

Year 9 Options

Fulston Manor School

Mr G Vigeon
Assistant Headteacher

Purpose of Options Evening

- * To discuss subject content with staff
- * Who to contact:
 - * Mr Vigeon, Assistant Headteacher
 - * Mrs Fitzjohn, Office Manager
- * To explain the options process

Which subjects are compulsory?

- * Core GCSE subjects – English, Mathematics, Science
- * Compulsory elements – Religious Education, Health and Sex Education, Careers (all taught through PSHE and life skills focus days)
- * Physical Education – Taught through Games lessons

Broad & Balanced Curriculum

All Students are expected to Study:

- ✓ English (Language and Literature)
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Combined Science (2 GCSEs)
- ✓ At least one baccalaureate subject from Category A

This still allows room on the timetable for other subjects to be chosen in the options.

Baccalaureate Subjects Category A

Computing, French, Geography, History and Triple Science (3 GCSEs)

* Choose **at least one** baccalaureate subject **plus** a reserve

Non - Baccalaureate Subjects Category B

**Art, Business Studies, Citizenship, Dance, Drama,
Design Technology, Financial Education, Food,
Health & Social Care, Information & Creative
Technology, Music, Photography, Physical Education,
Religious Studies, Textiles.**

How many option choices will I have?

English	Maths	Science	Computing	Geography	Triple Science	Option
---------	-------	---------	-----------	-----------	----------------	--------

How Does the Baccalaureate Affect Option Choices?

English	Maths	Science	French	Option	Option	Option
---------	-------	---------	--------	--------	--------	--------

How Does the Baccalaureate Affect Option Choices?

English	Maths	Science	Computing	Geography	Option	Option
---------	-------	---------	-----------	-----------	--------	--------

How Does the Baccalaureate Affect Option Choices?

English	Maths	Science	Computing	Geography	Triple Science	Option
---------	-------	---------	-----------	-----------	----------------	--------

What Could My Selections Look Like?

English	Maths	Science	Computing	Geography	Triple Science	Option
---------	-------	---------	-----------	-----------	----------------	--------

What Could My Selections Look Like?

English	Maths	Science	Computing	Geography	Triple Science	Art
---------	-------	---------	-----------	-----------	----------------	-----

What Could My Selections Look Like?

English	Maths	Science	Computing	Geography	Business Studies	Art
---------	-------	---------	-----------	-----------	------------------	-----

What Could My Selections Look Like?

English	Maths	Science	Computing	Single Award Health & Social Care	Business Studies	Art
---------	-------	---------	-----------	---	---------------------	-----

What Could My Selections Look Like?

English	Maths	Science	Computing	Double Award Health & Social Care	Art
---------	-------	---------	-----------	--------------------------------------	-----

Ranking of Choices

- ✓ You will need to rank your choices in order of preference
- ✓ The subject most important to you should be 1 and so on down to 4
- ✓ We will use these rankings to help to make decisions in the event of a subject being over-subscribed

Are there entry requirements for any of the courses?

GCSE Physical Education: Students should be able to **participate** in a range of sports to a **good** standard, ideally inside **and** outside of school

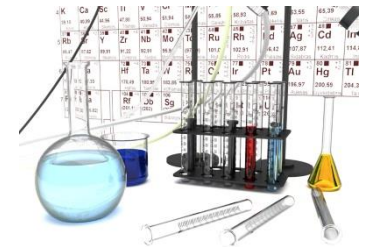


GCSE Music: Students must be able to **play a musical instrument** or be willing to learn one.



GCSE Food: Students must be **cooking at home** regularly.

GCSE Triple Award Science: Students should be working at a **GCSE grade 6** by the end of Year 9.



I am still unsure about which subjects to choose; what should I do?

Ask Year
10 & 11



Broad and
balanced

Ask staff how it is
assessed and how
it differs from KS3

Enjoy/
good at

Don't choose a subject because you think it will be easy (they are not!) or because your friend is doing it.

What happens next?

- * Tonight: Market place – find answers and details from subject staff
- * Talk to KS4 students about the courses they are doing and what they think about them
- * 26th January: Option survey form – prioritise 4 option subjects (with at least one from Category A) and then add 2 reserve choices (one from each Category)

Processing

- * Blocking and timetabling
- * Clashes
- * Student suitability
- * Staff recommendations (attitude to subject)
- * Review of students with additional needs
- * Interviews with students and parents if necessary
- * May and June – Fine tuning of everything
- * 30th June final individual choices distributed
- * No changes to programmes in September

Market Place

- * **P1** – Business Studies, Citizenship, French, Financial Education and Health & Social Care
- * **P2** – Art, Design Technology, Food, Photography and Textiles
- * **P3 (Drama Studio)** - Computing, Dance, Drama, English, Information & Creative Technology and Music
- * **E1** – Geography
- * **E2** – Maths, Physical Education & Science
- * **E3** – History & Religious Studies
- * Refreshments in the foyer of the E Block