

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

The vast majority of students will follow pathway one as this gives them the breadth and depth that will support future further study.

For those students who are bilingual, there is an opportunity to use a language other than French or Spanish which will lead to two open choices rather than one. Please go and see Mrs Khan regarding this in >>> to register your interest.

However, for some students we recognise that this pathway maybe more challenging and so we recommend a pathway that includes Wider Key Skills.

PATHWAY ONE – ROUTE ONE

Choose 1 subject from each group

Languages

French
Spanish

Students who wish to be examined in a qualifying community language, can substitute their chosen language into Route 1 and 3 instead of French or Spanish, and choose 2 subjects from the open list. See page 12.

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Humanities

Geography
History
Faith, Philosophy & Ethics

PATHWAY ONE – ROUTE TWO

Choose 1 subject from each group

Humanities

Geography
History
Faith, Philosophy & Ethics

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Arts

Art & Design
Art Photography
Construction
Design & Technology

Drama
Hair & Beauty
Hospitality & Catering

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PATHWAY ONE – ROUTE THREE

Choose 1 subject from each group

Languages

French
Spanish

Students who wish to be examined in a qualifying community language, can substitute their chosen language into Route 1 and 3 instead of French or Spanish, and choose 2 subjects from the open list. See page 12.

Arts

Art & Design
Art Photography
Construction
Design & Technology

Drama
Hair & Beauty
Hospitality & Catering

PATHWAY TWO – ROUTE FOUR

Wider Key Skills

PATHWAY THREE – ROUTE FIVE

Wider Key Skills

CHOOSE ONE SUBJECT FROM THIS OPEN LIST

Technology

OCR Creative iMedia

Science

GCSE Triple Science

Specialist

GCSE Business Studies

GCSE Physical Education

Vocational

WJEC Construction

NCFE Health & Fitness

OCR Health & Social Care

Arts

GCSE Art & Design

GCSE Art Photography

GCSE Design & Technology

GCSE Drama

VTCT Hair & Beauty

WJEC Hospitality & Catering

Humanities

GCSE Geography

GCSE History

GCSE Faith, Philosophy & Ethics

Languages

GCSE French

GCSE Spanish

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	iMedia	Construction
Spanish	Photography*	Physical Education	Health & Social Care	Hospitality & Catering
Geography	Design Technology*	Philosophy, Religion & Ethics	Health & Fitness	Hair & Beauty
History	Drama	Triple Science	Wider Key Skills	

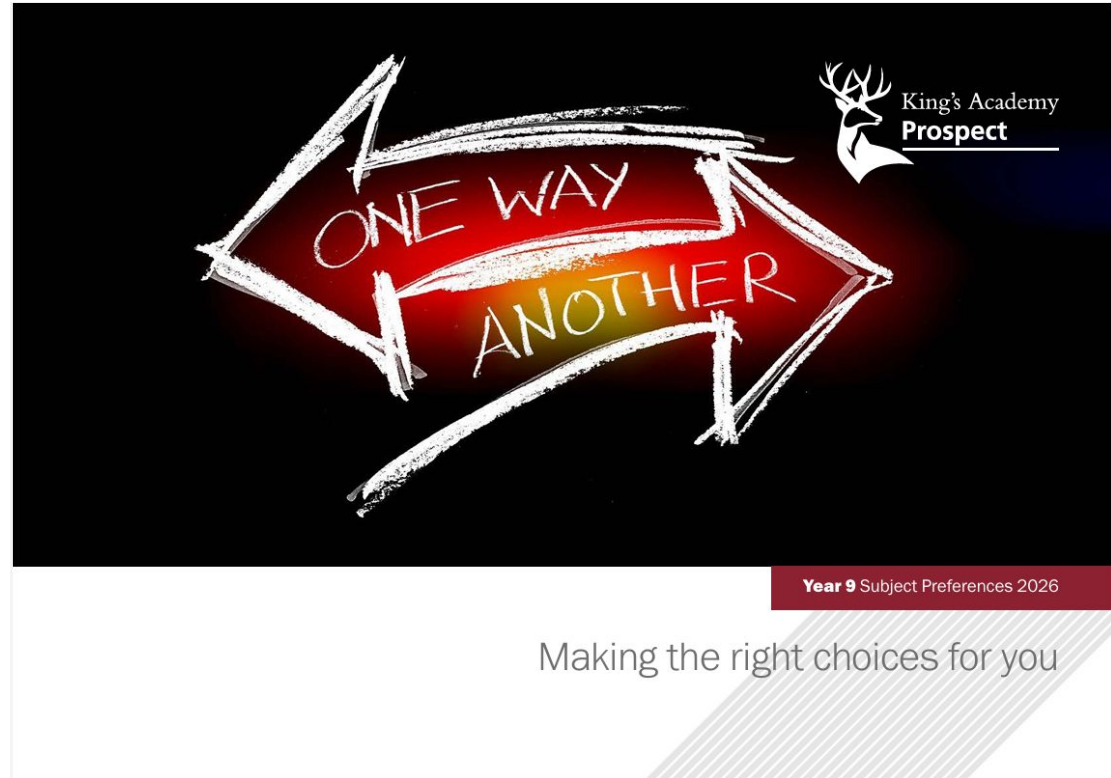
*subjects can not be studied together

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?

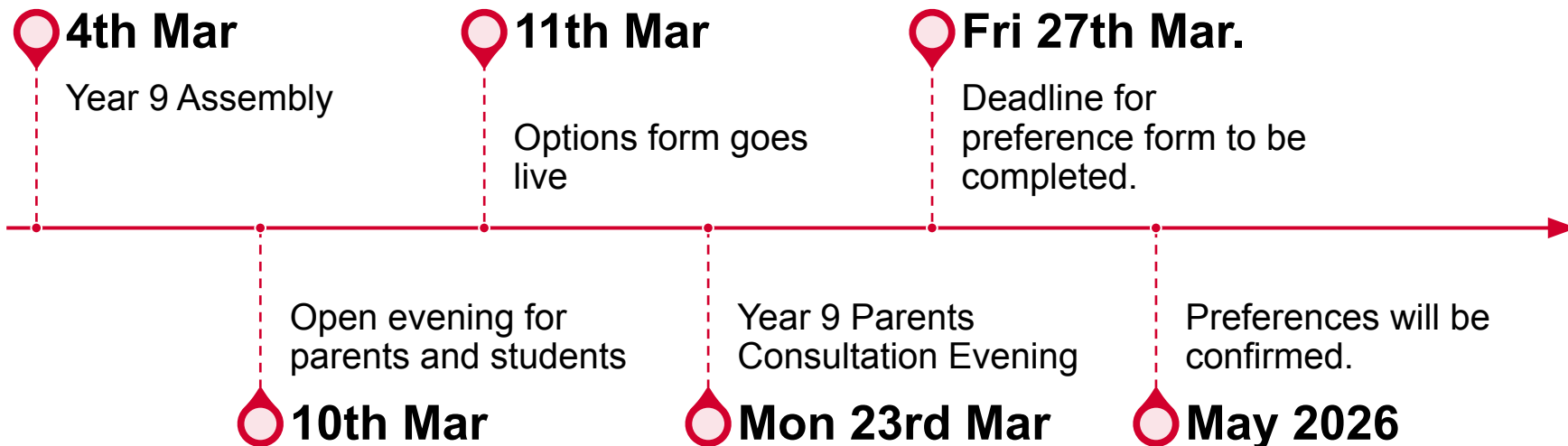
What subjects might students need for future career / educational path?

How do students learn best?

Are students phased by exams?

Are students disciplined enough to meet regular deadlines for coursework?

Timeline



On-line system

This year we are trialing a new on-line system for the collection of subject preferences. This new system will feed students choices directly into the software we use for timetabling.

The form can found at www.studentoptions.co/KAP-GCSE/ and students will need to sign in with their unique username and password that will be given to them tomorrow.

If students experience any issues with this process, they can speak to me, Ms Smith, Mr Reynolds or their form tutor and we will support them with this process.

Subject contacts

Qualification	School contact
French, Spanish	zmumford@kgapropect.uk
Geography	kparkbarnard@kgapropect.uk
History	jdixon@kgapropect.uk
Art, Art Photography	dbrixton@kgapropect.uk
PE, Health & Fitness	sedwards@kgapropect.uk
Faith, Philosophy & Ethics	lellis@kgapropect.uk
Business	masam@kgapropect.uk
iMedia	rparry@kgapropect.uk

Qualification	School contact
Drama	bslade@kgaprospect.uk
Health & Social Care	mscott@kgaprospect.uk
Wider Key Skills	cmatten@kgaprospect.uk
Hospitality & Catering	jprior@kgaprospect.uk
Design Technology	kmcdonald@kgaprospect.uk
Construction	mwilliams@kgaprospect.uk
Hair & Beauty	cpierro@kgaprospect.uk

Subject Talks

Floor	Qualification	Lead staff	Room
3rd Floor	Faith Philosophy Ethics	L McCabe	A308
	Business	M Asam	A307
	Triple Science	S Watson	A309
	Hair & Beauty	C Pierro	A305
	Construction	M Williams	A303
	3D design	K McDonald	A302
2nd Floor	Art	S Pittman	A208
	Photography	D Brixton	A209
	History	J Dixon	A207
	Community Language	F. Khan	A205
	Drama	B Slade	A203
	French & Spanish	Z Mumford	A202
1st Floor	Geography	K Park-Barnard	A107
	iMedia	R Parry	A105
Ground floor	GCSE PE	S Edwards	A35
	NCFE Health & Fitness		
	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:

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