



Year 9

Making Your GCSE Choices for September 2022

Middle School curriculum

- Maths (setted)
- English > English Language / English Literature
- Biology, Physics, Chemistry
- A Modern Language (French may be setted)
- History or Geography
- 2 further options
- PE, PSHCE (incl Careers & RE), Games, TAA

Options

- Must choose French or German or Spanish – can do two Modern Languages
- Must choose either History or Geography – can do both

Options

- French
- German, Spanish, Latin
- History
- Geography
- Classical Civilisation (can start now)
- Religious Studies
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Physical Education
- Art – Fine Art
- Art - Graphics
- Music

Grading System for GCSE

- 9 (highest) – 1 (lowest)
- The highest / high tariff universities will be looking for their future students to have achieved mainly 7 - 9

Resources

- Middle School Booklet
- Form Tutors / Subject Teachers
- Head of Year – Mr Zair
- Assistant Head - Miss Munday

How to choose

- What do I enjoy?
- What am I good at?
 - (Sixth Form entry – currently minimum 49pts from best 8)
 - (GCSEs final public exams before university entrance/ higher or degree level apprenticeship application)
- What do I need for a future career?
- How good am I at managing project or coursework?

How not to choose

- My best friend's doing Forestry
- My favourite teacher said I should do Sanskrit
- My parents told me to do Forestry
- I heard they had a good trip in Sanskrit
- I don't like my teacher in Forestry

Constraints

- Staffing
 - Set size < room size
 - Funding
 - Exam results
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- Oversubscription > relevant exam results and/or attainment and attitude to learning grades

PCSHE (includes General RE)

Currently:

- RE/Ethics
- Careers
- Citizenship
- Relationships & Sex Education
- Economic Awareness
- British Values
- Mindfulness

Thursday Afternoon Activities (TAA)

Currently – year long choices:

- CCF Army
- CCF Navy
- CCF RAF
- Social Service
- SLST
- Beginners Japanese
- Beginners Chinese

Thursday Afternoon Activities

Currently – one term choices:

- Football
- Fives
- Squash
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Table tennis
- Tennis
- Fitness

Thursday Afternoon Activities

- Cookery
- Drama
- Art
- Music
- Media Studies
- Boardgames
- French Cinema
- Psychology

Thursday Afternoon Activities

- Book Club
- Creative Writing
- John Muir (environment) Award
- Library
- Outdoor Skills

Need to find out more subject details?

- Ask your subject teacher
- Design Tech – Mr Marshall, AER
- Fine Art/Graphics – Mrs Francis, Art 2
- Computing – Mr Travi, CC
- Music – Mr Mullaly, Music Tech (Room 13)
- Latin/Class Civ – Mrs Dicks, Room 5, Friday break

Procedure

- Boys enter choice requests via SIMS Student App or www.sims-options.co.uk, using RGS email account
- Completion essential by **0900 Monday 31 January**. Portal closed thereafter
- Numbers crunched – decisions made on viability of subjects
- Confirmed later in term