

Y8 OPTIONS QUICK FIRE GUIDE

2026

FAQ's

How many options do I have to choose?

You will need to choose five options of which you will be allocated four.

One from Humanities, One from Arts/Languages and three from the Open Options.

If you are part of the Mandarin Excellence Programme the expectation is that you will study GCSE Mandarin.

How do I choose the right subjects for me?

Choosing a broad and balanced range of subjects will help you maintain focus and balance your workload throughout KS4. It also provides you with a more interesting learning experience.

Do I have to choose a reserve?

No, in choosing three subjects that you would like to study from the Open Options, you will be allocated any two of your chosen subjects.

Can I change my mind after I have submitted my Option choices?

Taking time to make the right choice through this process is the best way forward.

We can support you to make the best choice the first time around.

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OPTIONS BOOKLET



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KS4 OPTIONS

Options*

Humanities *Select one*

History, Geography, RS: Philosophy & Ethics

Arts / Languages *Select one*

Art, Dance, Drama, Design Technology, French, Mandarin*, Music

Open Options *Select three, study two.*

Business Studies, Computer Science, Hospitality & Catering, iMedia, Physical Education**, Sports Studies, Statistics, Travel and Tourism. Plus any unchosen from Humanities and Arts / Languages

*If you are part of the MEP you are expected to select Mandarin GCSE

** Physical Education and Sports Science cannot be studied together

Take time

Choosing the subjects you want to study in Key Stage 4 takes time and needs careful thought. Your parents, your tutor, your teachers, your friends and others will all help you with your decisions. You will need to do some research and we can help you with that through Parents/Carer Evening and Option Evening conversations.

Making your choices

Our advice when considering your subject choice is to choose subjects that:

- You are most likely to work enthusiastically and succeed.
- You think you will enjoy it and you feel you are good at it.
- Provide balance and variety. By keeping a balance at this stage, you will not close off future options. You may need it for your future education and/or career path.

Ask Questions

A good starting point is to ask yourself some of the following questions:

- Which subjects do you like now?
- Is there a career that attracts you and what qualifications does it need? If there is not, don't worry, this is not uncommon and the key is to not make choices that are too narrow.

Do's and Don'ts

- Do talk to parents\ carers, subject teachers, your form tutor, older students and career leaders. They are all here to help. .
- Do opt for a balanced choice of subjects to keep open future careers and study options.
- Do choose subjects you enjoy.
- Don't choose a subject just because you like a particular teacher (or avoid a subject because you dislike a teacher). You may well have a different teacher next year.
- Don't choose a subject because your friends are choosing it. You are deciding about your future and they may not be in the same group as you.