

GCSE Options – Year 9

English Baccalaureate

- Not compulsory at RHS
- Consists of English Language/Literature, Maths, Science*, a modern foreign language or a classical language and a humanity (Geography or History)
- Not yet used by universities and employers in their selection procedure but may be in the future.
- * either GCSE Combined Science or three separate sciences from Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Computer Studies.

Core compulsory curriculum

- 6 (or 7) GCSEs consisting of:
- English
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Combined Science (2) **OR**
- Separate Sciences: Biology, Physics or Chemistry (3)
- A foreign language: Spanish, French or Latin

Optional subjects

Choose 2 if you have opted to do separate science or 3 if you have opted for combined science:

- Art and Design
- Art textiles
- Computer studies
- ICT
- Drama
- French or Spanish (not taken as part of the core)
- Geography
- PE
- History
- Home Economics: Food and Nutrition
- Latin (not taken as part of the core)
- Music
- PRS

Entitlement curriculum

Compulsory for all students but not examined:

- PRS
- PE (Non examined if PE GCSE not taken as an option)
- PSHE (themed days in Year 10, 1 each half term)

Making your choice

Choose:

- Subjects you enjoy and are good at
- Be mindful that GCSE's are content heavy
- Ones that you need for a particular career path
- Talk to students, teachers and your parents

Not ones because:

- Your friends are doing them
- You like the teacher

MAKE SURE YOU READ THE DESCRIPTION OF EACH SUBJECT CAREFULLY!! YOU MUST SELECT A RESERVE.

Timelines

- Taster sessions for optional subjects: **Friday 14th January**
- Virtual Parents' evenings – **Wednesday 19th January (Groups 1 and 3) and Tuesday 25th January (Groups 2 and 4)**
- Complete the online form and submit by **Friday 28th January**

Forms and booklets

- Booklets will be sent out by parentmail on Friday 14th January
- Available on the website under “Parents” then GCSE Options 2022.
- Also available on FROG.
- Your electronic “Option Choices Form” will also be sent to parents via parentmail on Friday 14th January. Please only submit ONE form. Submitting more than one form may result in your options being invalidated.

Sources of help

- Mr Marley (Curriculum Lead for PSHE and Careers)
- Mrs Grogan (Senior Assistant Headteacher)
- Mrs Koe and Ms Langham (Pastoral Admin Assistants)

Useful Careers websites

- www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk
- www.careersbox.co.uk
- www.icould.com
- www.ucas.ac.uk
- www.nhscareers.nhs.uk
- www.russellgroup.ac.uk

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/job-sectors/subjects>