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 <u>clsmith@Corsham.wilts.sch.uk</u>
- Friday 29th January –deadline for completing online form
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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,
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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%

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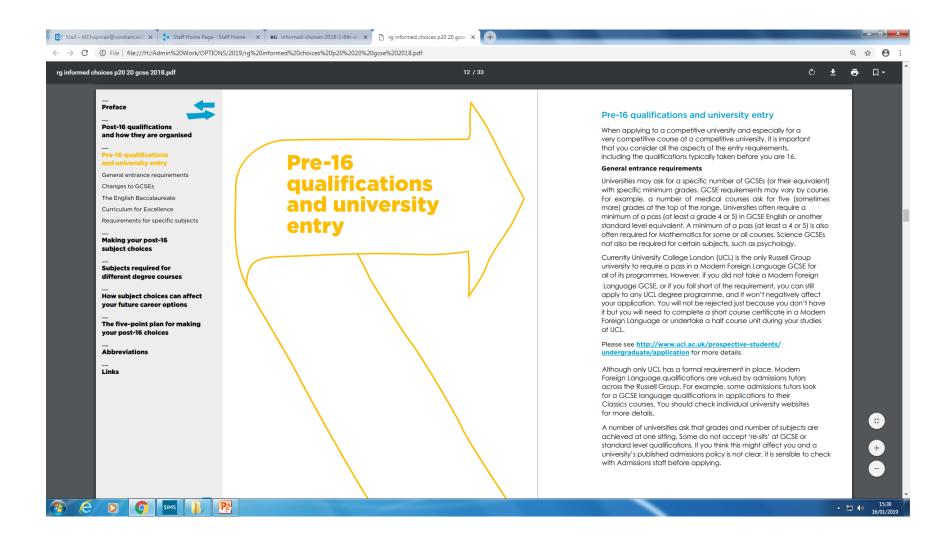
- All students may choose ebacc.
- Pathway 1 and 2 can choose the same as pathway 3

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



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

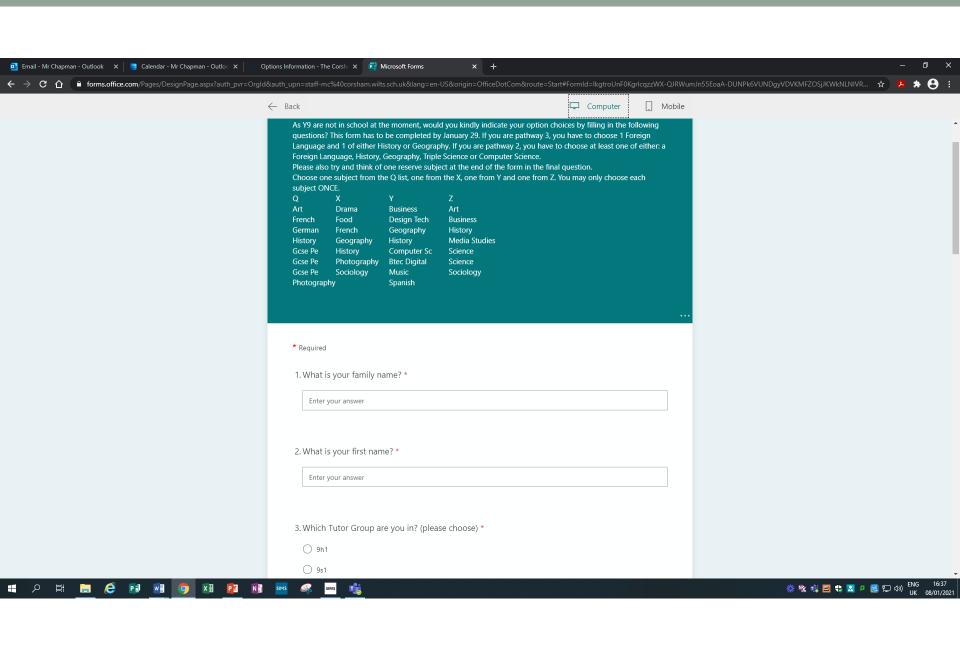
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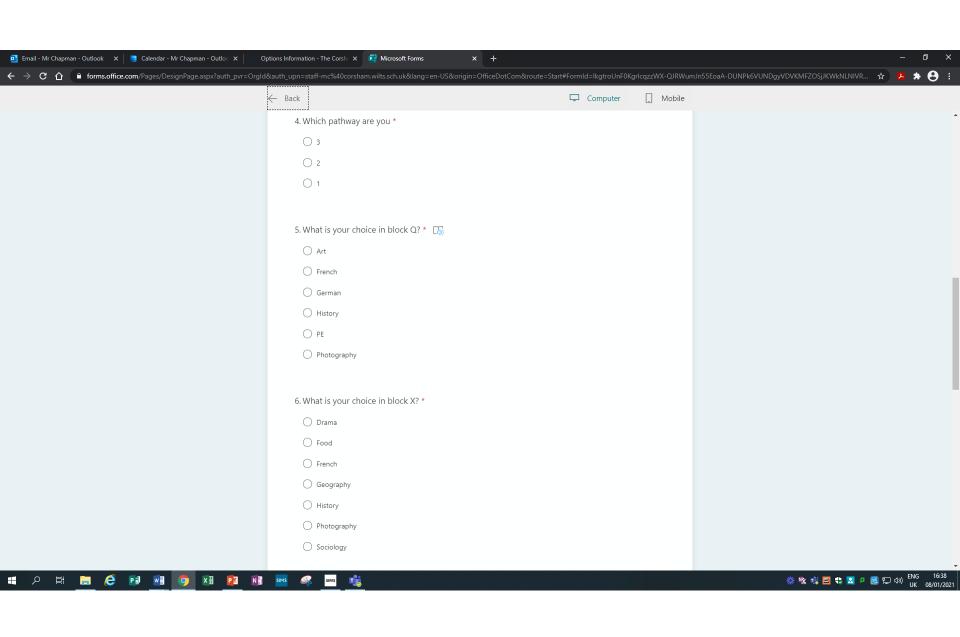
1st Choice	1st Choice	1st Choice	1st Choice
Reserve			

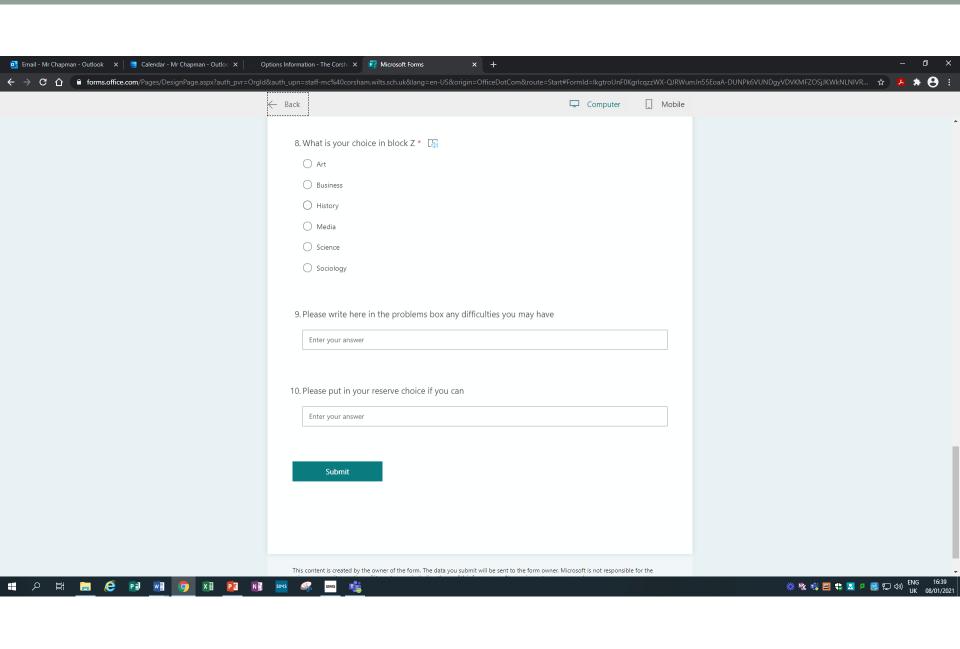
Please indicate any problems in this box:-

Online Form

- This year, to avoid the difficulties and risks of coming into school and handing in paper, the options form is online
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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