

OPTIONS HELP AVAILABLE

- Tonight is about the OPTIONS 2021-2023 process and how it works
- January 20th is to make appointments with subject specialists to ask about individual subjects
- January 25th appointments with me to try and sort any remaining problems
- Careers Advisor – clsmith@Corsham.wilts.sch.uk
- Friday 29th January –deadline for completing online form
- <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IkgtroUnF0KgrlcqzzWX-QJRWumJn55EoaA-DUNPk6VUNDgyVDVKMFZOSjJKWkNLNIVRWIpUOEY0Vy4u>

Help Given

- Option booklet referred to in survey and available on school website – information about each optional subject (parents menu)
- <https://www.corsham.wilts.sch.uk/page/?title=Options+Information&pid=113>
- Assemblies
- Year 9 Taster Sessions in class
- Tutors
- Teachers
- Y9 Parents' Evening
- PHSE lessons
- Options Evening Weds Jan 20th 5-7.30

The Y10 Curriculum

Subject	English	Maths	Science	RE/PSHE	PE	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Total
Hours/2 weeks	8	7	10	1	4	5	5	5	5	50
Notes	Language and Literature		Combined (Double)			Triple Sciences				
No of GCSEs	2	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	9

Rationale

- 4 Optional subjects
- More choice and broader balanced curriculum for all
- Better outcomes as appropriate time allocated
- Firmer guidance into ebacc through pathways (target of minimum 35%) to comply with national requirements

Compulsory

- English and English Literature (8 hours),
- Maths (7 hours),
- Science (double 10 hours),
- Double Science is called “combined” or “trilogy” 2 GCSEs
- NB Separate Sciences or “triple science” 3 GCSEs – you will need to select Science in the options to do 3 separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- Non exam PE (4 hours),
- RE/PSHE (1 hour)
- Compulsory curriculum is 30 out of 50 hours on a 2 week cycle
- Options are a total 20 out of 50 hours

Pathways

Pathway Title	Profile of student	Choices
Pathway 3	May have a history of high academic scores from tests going back to primary school, achieves well with academic challenges, may have very high (6+) GCSE target grades, may be aspiring to go to a top university, will probably be thinking about facilitating (academic) A levels post 16	Have to choose one foreign language in one block, then one of either History or Geography in another then 2 further free choices but should consider triple sciences
Example		Spanish, Geography, Art, Drama
Pathway 2	Aiming for 5 and above in English, maths, sciences and in a range of other GCSEs. May have high target grades (5+). Will probably be thinking about A levels and or Level 3 Tech qualifications/Apprenticeships post 16	Must do at least one of either History, Geography, Computing, Foreign Languages, Triple Science, 3 further free choices
		Photography, DS, Business, History
Pathway 1	May do best when more practical and “hands-on” subjects are mixed with academic. May be more successful in project work and unit tests rather than everything based on a final exam at the end of 2 years, may be considering Level 3 Tech qualifications, Apprenticeships or vocational courses post 16	Should seriously consider one of History, Geography, Computing, Foreign Languages alongside GCSE equivalents such as IT Cambridge Techs, Graphics, Business and Sport Science Cambridge Techs but 4 free choices
		Art, Geography,

Ebacc – not an award in itself

- Means a GCSE grade 5 or higher in
 - English
 - English Literature
 - Maths
 - At least 2 Sciences or Computer Science
 - History or Geography
 - MFL
- Nationally required curriculum for y10/11: Target 75%
- National Average 35%
- School 28%

Dfe Ebacc Guidance

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HELP YOUR CHILD MAKE THE BEST GCSE CHOICES

You and your child may currently be considering, with advice from their school, what GCSE subjects they should take next year.

The Department for Education recommends these core subjects, which make up the English Baccalaureate (EBacc), and help keep options open for young people open:

- English language and English literature
- Maths
- Science
 - Combined science or 3 single sciences from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Computer science
- History or Geography
- A language
 - Ancient or modern

WHAT IS THE EBACC?

The EBacc is not a qualification in its own right – it's a combination of GCSE subjects, including a language, that offer an important range of knowledge and skills to young people.

EBACC FUTURE PROOFS YOUR CHILD'S PROSPECTS

While your child may not have decided on their future career path yet, choosing the EBacc at GCSE gives them access to a full range of employment options when they leave secondary school and the broad knowledge that employers are looking for.

If they are thinking of going to university, the EBacc is also recommended by Britain's most prestigious universities.



The research found that students studying EBacc subjects for GCSE, were more likely to stay in education after 16.

The Centre for Longitudinal Studies, August 2017

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- All students may choose ebacc.
- Pathway 1 and 2 can choose the same as pathway 3

Another rationale for ebacc -option choices – keeping A Level doors open

- *Many universities favour “Facilitating” A levels (and an EPQ).*
- *Express choice of High Performing Universities*
- *A natural science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)*
- *A modern or ancient language*
- *English Literature (not Language)*
- *History*
- *Geography*
- *Maths and Further Maths*

Mostly subjects you can't do at A level without having done the GCSE first

Myth Buster –Informed Choices Guide

The screenshot shows a PDF document titled "rg informed choices p20 20 gcse 2018.pdf" with 12 / 33 pages. The document is displayed in a web browser window. The left sidebar contains a table of contents with the following items:

- Preface
- Post-16 qualifications and how they are organised
- Pre-16 qualifications and university entry**
- General entrance requirements
- Changes to GCSEs
- The English Baccalaureate
- Curriculum for Excellence
- Requirements for specific subjects
- Making your post-16 subject choices
- Subjects required for different degree courses
- How subject choices can affect your future career options
- The five-point plan for making your post-16 choices
- Abbreviations
- Links

A large yellow arrow is drawn over the page, pointing from the "Pre-16 qualifications and university entry" section in the sidebar to the corresponding text on the right. The text on the right is as follows:

Pre-16 qualifications and university entry

When applying to a competitive university and especially for a very competitive course at a competitive university, it is important that you consider all the aspects of the entry requirements, including the qualifications typically taken before you are 16.

General entrance requirements

Universities may ask for a specific number of GCSEs (or their equivalent) with specific minimum grades. GCSE requirements may vary by course. For example, a number of medical courses ask for five (sometimes more) grades at the top of the range. Universities often require a minimum of a pass (at least a grade 4 or 5) in GCSE English or another standard level equivalent. A minimum of a pass (at least a 4 or 5) is also often required for Mathematics for some or all courses. Science GCSEs not also be required for certain subjects, such as psychology.

Currently University College London (UCL) is the only Russell Group university to require a pass in a Modern Foreign Language GCSE for all of its programmes. However, if you did not take a Modern Foreign Language GCSE, or if you fall short of the requirement, you can still apply to any UCL degree programme, and it won't negatively affect your application. You will not be rejected just because you don't have it but you will need to complete a short course certificate in a Modern Foreign Language or undertake a half course unit during your studies at UCL.

Please see <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/application> for more details.

Although only UCL has a formal requirement in place, Modern Foreign Language qualifications are valued by admissions tutors across the Russell Group. For example, some admissions tutors look for a GCSE language qualifications in applications to their Classics courses. You should check individual university websites for more details.

A number of universities ask that grades and number of subjects are achieved at one sitting. Some do not accept 're-sits' at GCSE or standard level qualifications. If you think this might affect you and a university's published admissions policy is not clear, it is sensible to check with Admissions staff before applying.

Restrictions

- The survey had some very low number subjects which will not run.
- Dance
- Religious Studies
- Graphics
- Textiles
- You must pick one reserve in addition to your 4 main choices if you possibly can!

Options: 4 lots of 5 hours, 4 From

- Art,
 - **Business**,
 - Drama,
 - Food,
 - French,
 - GCSE PE/**CAMNAT Sport Science** (PE staff guidance)
 - Geography,
 - German
 - History,
 - Computing
 - **Btec Digital**
 - Media,
 - **Music**,
 - Photography,
 - Design Technology
 - Sociology
 - Spanish
 - Triple Sciences (separate GCSEs in Biology Chemistry Physics- Science staff will be available at Options Eve)
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The Form

- The configuration of subjects in blocks comes from the survey, so it should fit the vast majority of combinations. Students do however change their minds
- We have a “problem box” in case your combination or choice of subjects is not possible
- Enough people with similar problems can result in a solution, so we need to know

What you fill in and hand in by January 29

- “The Blocks” Choose one subject from Q block or column, one from X, one from Y and finally one from Z

Q	X	Y	Z
Art	Drama	Business	Art
French	Food	Design Tech	Business
German	French	Geography	History
History	Geography	History	Media Studies
Gcse Pe	History	Computer Science	Science
Gcse Pe	Photography	Btec Digital	Science
Gcse Pe	Sociology	Music	Sociology
Photography		Spanish	

What you fill in and hand in by January 29

1st Choice	1st Choice	1st Choice	1st Choice
Reserve			

Please indicate any problems in this box:-

Online Form

- This year, to avoid the difficulties and risks of coming into school and handing in paper, the options form is online
- <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IkgtroUnF0KgrlcqzzWX-QJRWumJn55EoaA-DUNPk6VUNDgyVDVKMFZOSjJKWkNLNIVRWIpUOEY0Vy4u>

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As Y9 are not in school at the moment, would you kindly indicate your option choices by filling in the following questions? This form has to be completed by January 29. If you are pathway 3, you have to choose 1 Foreign Language and 1 of either History or Geography. If you are pathway 2, you have to choose at least one of either: a Foreign Language, History, Geography, Triple Science or Computer Science.

Please also try and think of one reserve subject at the end of the form in the final question.

Choose one subject from the Q list, one from the X, one from Y and one from Z. You may only choose each subject ONCE.

Q	X	Y	Z
Art	Drama	Business	Art
French	Food	Design Tech	Business
German	French	Geography	History
History	Geography	History	Media Studies
Gcse Pe	History	Computer Sc	Science
Gcse Pe	Photography	Btec Digital	Science
Gcse Pe	Sociology	Music	Sociology
Photography		Spanish	

* Required

1. What is your family name? *

Enter your answer

2. What is your first name? *

Enter your answer

3. Which Tutor Group are you in? (please choose) *

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4. Which pathway are you *

- ☐ 3
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 1

5. What is your choice in block Q? * 

- ☐ Art
- ☐ French
- ☐ German
- ☐ History
- ☐ PE
- ☐ Photography

6. What is your choice in block X? *

- ☐ Drama
- ☐ Food
- ☐ French
- ☐ Geography
- ☐ History
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Sociology

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8. What is your choice in block Z * 

- ☐ Art
- ☐ Business
- ☐ History
- ☐ Media
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Sociology

9. Please write here in the problems box any difficulties you may have

Enter your answer

10. Please put in your reserve choice if you can

Enter your answer

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Caution:-Difficult Factors

- No Guarantees –(confirmation letter by Easter)
- Low Numbers –subject will not run
- Inappropriate Choices – evidence of interest!
- Sometimes only one class possible – 35 for Business
- Reserve choice is a helpful process, try and select one further subject
- Don't choose by teacher!
- Don't copy friends!

By January 29

- Hand in form online

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- Confident about highly successful courses
- New courses are now established, teachers now have that experience
- Very well equipped to deal with the challenges
- Choose well and carefully from the huge range of possible combinations