



March 2024

Dear families,

GCSE OPTIONS 2024 – 2026

You will be aware that over the last few weeks, your child has been taking part in a number of options 'dry runs'. As a result of these, we have formulated option blocks that allow as many students as possible to be able to opt for their preferred three option choices.

The final version of the option blocks is available as a google form. It is the case every year that unfortunately, a very small proportion of students will not be able to opt for their top three choices.

Please will you discuss these options with your child and complete the following form with them to indicate the subject from each block that they would prefer:

<https://forms.gle/asneDSM5AiP61gBq7>



This final form needs to be completed by Thursday 28th March 2024.

Once these forms are in and analysed, there will still be some fine-tuning to do. Please note that we cannot guarantee that all pupils will get all the subjects they have opted for and some subjects may be oversubscribed. In this event, your child may be enrolled onto their reserve choice.

Students may also be enrolled onto their reserve choice where there are issues with the option guidance not being followed, a reminder of this is below.

Please select one subject for each block.

- You should choose one subject from each block.
- To achieve the English Baccalaureate you must study a modern language (French or Spanish) and at least one of the humanities (Geography and/or History). You may choose second humanities subject if you wish.
- You can only choose one out of 3D Design, Engineering and Food Preparation and Nutrition.
- You can only choose one out of 3D Design, Textiles, and Art
- You can only choose one out of Business Studies and Psychology
- You can choose either Computer Science or iMedia

Remember, you can only choose subjects that you have been studying in Year 9 (apart from the 'new' subjects Psychology, Health and Social Care, and Business Studies).

You must also select one reserve choice. Some students will likely be enrolled onto their reserve choice if a subject is oversubscribed. There would be a draw in this event.

All students will be meeting with a member of senior leadership during term 5 to discuss their options and you will receive official confirmation of your child's subjects by the end of June.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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