



Year 9 Options

Important Dates

- o **Process started before Christmas;** assembly to explain the Options process
- o **Monday 10th January**
 - o Remote presentation to explain the options process
 - o Pre-recorded subject presentations published on website
- o **Tuesday 10th – Monday 17th January:** a schedule of live Question & Answers sessions lead by Curriculum Leaders

Important Dates

- o Thursday 13th January & Friday 28th January:
RSHE sessions led by tutors, hard copy of booklets and forms will be issued
- o Monday 31st January - **ALL FORMS IN**
- o Friday 20th May: choices confirmed

Core Curriculum

- o English Language and Literature
- o Mathematics
- o Combined Science (2 x GCSE's)
- o RE (non exam)
- o PE (non exam)
- o RSHE/Careers Guidance

Pathways

o Three pathways designed to

- Provide access to appropriate subjects and levels of support
- Increase the chances of achieving the best overall grades possible
- Increase the opportunities to progress beyond year 11

English Baccalaureate

- o English language & literature, mathematics, science, history OR geography, AND a modern foreign language (French or Spanish)
- o Not compulsory
- o Not an additional qualification
- o These are useful access subjects if you think you want to do A levels or go on to university
- o They are a good academic foundation, especially if you are unsure of what you want to do

GCSE Courses

- o Many are now 100% exam
- o Practical subjects still have an element of practically assessed work (NEA)
- o All will follow the new grading 9-1

BTEC & Vocational Subjects

- o Vocational (work related, more practically based)
- o ALL have an externally moderated element, most of which is an exam worth 40%
- o L1/L2 Pass, Merit or Distinction, rather than 9 - 1
- o Local 6th Forms do accept level 2 BTEC courses as entry onto A Level courses
- o Does allow entry onto BTEC level 3
- o Students on pathway 2&3 particularly should consider to give an appropriate balance of exam and non exam assessments

Health Warning!

- o Please be aware, all information in the booklet and on the pre-recorded subject presentations published today is currently correct
- o We will keep you up to date with any changes as they occur and will always act in the best interests of the students following the courses

Making the Right Choice

Once you have started your courses,
you cannot easily change!

~~“EASY”~~ Subjects DO NOT EXIST!

ALL HARD WORK

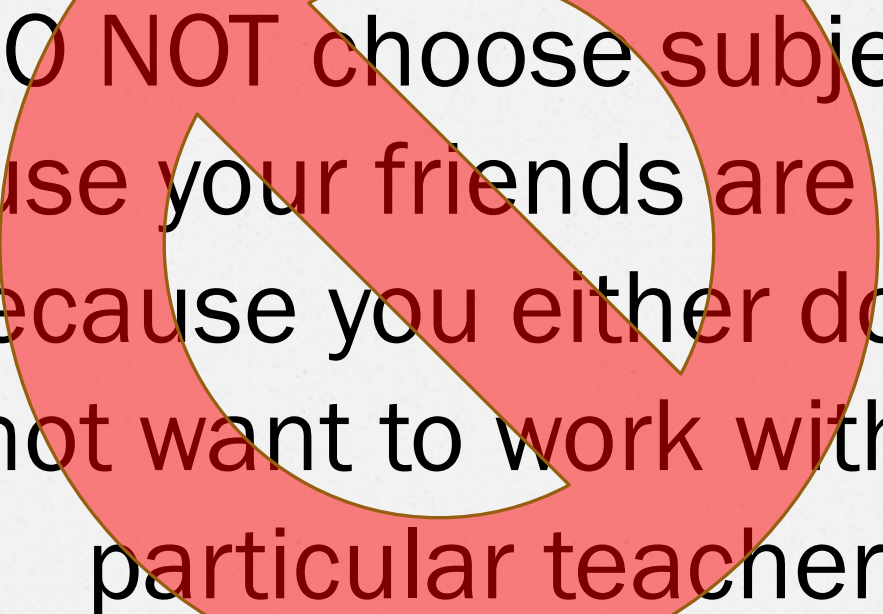
ALL involve lots of WRITING

ALL involve HOMEWORK

Making the Right Choice

- o Think about your strengths
- o Choose subjects suitable to your learning style; consider your recommended pathway
- o Find out what you may need for specific courses or jobs
- o Choose things you enjoy and you are good at
- o Keep a Growth Mindset
- o You have to take responsibility for your own success

Making the Right Choice



DO NOT choose subjects
because your friends are doing it
or because you either do or do
not want to work with a
particular teacher

Option Subjects

EBACC Subjects

History

Geography

French

Spanish

Expressive Arts Subjects

Art

Dance

Drama

Music

Textiles

Other GCSE Subjects

Business Studies

Film

PE

RE

Food Preparation & Nutrition
Design Technology

BTEC/Vocational Awards

Health & Social Care

Sport

ICT

Personal Development Programme

CoPE

ASDAN Short Courses

(Pathway 3 students only)

**You cannot choose art and textiles
unless by prior agreement**

NOT ALL SUBJECTS WILL RUN

Example Pathway 1

Core: English language, English literature, maths, combined science, RE, core PE

History

French

Business Studies

Food & Nutrition

**Total of 9 GCSEs
including full suite of
EBACC subjects and one
GCSE with NEA**

Example Pathway 2

Core: English language, English literature, maths, combined science, RE, core PE

Geography

Film

Art

ICT

**Equivalent of 9 GCSEs
including two GCSE's with
NEA and one vocational
subject**

Example Pathway 3

Core: English language, English literature, maths, combined science, RE, core PE

CoPE

ASDAN Short Courses

Art

Health & Social Care

Equivalent of 7 GCSEs including the personal development programme, one BTEC subject and one GCSE with NEA

Options Form

- o MUST BE IN ON TIME **Monday 31st January**
- o Must choose ONE subject from each block and TWO reserves in priority order
- o Choices must include at least ONE subject from the EBACC group of subjects, for all students on pathways 1&2. This can be in any block
- o MUST BE PREPARED TO DO RESERVE CHOICES
- o CANNOT choose Art and Textiles without prior agreement from Miss King and Mrs Pitt
- o Form must be signed by adult at home

What Now?

- o Watch the pre-recorded subject presentations and write down any questions you may have
- o Don't rule out a subject without listening to the presentation
- o Join the live question & answer presentations that are scheduled over the next 5 evenings
- o Talk to your tutor and your subject teachers over the next three weeks
- o Talk to Miss Foster if you have specific careers questions that you need to discuss

What Now?

- o Check out entry requirements on the local 6th form websites for any specific courses you may be interested in
- o Find out as much as you can about any future plans you may have
- o Take your time, make sure the decisions YOU make are right for YOU

Live Question & Answer Sessions

Subject	Remote Q&A: Date	Remote Q&A: Time	Meeting Link
GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition	Tuesday 11 th January	5.00pm	GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition
GCSE Design Technology		5.30pm	GCSE Design Technology
GCSE Art		6.00pm	GCSE Art
GCSE Textiles		6.30pm	GCSE Textiles
GCSE Music	Wednesday 12 th January	5.00pm	GCSE Music
GCSE/BTEC PE		5.30pm	GCSE PE
GCSE Dance		6.00pm	GCSE Dance
GCSE Film Studies	Thursday 13 th January	5.00pm	GCSE Film Studies
GCSE Religious Education		5.30pm	GCSE Religious Education
GCSE Business Studies		6.00pm	GCSE Business Studies
GCSE Drama		6.30pm	GCSE Drama
GCSE History	Friday 14 th January	5.00pm	GCSE History
GCSE Geography		5.30pm	GCSE Geography
GCSE Modern Foreign Languages (French & Spanish)		6.00pm	GCSE Modern Foreign Languages
Vocational award ICT	Monday 17 th January	5.30pm	Vocational Award ICT
BTEC Health and Social Care		6.00pm	BTEC Health and Social Care

PE will be doing one Q&A session only, covering both GCSE & BTEC on Wednesday 12th

EBACC subjects – all students on pathway 1 & 2 MUST select at least one from these four subjects

Information?

- o All of the information will be posted on the KS3 page on the website under Year 9 Options
- o If you require any further information please contact me via email: jpitt@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk

But don't PANIC – you are unlikely to close down many options at this stage