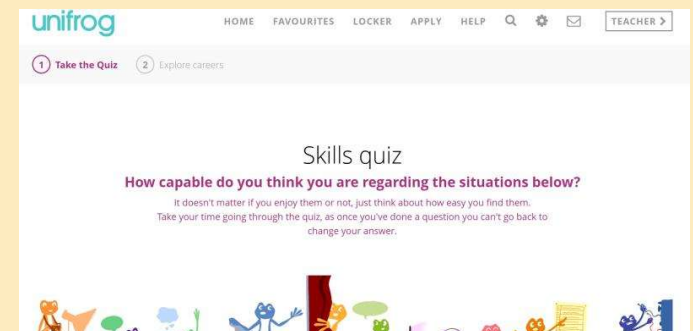
Interactions

✕ Missing 6 Interaction types



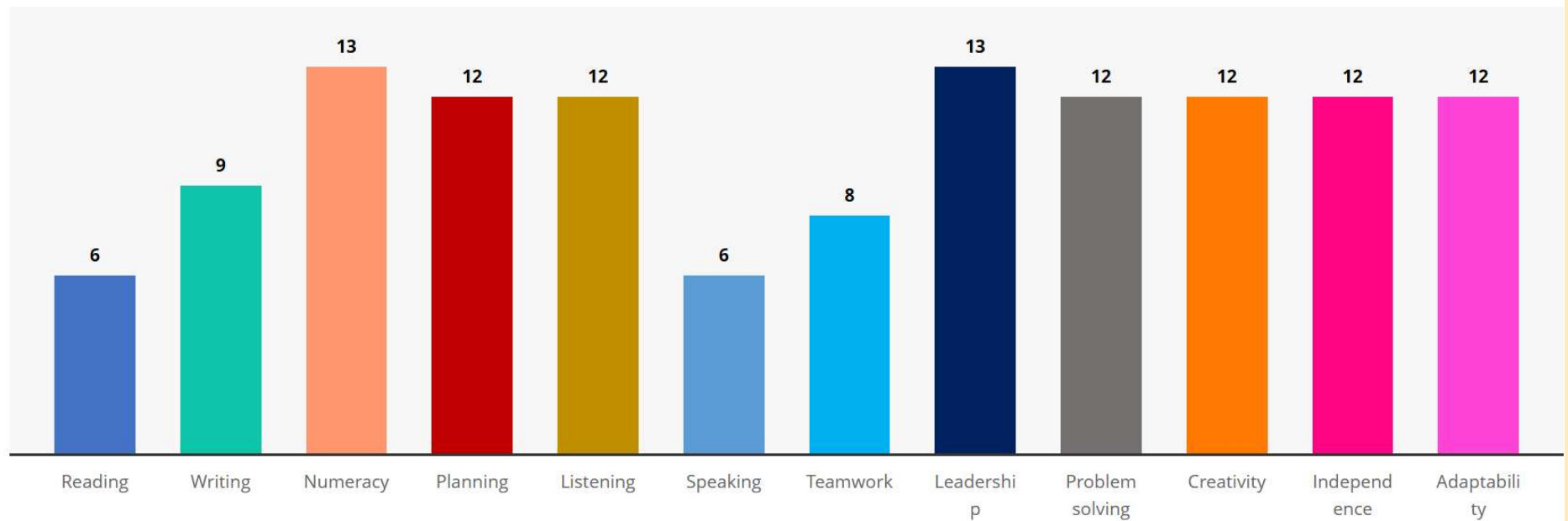
Materials

No tools in this category are tailored to you this year - click 'All tools' to see everything



Your estimated level in your school's key skills

Levels go from 6 to 15.



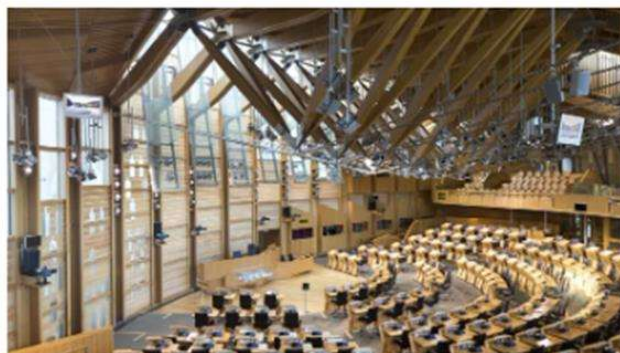


Education

People who teach, and help schools achieve their goals, like teachers and school inspectors.

Here are your top careers within the sector:

- [Student adviser >](#)
- [Tutor >](#)
- [School inspector >](#)
- [Headteacher >](#)



Politics

People who work out what's best for society and then try to make those things happen, like mayors and ministers.

Here are your top careers within the sector:

- [Constituency office caseworker >](#)
- [Mayor >](#)
- [Government minister >](#)
- [Permanent secretary >](#)



Business administration

People who help a business run smoothly, like office managers, clerks and project managers.

Here are your top careers within the sector:

- [Court reporter >](#)
- [Bilingual secretary >](#)
- [Customer service adviser >](#)
- [Funeral director >](#)

Additional tools and resources

- Pathways Tool – Exeter College and Huish use this on their subject pages on their websites
- UCAS

Engineering (mechanical) students commonly get jobs as...

1. Mechanical engineers
2. Aerospace engineers
3. Engineering technicians
4. Engineering project managers and project engineers
5. Science, engineering and production technicians
6. Engineering professionals

Mechanical engineers



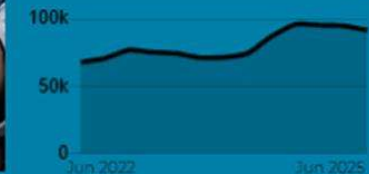
UK average salary

£42,460

South West: average for this job is
£51,370

UK employment

+35%



More detail



In your region



Study routes



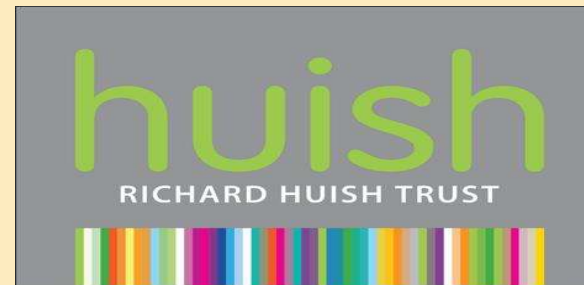
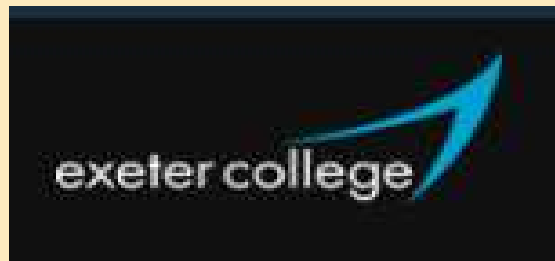
Apprenticeships



Does it matter if I don't know what I want to do?

- Don't worry, it's ok!
- Choose what you enjoy and what you are good at
- Think about the skills that are transferable and develop them.

Colleges



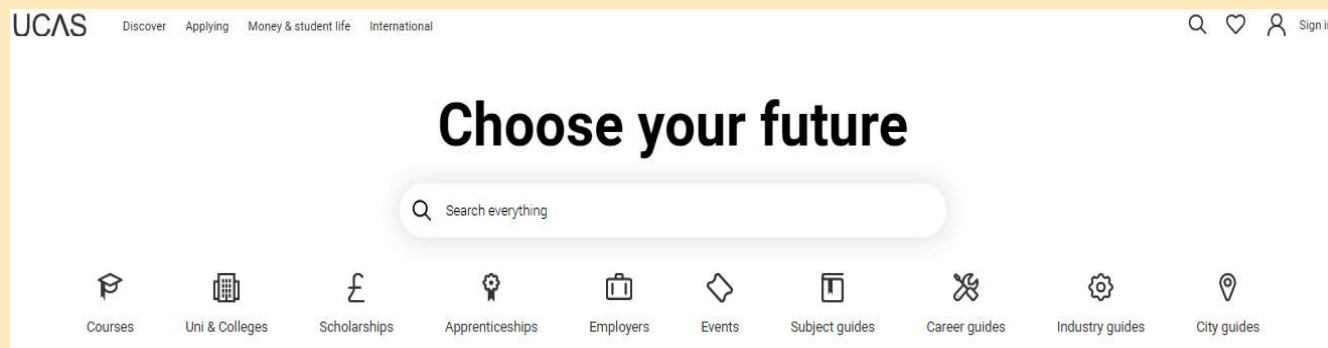
What do you need to start thinking about?

- What is your **post-16 progression plan** and what **college** do you want to attend?
- What **specific GCSE or vocational grades** do you need for **my future learning**?
- Be aware of how GCSE and vocational **grades** impact on **career paths**.
- What **career** would you like to **experience** for your work placement in year 10?

What about university?

- Do you need a degree in your chosen area of study that will enable you to get the career of your dreams?
- What **specific GCSEs or vocational subjects** do you need for **University**?

www.ucas.com



Understanding the next steps

GCSE Grades	Vocational quals	Levels	What next
9	Distinction * Distinction Merit Pass	Level 2	If you achieve these grades you go onto study a level 3 course
8			
7			
6			
5			
4			
3	Distinction * Distinction Merit Pass	Level 1	If you achieve these grades you go onto study a level 1 or level 2 course, depending on the course and your grades
2			
1			

If you do not achieve grade 4 at maths and English then
you will have to retake these at college

Level 3	A and AS levels • study at least three subjects • Exam assessment coursework/ practical assessment • Most require at least five grade 4+ at GCSE • grade 6 in the subjects you want to study	T Levels • Designed by employers universities • Three months work experience • building skills and knowledge • Leads to a specific occupation	BTEC • learning programmes relate to specific job roles/ sectors • progress in a career or go on to University • Designed by industry • Practical	Apprenticeships • You will have a contract of employment for 30 hours per week • You earn a real wage of (from April 26 £8) per hour whilst gaining skills and qualifications • Minimum requirements are English and maths GCSE
Can study these courses at level 1 and 2				
Pathway:	Academic	Vocational		Work-based

How do I use the new data to inform my decisions?

Data is important to look at when making your decisions, especially when you need to achieve certain grades to study the college courses of your choice.

We have changed the way we grade students

ATL- Attitude to learning

A - Consistently Outstanding

- Is always focused and engaged in lessons.
- Always tries their best and works hard.
- Completes homework on time and to a high standard.
- Often answers questions and may help others.

A

B- Consistently Good

- Is focused and engaged most of the time.
- Tries hard and works well in lessons.
- Completes homework as expected.
- Sometimes answers questions.

B

C -ALT Caused for concern

- Is not always focused in lessons.
- Does not always try their best or work hard.
- Homework may be incomplete or missing.
- May show signs of disengagement.

C

N Persistently Absent

Not enough evidence to give a mark due to absence from lessons

N

KS3

We are now using age related grades or for short ARE
We are using this for all KS3 students



Developing mastery (M)

Working above where you should be

Greater depth Knowledge (G)

Working above where you should be

Age related (A)

This is what is expected for your age. This is a grade that is current and not a future prediction

Foundation Knowledge (F)

You are not quite working towards what is expected for your age. You have gaps in your knowledge and have to work hard to improve

Working towards (W)

Not yet at foundation knowledge

How will my Y10 & Y 11 timetable be made up?

**You will do 8 or 8.5 qualifications
depending on what subjects you pick
You have 3 options in total**

The Basics

English
Literature
GCSE

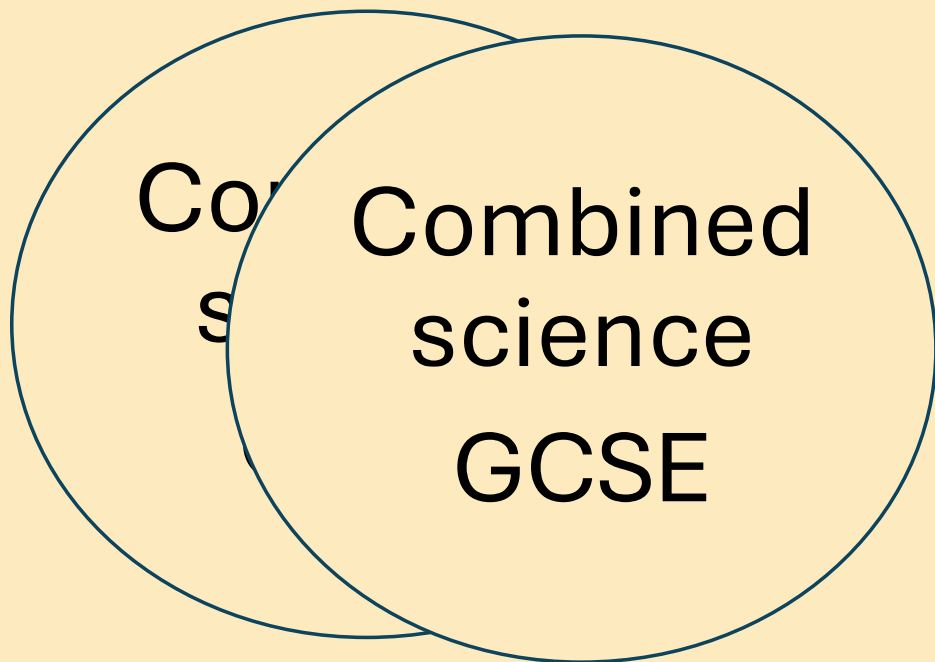
English
Language
GCSE

Maths
GCSE

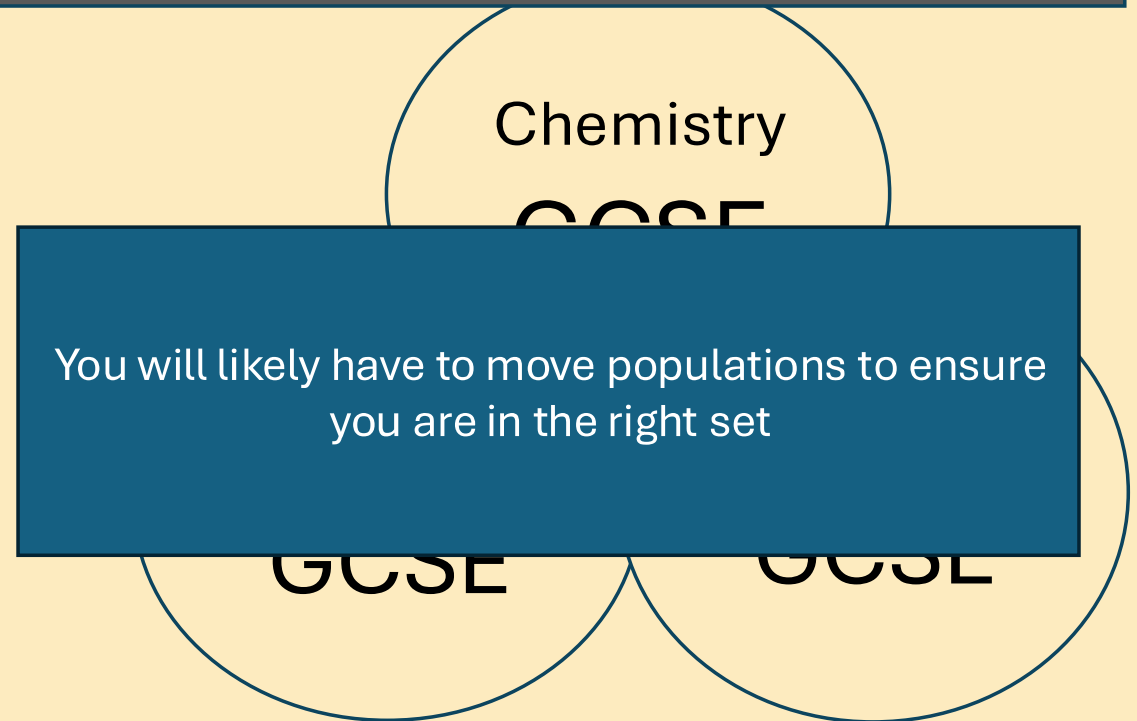
All students need at least a grade 4 in English and Maths to progress onto courses at college.

If you do not achieve this then you will need to retake at college

Science



Combined science is biology, Chemistry and Physics worth 2 GCSEs and your grade will be shown as a 6/6



Separate science is worth 3 GCSEs you will get a grade for each individual science. This is hard, your timetable will be made up of 7 lessons a week of science. Study this if you want to study science A levels.

The Ebacc

Students need to pick one of the following

**Separate
science**

Geography

History

French

German

- You can pick more than one.

The Open Basket: Pick 2

You can choose as separate GCSEs in Art & Photography but not any other combination

Art GCSE

Photography GCSE

Graphic Communication GCSE

Design Technology GCSE

or

Construction

PE GCSE

or

Sports Studies

Music GCSE

Food, Preparation and Nutrition GCSE

History GCSE

Dance GCSE

Religious Studies GCSE

Geography GCSE

Drama GCSE

French GCSE

German GCSE

You can only study a GCSE if you have studied them in year 9

Computing

We will not be offering computing due to staffing. We recommend you pick Graphic communication where students will be learning about website design.

The new subject

Health and Social Care

If you want to choose **Health and Social Care** please, write a short statement about why you want to study this subject.

This is important as there is only 1 class we will be running. We will look at your grades, attendance and behaviour points.

Religious Studies in year 10 and 11 short course

- All students will have a Religious Studies lesson where students will study for a short course GCSE (half a GCSE)
- You may want to take the full Religious studies GCSE. The short course which will also be studies will complement the full course.
- Be mindful that this is 4 lessons of Religious Studies per week.

PSHE Lesson

- During these lessons students will be thinking about all aspects of life, including careers.
- Enrichment days will continue to offer experiences for students to work with employers, colleges and explore apprenticeship routes.
- Assemblies will cover key dates and information about work experience and college opportunities.

PE Core

- All students will have two core PE lessons a week until the end of year 11.

How the option process works

- All of your options are put into a computer program to ensure it works for most of you.
- Sometimes just does not work. We do what we can, but we go with the majority
- Some options may not run due to uptake

Separate
science

Food

Photography

A	B	C
History	History	History
Geography	Geography	Geography
Photography	Art	Photography
Food	Health and social care	Food
DT	DT	DT
Construction	Construction	Separate Science
Drama	Music	

Dropping Options

- You cannot drop an option in Y10 or Y11
- You have two weeks in September of year 10 to trial your options, if you feel you have made a mistake and **there is room to change**, you may. After the two weeks have gone by then you cannot change.
- Get it right

Deadline and process

This form in on the back of the options booklet is a practice option form only.

Please fill this in before you fill in the online options form.

The link to the online form will be sent to you after Progress Evening on Thursday 29th January.

You only get one attempt to submit the online form.

If you do need to change your options, you need to email options@tiverton.devon.sch.uk.

2025 Tiverton High School Year 9 Careers & Option support form for Development Day

Name: _____ Tutor group: _____

This form is a practice option form only. Please fill this in before you fill in the online options form. The link to the online form will be sent to you after Parents evening on Tuesday 12th February. You only get one attempt to submit the online form. If you do need to change your options you need to email options@tiverton.devon.sch.uk. The deadline for the online form is Monday 23rd February.

Do you have any ideas of the sort of career/s you would be interested in? What are they?

Do you have any ideas about what you want to do for post 16? A level, International Baccalaureate, Apprenticeships, 1 level, vocational courses such as BTEC.

Which college(s) are you thinking of applying to? If you don't know.

Are you thinking of going to university?

Next steps:

Remember- You can only study subjects you have studied in year 9 unless you are choosing the new subject, Health and Social Care. Some subjects split into 2 or 3 subjects so make sure you are clear about the one you would like to study. If you want to study triple science this will need to be your Ebacc option.

Please note that we try very hard to enable all students to study what they choose. However, you may not get all of the options you pick due to clashing option blocks or not enough students opting for it. You will be informed ASAP if you need to pick another option.

Options- Please look at the option booklet to help you make the right choice for you. First, cross out the subjects you do not study.

Please pick your Ebacc option. You may only choose an option which you have studied in year 9. This is out of:

Separate Science Geography History French German

Your Ebacc choice: Option 1: _____

You now have 5 open basket choices. Please pick 3 from the following. Remember you must have studied them in year 9. If you want to pick separate science, please put this in the Ebacc option.

You can choose as separate GCSEs in Art & Photography or 3D art and photography but not Art and 3D design.

Art Photography 3D Design

If you studied Design Technology in Y9 you can choose from the following:

Design Technology or Construction

If you studied Food in year 9 you can choose: Food, preparation and nutrition

If you studied PE in year 9 you can choose from the following:

PE GCSE or Sports Studies

If you studied Dance, Drama or Music in year 9 you can choose:

Dance Drama Music

If you have studied Computing in year 9 you can choose:

Computing

You can also choose from the following subjects:

Religion and Philosophy History Geography French German

If you want to choose Health and Social Care, please write a short sentence about why you want to study this subject.

Option 2: _____

Option 3: _____

Option 4: _____

You now need to choose 2 reserves which are different to the options you have chosen above.

Reserve 1: _____

Reserve 2: _____

Deadline and process

- The deadline for the online form is Monday 23rd February.
- We will speak to students and parents if options choices are not running or there are issues with the options picked after the deadline.
- We will do everything we can to give you your top 3 choices, but it may not be possible.
- Please include 2 reserves.
- You have two weeks in September of year 10 to trial your options, if you feel you have made a mistake and there is room to change, you may. After the two weeks have gone by then you cannot change.
- Remember it may be necessary to swap populations

Tonight, you will have the opportunity to talk to Subject Leaders about the qualifications

- Think about the breadth of subjects you could study
- Think about the mix of exam-based subjects and controlled Assessments
- Ask about expectations of home learning
- Think about attendance

MAP

SCHOOL HALL

CAR PARK

DESIGN

Art - 84
Photography - 86A
DT - 91
Construction - 92
Food - 86B

MAIN BUILDING

Ground floor
Colleges - reception
Science - 11/19
Maths - 18
English - 12

PE

PE/Sports Studies
Studio 1

PERFORMING ARTS

Music/Dance/Drama -
71/72/76

HUMANITIES

Ground floor
History - 41
French/German - 43
Religion - 46
Geography - 47
Health and Social Care - 48