

Year 8 OPTIONS for KEY STAGE 4 2024 - 2027

Outcomes:

- To understand the options process for Year 8.
- To understand the importance of maintaining a broad and balanced curriculum.
- To understand how to make choices that will enable you to reach your potential in the future.

Key Stage 4: 2024-2027

Key dates

- **Wednesday 21st February:** Options evening (5.30-7pm)
- **Wednesday 28th February:** After school drop in session to answer questions in the LRC
- **Thursday 7th March:** Year 8 Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 14th March:** Options forms in to form tutors – no promises for early submission!
- **May:** Decisions will be made about classes and timetabling. You will be contacted if there are any problems.
- **June:** You will get a letter telling you about the subjects you will be taking in Year 9.

How do I choose?

- Think about where your options will take you:
 - Sixth-form subjects → College/University → Career
 - Further Education College → Employment
 - Employment
- Make sure you opt into something you enjoy!
- Make sure you opt into something where you think you can be successful!
- Talk to your parents, careers, teachers, tutors, **tutor group**
- Keep a *broad and balanced* curriculum
- Don't overload yourself with coursework subjects

What can I choose?

You must choose one from:

- History
- Geography
- MFL (German, Spanish, French)
- Computer Science

In addition, you must make three more choices from these options:

- French
- German
- Spanish
- Geography
- History
- Computer Science
- Art OR **Ceramics** OR Textiles
- Design Technology
- **Business Studies**
- Drama
- Food & Nutrition
- **Health & Social Care**
- **Creative imedia**
- **Media Studies**
- Music OR **Music Technology**
- P.E.
- **Travel & Tourism**

GCSE Design Technology

At KS4 DT DOES NOT include:

Food

Textiles

At KS4 these are not part of DT - they are separate GCSE subjects.

Your DT teachers will tell you more.

You could pick DT, Textiles AND Food if you wanted (but NOT advised).

GCSE Art

Art

Textiles

Ceramics

All three of these are examined as the same GCSE so you can only choose one.

Combinations of Subjects

These combinations are not advisable:

- Art, Ceramics & Textiles
- Music and Music Technology
- Computer Science and Creative iMedia

Completing the Form

1 st subject choice: (circle ONE)	French / German / Spanish / History / Geography / Computer Science
2 nd subject choice:	Free choice <i>Ceramics</i>
3 rd subject choice:	Free choice <i>Art</i>
4 th subject choice:	Free choice <i>Drama</i>
1 st reserve choice:	Free choice <i>Computer Science</i>
2 nd reserve choice:	Free choice <i>Ceramics</i>
3 rd reserve choice:	Free choice <i>Geography</i>

These two subjects are the same qualification

This is NOT allowed. WHY?

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