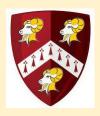


Aims

- ➤ Guide you through the Options process
- ➤ Develop an awareness of the Key Stage 4 curriculum
- ➤ Consider career choices



Key Stage 4 Curriculum

- ➤GCSE subjects are graded with numbers 9-1.
- >BTEC subjects are graded Distinction Pass grades.
- ➤ Grade 4 is considered a Pass
- ➤ Grade 5 is considered a Strong Pass
- Some providers require a grade 5 to continue to study this subject
- Any student that does not achieve a Grade 4 in English and Mathematics must continue to study this subject Post-16.



Core Curriculum

- ➤ English Literature and English Language
- **≻** Mathematics
- ➤ Science (Combined)
- ➤ Core Physical Education
- ➤ Personal & Social Education / Relationship & Sex Education/ Careers, Information, Advice & Guidance



Pathways



EBACC Pathway (9 GCSEs)

- English Language and Literature
- Maths
- Science (Combined or Triple)
- History/Geography
- Language
- 1 or 2 option choices

Non- EBACC Pathway (9 GCSEs)



- English Language and Literature
- Maths
- Science (Combined or Triple)
- History/Geography/Language
- 2 or 3 option choices

Option Subjects

You may not choose Art, Textiles or 3D Design together as they cancel each other out as GCSE subjects.

Art

Dance (BTEC)

3D Design

Drama

Food & Nutrition

French

Geography

Spanish

Health & Social Care (BTEC)

History

ICT – iMedia

Music

Physical Education (GCSE or OCR)

Religious Studies

Textiles

Triple Science (Invitation Only - parents have already been notified)



Things to consider...

DO NOT make choices because.....

- × Your friends are choosing it. (there may be different classes).
- × You like the teacher. (You might get another teacher).
- × You don't like the teacher. (You might get another teacher)

DO make choices because.....

- ✓ You enjoy the subject.
- ✓ You are good at the subject.
- ✓ The type of learning and assessment methods suit your learning style.
- ✓ It will help you in any future career you may be considering.





CAREERS, INFORMATION, ADVICE & GUIDANCE

Year 9 Careers Advice

Starting to think about your future

Year 9 is an important year...

Start asking some questions about your future and the worlds of work that are out there

With people or on your own?

With animals?

Healing? Fixing?

Creating and performing?

Inventing and building?

Work outdoors?
Under the sea?....yes,
there are careers
under the sea!

With numbers?

At computers?

Research?

Travel?

The Important Bits First!

At GCSE level, you might not be choosing subjects that you absolutely NEED for your future careers and higher education!

Most careers do not need specific GCSE subjects but there are a few that you should consider e.g.

- Medical careers require top science qualifications so Triple might be important to you
- ❖ Keep a **language** if there is a chance you might want to work in **travel** or an **international business**

All other careers **don't mind** which option subjects you have at GCSE as long as you have achieved the best grades you can in them and you have a good standard of Maths and English.

The Important Bits First!

As we see, in most worlds of work, employers do not REQUIRE particular subjects.

To work in the financial sector, law or engineering, for example, you could equally have GCSEs in **ANY** of your option choices.

They are looking for people with a good range of qualifications, knowledge, skills, maturity and experiences. Which subjects would help YOU to demonstrate these skills?

It is important that you pick what you enjoy and what you are good at so you can achieve at the best level for you.

How do I decide?

What are you good at and what do you enjoy?

You are going to spend the next two years of your life learning about and experiencing this subject.



How do I decide?

What subjects might be useful to you in the future? There might be some skills you want to take forward into a career.....which ones might you need?

There are many websites that help you to research careers and further education – do some research about what's out there!

A GREAT place to start is **The National Careers Service** website:

https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

Careers Advice

Laura Eaves- Directions Independent Careers Advisor – leaves@ramseyacademy.com

Laura is available in school (or online) every Wednesday for careers advice, emails and phone call meetings.

Miss Pearce is your Careers Guidance Co-Ordinator in school and is also available to email or meet with you to discuss your future options — dpearce@ramseyacademy.com



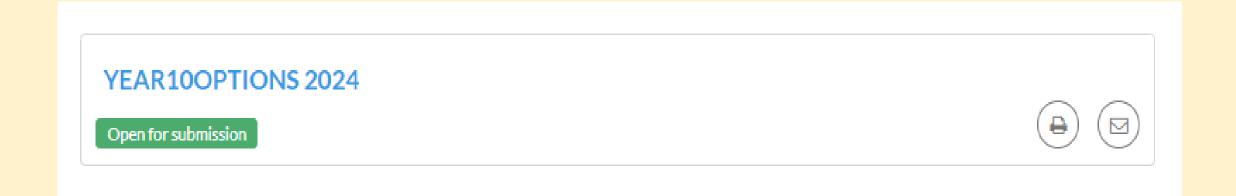
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- 7th March Year 9 parents evening
- Speak to your teachers if you have questions or want to know more about a subject at GCSE
- Make your choices online deadline 14th March 2024

Do NOT make any choices until you have spoken to the subject teacher at parent's evening

Letting us know your choices....

Clicking the link will send you to this page. Click on 'CLICK HERE' to begin.

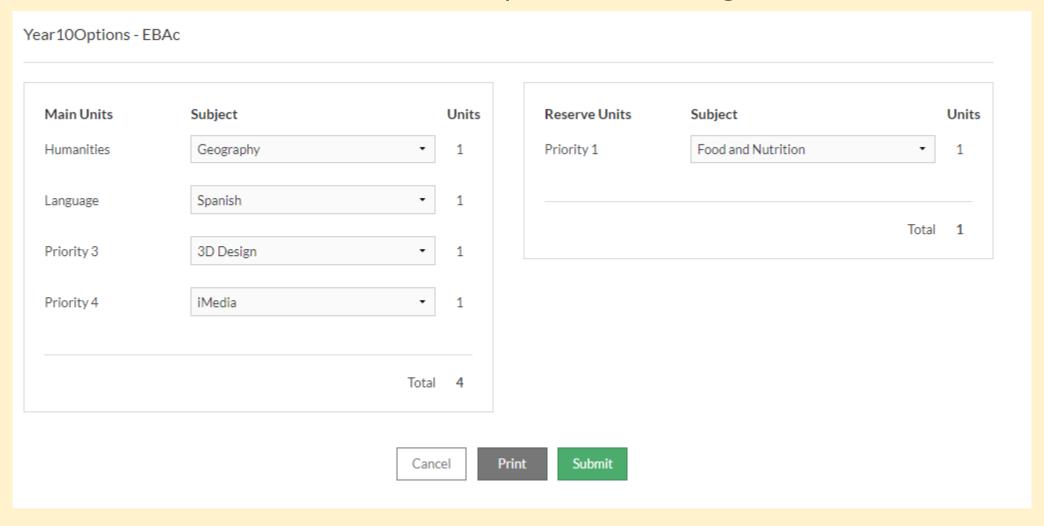




- Click on the pathway option
- Ebacc or Non Ebacc You only be able to access a pre-set option.



- This is what the page will look like.
- It will only allow you to make choices that work with your pathway.
- Remember to choose a reserve option on the right hand side.



These are there to help guide you to make the correct input.

Notes

Select your subjects in preference order.

As an Ebacc student you must choose History or Geography as your first choice. You must also choose a language as your second choice. We would strongly advise you to choose Triple Science as an option as well.

The subject you most want to do should be Priority 3, your second choice priority 4.

Pleae select a reserve subject.

- . Occasionally we are unable to run courses due to a low number of students selecting the courses.
- . Occasionally we are unable to match your options due to timetable constraints.

If you wish to select GCSE or OCR Sports studies please select Physical Education and then the PE department will discuss an appropriate course.

Check the school website for information about courses if you are unsure.

Please print your form and have a parent sign it before handing it to your form tutor.

Rules

You can't have duplicate subjects.

You can't have more than 1 units of the subjects: Art, 3D Design, Textiles.

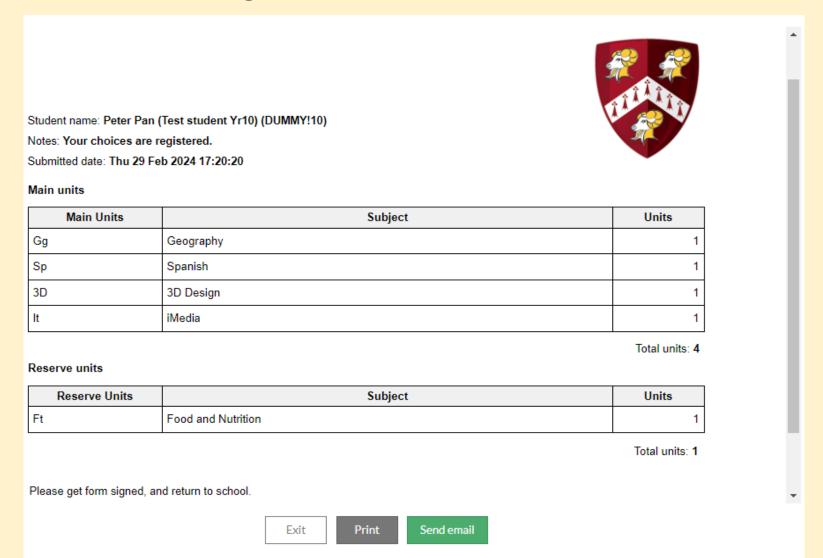
Please select at least 1 units of the subjects: Geography, History.

Please select at least 1 units of the subjects: French, Spanish.

You need to request 4 main units.

You need to request at least 1 reserve unit.

- Once your options have been chosen. This page will pop up.
- If everything is correct, please scroll down and print this page.
- Return this to school signed.



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