



# Key Stage 4 Options

2023-25



**YOU ARE AT A VERY IMPORTANT PART IN YOUR  
JOURNEY THROUGH SCHOOL . . .**



The decisions you make now and the routes you choose could have a big impact on your future. That is why it is so important to make the right choices.

**TO HELP YOU MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES  
YOU HAVE LOTS OF HELP AVAILABLE TO YOU**



# Tips for choosing your options

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# Choose what you are interested in



You will be studying this subject for the next 2/3 years so it is important that you are interested in. Students that choose a subject that they are not interested in are much more likely to under-achieve.

List the subjects that interest you, and come up with a list of courses you would consider studying based on these interests.

# The choice is yours



You should always ask advice from others including your friends, teachers and parents however, know that the choice is yours. It is your future, own it!

Do not select a subject  
because you like the  
teacher



We all have our favourite teachers, the ones that interest us or make us laugh. However what happens if you choose their subject and then they do not end up teaching you or leave the school completely? It is great to be inspired by a teacher but ultimately it is the subject you must enjoy.

# Talk to others



The internet, newspapers, television and people around you are the best sources of information. Check online about the courses you are interested in and find out about the career prospects and the other info. Speak to people who are in your interested profession and find out what it is to choose your future career. Get as much advice now whilst you can!



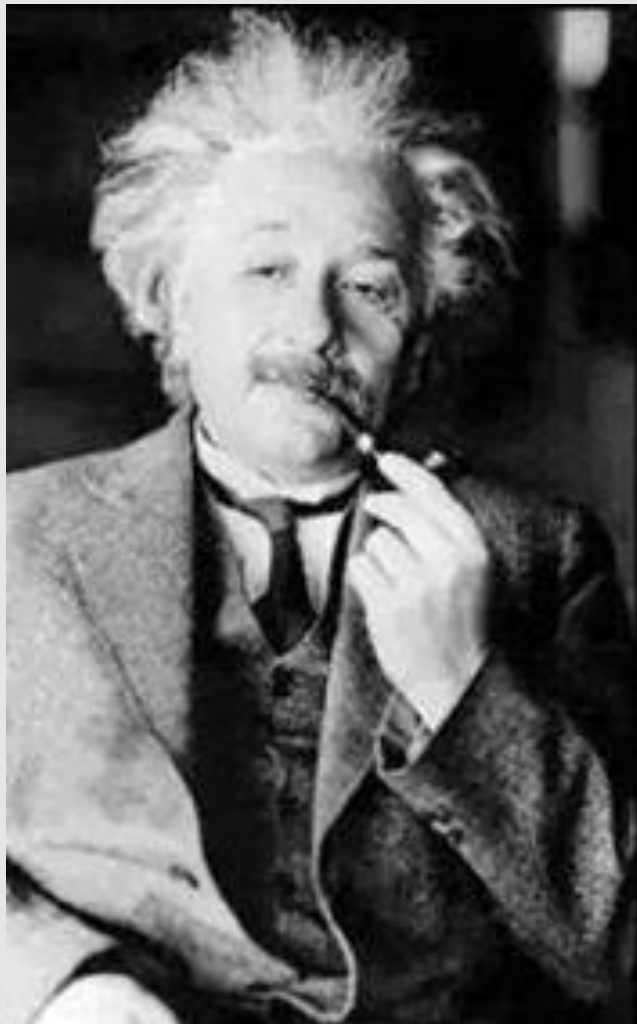
# Know the course



## **EXAMS VS COURSEWORK** **THE BIG DEBATE**

To avoid making mistakes, make sure you review the course outline of the course(s) you want to apply for. Have a look at the subjects you must undertake and the types of learning, assignments and examination tasks involved. This will enable you to form a rough idea of what lies ahead for you and if you are suited to it.

# Do not follow your friends



“If you want  
to live a  
happy life, tie  
it to a goal.  
Not to  
people or  
things.”

Albert Einstein

It is easy to follow your friends and choose what they do but ultimately they will not be sitting the final exam, you will be. Do the subjects you want to do and not because you get to spend more time with a friend.

# Core Subjects

Core subjects are compulsory and will be studied during Year 10 and 11

English Language and Literature

Mathematics

Science

Religious Studies

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

Physical Education

# Option Subjects

You will study 4 subjects but will need to choose 6

Art and Design –  
GCSE

Business Studies -  
GCSE

Child Development  
– Cambridge  
National Level 1/2

Computer Science  
– GCSE

Drama – GCSE

Engineering –  
Cambridge  
National Level 1/2

French- GCSE

Geography – GCSE

German – GCSE

Health and Social  
Care – Level 2

History – GCSE

Hospitality and  
Catering – Level  
1/2

Music GCSE

Performing Arts –  
Dance – BTEC

Physical Education  
– GCSE

Sport - BTEC

Sport Science –  
Cambridge  
National Level 1/2

Product Design -  
GCSE

3D Design - GCSE

Religious Studies -  
GCSE



**Remember**



# TOP TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR CHOICES

- Don't be a sheep!!

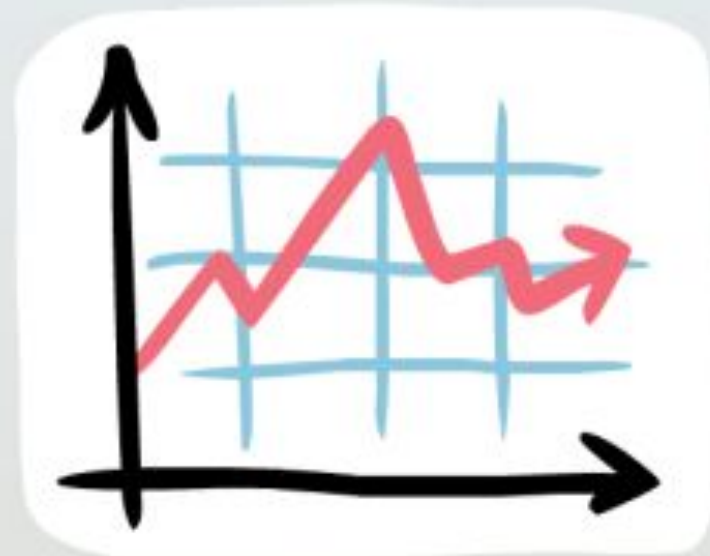


- Your friends are important but the decisions you make now could live with you for a long time.
- Choose the subjects YOU want to do!
- Don't choose a subject because of the teacher.



# TOP TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR CHOICES

- Take time to do research
- Look at the hand out during Form Time
- There is lots of information on websites for you.
- Speak to subject teachers about the content of their course
- Make sure you research careers on the internet.
- Attend careers fairs





**PE**

**Engineering**

**Dance**



**Drama**

**Geography**

**Sport Science**

**Computer Science**

**Sport**

**German**

**Art**

**Health & Social Care**

**French**

**Hospitality & Catering**

**History**

**3D Design**

**Business Studies**

**Religious Studies**

**Child Development**



**Product Design**

**Music**







**Key Stage 4 Options Choices 2023-25** We hope that you have discussed your options carefully with your parents/carers, teachers and Form Tutor, and that you are now in a good position to make informed choices. Hand this into your form tutor before the end of school on Tuesday 14 March 2023.

Choose 6 subjects in order of preference (1 being your first choice subject etc). You will study 4 from the list of 6 so choose carefully.

Option Subjects on offer at Key Stage 4 (Choose 6 – numbering them 1-6 in order of preference).

Remember you may have to study any of the subjects in your 1-6 preferences – so choose carefully.

Subject	Order of Preference 1-6
**Art and Design – GCSE (see below)	
**3D Design – GCSE (see below)	
** a) If you wish to study only one of these subjects include it in your preferences b) At this stage you could choose both of these subjects in your list of preferences, however, you will only be allowed to study one of them.	
Business Studies - GCSE	
Child Development – Cambridge National Level 1/2	
Computer Science – GCSE	
Drama – GCSE	
Engineering Design – Cambridge National Level 1/2	
French - GCSE	
Geography – GCSE	
German – GCSE	
Health and Social Care - OCR National Level 2	
History – GCSE	
Hospitality and Catering Level 1/2 Vocational Award	
Music - GCSE	
Performing Arts – Dance – BTEC	
Physical Education – GCSE Sport - BTEC Sport Science - Cambridge National Level 1/2	Indicate which you prefer
Product Design - GCSE	
Religious Studies – GCSE	





# Important Dates



Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Y9 Parents/Carers  
Evening 4:00-6:30pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Deadline to hand  
in option forms





# Reflection

What will influence your decision?

What else should you consider?

Where will these choices take you in the future?

