

# Year 9 Subject Preferences

Picking the pathway that's right for your child

# Introduction

- Time to make an important decision.
- Chance to choose 40% of their timetable for the next 2 years.
- They need to make sure that they have all the information before making an informed choice.
- They have been encouraged to discuss their options with you and their teachers to make sure they start on the right path.



# Compulsory curriculum

- The compulsory curriculum equates to 30 hours out of 50 over a two-week timetable.
- It is a requirement that all pupils study the following subjects:
  - English – 2 GCSE's (language & literature)
  - Maths – 1 GCSE
  - Science – 2 GCSE's (Combined Science)
- It is also a requirement to follow a program of .....
- Physical Education
- Wellbeing

# Overall aim

- We want all students to be able to follow an ambitious curriculum that is both broad and balanced through a combination of academic, creative and practical subjects, that best meets their learning needs.
- Therefore, each student has been allocated a pathway based upon the subjects they have completed across Key Stage 3.

# Pathways



## **Pathway One**

The majority of students will follow this pathway as it will lead to the completion of the EBacc, which requires them to study at least one humanity subject and one language.

Students then choose two further subjects, which we recommend come from the preference subjects, to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum, although they can choose an additional EBacc subject.

## **Pathway Two**

Students following this pathway will be asked to choose between history or geography as a humanity subject. They should then choose three further subjects, to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum.

Students who can speak, write and understand a qualifying community language will be allocated this pathway. They will then complete the GCSE in this language at the end of year 11 and will therefore fill the EBacc requirements

## **Pathway Three**

Students following this pathway will study Wider Key Skills as an alternative to studying a language and a humanity. In addition to this, they should choose one or two further subjects.

# Example pathways

## Student 1

### Core

English Literature  
English language  
Maths  
Science

### Pathway 1

- Geography or History
- French or German

### Plus 2 others

- Triple Science
- Business

## Student 2

### Core

English Literature  
English language  
Maths  
Science

### Pathway 2

- Geography or History

### Plus 3 others

- GCSE PE
- Art
- Computer Science

### Additional

Community language

## Student 3

### Core

English Literature  
English language  
Maths  
Science

### Pathway 2

- Geography or History

### Plus 3 others

- Health & Social Care
- Catering
- Drama

## Student 4

### Core

English Literature  
English language  
Maths  
Science

### Pathway 3

- Wider Key Skills

### Plus 2 others

- Construction
- Photography

# Types of Qualification

## **GCSE's**

### **Key Features**

- Majority of grade awarded is based upon performance in final exams at end of Year 11.
- Practical subjects (Art, PE, Technology) have practical component which is worth up to 40 percent
- Grades are 9 (highest) - 1 (lowest)

## **Vocational (BTEC, WJEC, VTCT)**

### **Key Features**

- Majority of the grade is based upon independent coursework
- Coursework is marked internally by your teachers.
- One external exam to be completed during the course.
- Exam can be repeated.
- Grades are Distinction\*, Distinction, Merit and Pass

# Subject Preference List

French	Art & Design*	Business Studies	Triple Science	Construction
German	Photography*	Computer Science	Physical Education	Health & Social Care
Geography	Design Technology*	Philosophy, Religion & Ethics	Health & Fitness	Hair & Beauty
History	Drama	Music	Wider Key Skills	Hospitality & Catering

\*subjects can not be studied together

# Subject Preference Booklet

Information about each subject can be found in the options booklet that has been posted on the school website .

Simply hover of the curriculum heading on the main page and select Year 9 options from the drop-down menu.



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# Important considerations

What subjects do students enjoy studying the most in Year 9?

What subjects are students performing best in?

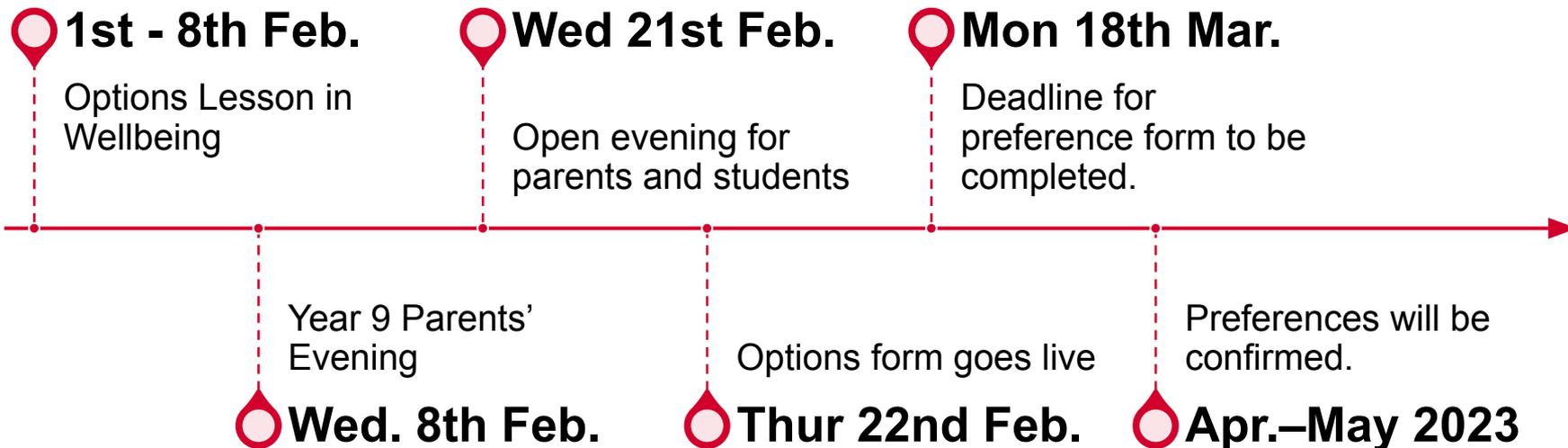
What subjects might students need for future career / educational path?

How do students learn best?

Are students phased by exams?

Are students disciplined enough to meet regular deadlines for coursework?

# Timeline



# Account Activation

Most students have already activated their accounts during their Wellbeing lessons.

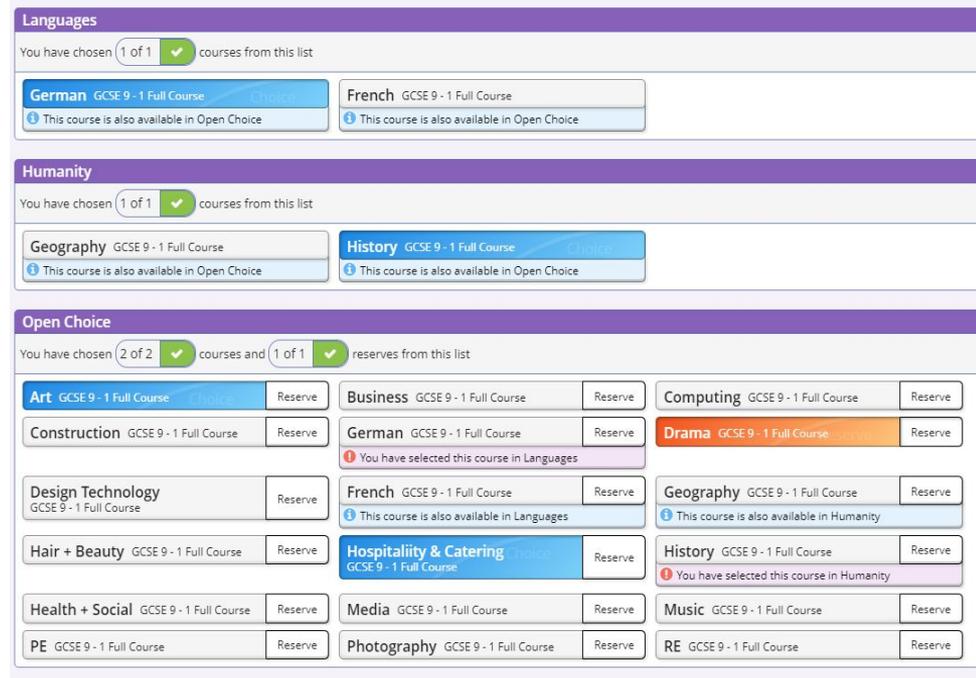
If anyone is having issues with this, they can come and see me in A105, 1st break each day and I will support them with this process.

# Logging in

- Once accounts have been activated, students can log into the system from anywhere.
- Go to [www.sims-options.co.uk](http://www.sims-options.co.uk)
- Click the  Google logo
- Enter your school username 21-----@kgaprospect.uk
- Enter your school password

# The form

- Click the four subjects they wish to study from the different sections of the form – the subjects will turn blue
- Click reserve next to two subject that you would also be interested in studying – the subject will turn orange.
- Click save
- Up to the deadline, they can sign back in and change their mind as many times as they wish
- There is no rush to be first so they must take their time to make the right choices.



The screenshot displays a course selection interface with three main sections: Languages, Humanity, and Open Choice. Each section shows a list of courses with 'Choose' and 'Reserve' buttons. The 'Open Choice' section includes a grid of course cards, some of which are highlighted in blue (selected) or orange (reserved).

Languages		
You have chosen 1 of 1 courses from this list		
<b>German</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Open Choice</small>	<b>French</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Open Choice</small>	

Humanity		
You have chosen 1 of 1 courses from this list		
<b>Geography</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Open Choice</small>	<b>History</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Open Choice</small>	

Open Choice		
You have chosen 2 of 2 courses and 1 of 1 reserves from this list		
<b>Art</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small>	<b>Business</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small>	<b>Computing</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small>
<b>Construction</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small>	<b>German</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small> <small>You have selected this course in Languages</small>	<b>Drama</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small>
<b>Design Technology</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small>	<b>French</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small> <small>This course is also available in Languages</small>	<b>Geography</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small> <small>This course is also available in Humanity</small>
<b>Hair + Beauty</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small>	<b>Hospitality &amp; Catering</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small>	<b>History</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small> <small>You have selected this course in Humanity</small>
<b>Health + Social</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small>	<b>Media</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small>	<b>Music</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small>
<b>PE</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small>	<b>Photography</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small>	<b>RE</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>Reserve</small>



## Support

- If students have any general questions, they can come and speak to me.
- Form tutors have access to the system and so they will be checking and confirming students' choices.
- Read the options booklet and speak to subject teachers.

# Subject contacts

Qualification	School contact
French, German	zmumford@kgaprospect.uk
Geography	kparkbarnard@kgaprospect.uk
History	jdixon@kgaprospect.uk
Art, Art Photography	spittman@kgaprospect.uk
PE, Health & Fitness	sedwards@kgaprospect.uk
Faith, Philosophy & Ethics	lmacabe@kgaprospect.uk
Business, Computing	masam@kgaprospect.uk

Qualification	School contact
Drama & Music	<a href="mailto:bslade@kgaprospect.uk">bslade@kgaprospect.uk</a>
Health & Social Care	<a href="mailto:mscott@kgaprospect.uk">mscott@kgaprospect.uk</a>
Wider Key Skills	<a href="mailto:cmatten@kgaprospect.uk">cmatten@kgaprospect.uk</a>
Hospitality & Catering	<a href="mailto:sstevens@kgaprospect.uk">sstevens@kgaprospect.uk</a>
Design Technology	<a href="mailto:kmcdonald@kgaprospect.uk">kmcdonald@kgaprospect.uk</a>
Construction	<a href="mailto:mwilliams@kgaprospect.uk">mwilliams@kgaprospect.uk</a>
Hair & Beauty	<a href="mailto:cpierro@kgaprospect.uk">cpierro@kgaprospect.uk</a>

# Subject Talks

Floor	Qualification	Lead staff	Room
3rd Floor	Music	T Howard & S Williams	A309
	Faith Philosophy Ethics	L McCabe & L Ellis	A308
	Business	M Asam	A307
	Drama	B Slade	A305
	Construction	M Williams	A303
	3D design	K McDonald	A302
2nd Floor	Art	S Pittman	A208
	Geography	K Park-Barnard	A207
	Photography	D Brixton	A203
	History	J Dixon	A202
1st Floor	French & German	Z Mumford	A107
	Computing	R Parry & S Paudyal	A105
	Hair & Beauty	C Pierro	A103
	GCSE PE + NCFE Health & Fitness	S Edwards	A102
Ground floor	Triple Science	A Stent	A35
	Wider Key Skills	C Matten	A33
	Health & Social Care	M Scott	A32

## **Session format:**

7 minute presentation  
5 minutes for questions  
3 minutes travel time

## **Session times:**

5:30pm  
5:45pm  
6:00pm  
6:15pm  
6:30pm  
6:45pm