

Year 9 GCSE Options 2023

Student and Parent Information 2023

Guide to Qualifications: how do my GCSEs fit into the big picture?

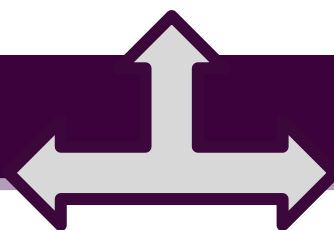
Levels	Types of qualifications
Level 2	GCSEs (9-1), BTECs, Cambridge Nationals <i>(all subjects at the same level)</i>
Level 3	A Levels, Apprenticeships, BTECs, Extended Project
Level 4/5/6	Higher Education, Apprenticeships and Employment

What does my GCSE package look like?

All students at NSG benefit from a package of qualifications based around the English Baccalaureate requirements.

This structure ensures that students receive a well-rounded education that will prepare them for a range of future careers.





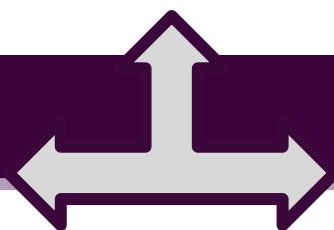
Two free-choice option subjects?

You will be asked to select your **preferences** for two free-choice option subjects and to pick two **reserve** subjects in case these are full.

Make sure that the four subjects you select are subjects you are happy to study in September.

Choose subjects...

- you want to study
- your teachers think you will do well in
- that may be useful to your future career
- you find interesting, succeed in and enjoy



Who should I talk to before I make the choice?

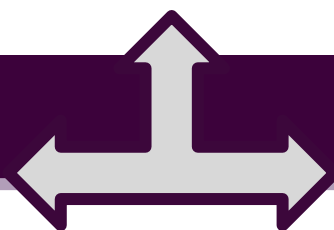
You should talk to:

- Your parents or carers
- Your form tutor
- Your subject teachers

for advice before you enter your preferences into the options system.

Make the best choices for you - **don't just follow your friends.**

What do **you** want to do?



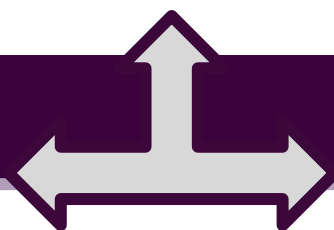
Core Subjects (studied by all students)

GCSE:

- English Language & English Literature
- Maths
- Science (Combined *or* Triple - your teacher will let you know which one you will take)

Other lessons:

- PE & PSHE



Humanities and Languages

Humanities GCSE:

History or Geography (one must be selected)

Languages GCSE (French or Spanish):

You will continue the language you are studying in Year 9 to GCSE level.



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Free Options

You will choose two option **preferences** and two reserve **preferences** from this list.

We will do our best to give you your preferences as far as we are able to.

If you wish to study DT, you can only choose one of the three specialisms.

Some subjects, such as Health and Social Care and Ethics and Philosophy, are heavily oversubscribed every year.

Art (GCSE)

Computer Science
(GCSE)

Creative iMedia
(Cambridge
Nationals Level 2
Certificate)

Dance (BTEC)

Design Technology
(Paper and Board)
(GCSE)

Design Technology
(Textiles) (GCSE)

Design Technology
(Timbers) (GCSE)

Drama (GCSE)

Ethics & Philosophy
(GCSE)

Film Studies (GCSE)

Food & Nutrition
(GCSE)

Geography (GCSE)

Health and Social
Care (Cambridge
Nationals Level 2
Certificate)

History (GCSE)

Music (GCSE)

Sport (BTEC)

Home language GCSEs

Many other languages have GCSE qualifications.

If one of these is a language you can **already** read, write and speak fluently, then you can take the GCSE **in addition to** your other courses.

To take part in this, please see Mrs Alvarez.

Arabic

Bengali

Cantonese
Chinese

German

Greek

Gujarati

Hebrew

Italian

Japanese

Latin

Mandarin
Chinese

Panjabi

Persian

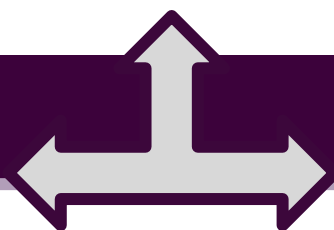
Polish

Portuguese

Russian

Turkish

Urdu



Submitting your options preferences

You will receive an email with your SIMS Options login details on Friday 10th March. You will need to go to www.sims-options.co.uk and login with these details.

Between **Friday 10th March** and **Friday 31st March at 3.30pm:**

- You will submit your options preferences online as described above.
- Once selected, **your options preferences are final** - please choose carefully.
- There is **no priority** given to those submitting sooner.
- **Please make sure your choices are submitted by Friday 31st March at 3.30pm in order to share your preferences.**



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