

# Choices 2026

Making your GCSE Choices

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# What Are GCSEs?



**Main qualifications you take in Years 10 and 11**



**First nationally recognised qualifications on the RQF**



**Measured with grades 9–1**



**Open doors to Sixth form, college, Apprenticeships, Future jobs**

# Where do GCSEs sit in the RQF?

Level 8 –  
Doctorate (PhD)

Level 7 – Master's  
degree

Level 6 –  
Bachelor's  
degree (e.g. BA,  
BSc)

Level 5 –  
Foundation  
degree / Higher  
National Diploma

Level 4 – First year  
of degree /  
Higher National  
Certificate

Level 3 – A Levels,  
T Levels, many  
BTECs

Level 2 – GCSE  
grades 9–4

Level 1 – GCSE  
grades 3–1

Entry Level –  
qualifications  
below GCSE

What  
everyone  
*must* take



English Language



English Literature



Mathematics



Science

Some will follow **Triple Science** (separate sciences)  
Some will follow **Combined Science**

# Guided Choices – Keeping a Broad Curriculum

- ▶ Geography
- ▶ History
- ▶ Ethics and Philosophy
- ▶ Spanish
- ▶ French

**We expect all students to take one Humanities, and one Language.**

**This is to give you the best balance for your future pathways and set you up for the best possible start in your future.**

# Free Choices

- ▶ 3d Design (Timbers)
- ▶ Textiles
- ▶ Fine Art
- ▶ Food Preparation & Nutrition
- ▶ Graphics (Paper and Board)
- ▶ Business
- ▶ Computer Science
- ▶ Creative iMedia
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Dance
- ▶ Drama
- ▶ Health and Social Care
- ▶ Sport
- ▶ Film Studies

**Your choices are a request – we do our best, but some changes may be needed for timetabling.**

# The Choices Process – Step by Step

<b>Information</b>	Choices section of website / subject information
<b>Explore</b>	Talk to subject teachers Look at example work and exam content
<b>Discuss</b>	Talk with parents/carers Ask form tutors / teachers for advice
<b>Choose on the Choices Platform</b>	Enter your code Select first choices + reserves
<b>Review &amp; confirm</b>	School checks combinations and class sizes Final confirmation shared with you and home

# Good Reasons to Choose a Subject

## **Good reasons**

- ▶ You **enjoy** the subject
- ▶ You are **good at it** or willing to work hard
- ▶ It fits with your **future plans** (jobs, apprenticeships, university)
- ▶ You like the **type of work** it involves (practical / written / creative)
- ▶ Teachers' feedback suggests it's a **strong choice for you**

## **Not so good reasons**

- ▶ "My friends are doing it"
- ▶ "I like the teacher this year"
- ▶ "It sounds easy"
- ▶ "I ran out of time and just picked something"

# What if I can't get all my first choices?

## **Sometimes we may need to change options because:**

- ▶ Two subjects clash on the timetable
- ▶ A course has too few students to run
- ▶ A course is oversubscribed
- ▶ We think a course may not be a good fit for you

## **When that happens:**

- ▶ We look at your reserve choices
- ▶ We will talk to you and, where needed, your parents/carers
- ▶ Our aim is always a balanced timetable where you can succeed

# Who can help me decide?

**Subject teachers** –  
what the course is  
really like

**Form tutors /  
pastoral staff** –  
know you well as a  
person

**Mr Kowal / Mr  
Fiendley** – process  
and combinations

**Parents / carers** –  
know your strengths  
and interests  
outside school

# Using the Online Choices System

## 1. Receive your login code

- ▶ You'll be given a **personal code** to access the choices site.

## 2. Go to the website (link on our website, and emailed to you)

- ▶ Visit: <https://my.edval.education/login>

## 3. Log in with your code

## 4. Select your subjects

- ▶ Choose your **required subjects** (humanities, guided choices).
- ▶ Choose your **2 free choices**.

## 5. Choose reserve subjects

- ▶ You must also pick **reserve choices** in case a subject is full or doesn't run.

## 6. Submit your choices by the deadline

- ▶ Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**



## Sign in to your account

Enter WebCode

Stay signed in for 30 days 

[Forgot WebCode?](#)

Sign in

Main Units	Subject	Units
Guided Choice 1	No selection ▾	0
Guided Choice 2	No selection ▾	0
Free Choice 1	No selection ▾	0
Free Choice 2	No selection ▾	0
Total		0

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
Guided Choice 3	No selection ▾	0
Guided Choice 4	No selection ▾	0
Free Choice 3	No selection ▾	0
Free Choice 4	No selection ▾	0
Total		0

Cancel

Submit

Notes

Rules

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You must select  
and have four r  
chosen options

# GCSE Choices

## Main Units

## Subject

## Units

Guided Choice 1

✓ No selection

0

Ethics & Philosophy

Guided Choice 2

French

0

Geography

Free Choice 1

History

0

Spanish

Free Choice 2

No selection

0

## Reserve Units

Guided Choice 3

Guided Choice 4

Free Choice 3

Free Choice 4

## GCSE Choices

Main Units	Subject	Units
Guided Choice 1	Geography	1
Guided Choice 2	French	1
Free Choice 1	Computer Science	1
Free Choice 2	Music	1
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		Total 4

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
Guided Choice 3	History	1
Guided Choice 4	Ethics & Philosophy	1
Free Choice 3	Film Studies	1
Free Choice 4	Drama	1
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		Total 4

## GCSE Choices

Student name: **Peter Pan (Test student Yr10) (DUMMY!10)**

Notes: **Your choices are registered.**

Submitted date: **Thu 12 Feb 2026 08:24:51**

### Main units

Main Units	Subject	Units
10Gg	Geography	1
10Fr	French	1
10Co	Computer Science	1
10Mu	Music	1

Total units: **4**

### Reserve units

Reserve Units	Subject	Units
10Hi	History	1
10Ep	Ethics & Philosophy	1
10Fs	Film Studies	1
10Dr	Drama	1

Total units: **4**

Thank you, your choices have been submitted.

We will try to accommodate your chosen subjects, however this may not always be possible given the complicated nature of school timetabling. Once choices have been finalised you will be notified.

Exit

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Send email

# Key Dates & Next Steps

Parents Evening – **5<sup>th</sup> March**

Choices open for submission – **23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Choices close for submission – **27<sup>th</sup> March**

- ▶ Take your time – but **meet the deadline**
- ▶ Talk, ask questions, and **use your reserves carefully**
- ▶ Aim for a **broad, balanced** set of subjects

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