



Year 8 into Year 9 Options Evening

Thursday 25th February 2021
With
Mr Hegarty – Assistant Head Teacher



Good Evening

- We are looking forward to having you all back in school from the 8th March
- If you are having problems in accessing any of the online materials, please let your tutor know
- Today you will have been sent a ParentMail which includes the year 8 options booklet and a link to our school webpage where you will find all our options videos.
- Each student will have been sent an email from noreply@SIMS to activate their SIMS Options accounts.



Options Schedule

Week	Activity	Staff
12/1	Launch of Options – Online Assembly	Mr Hegarty & Ms McNeill
26/1	Unifrog	Tutors
9/2	Launch pad Lesson 1	Tutors
25/2	Options Evening – Online Activation of Online accounts	Mr Hegarty & Mr Gale
26/2	SIMS Option Forms go live	Tutors
9/3	Complete SIMS Option Forms	Tutors

Choosing your Options

- This year we are rolling out options online. ***You are now required to activate your SIMS options account.*** Go to your school email account and identify the email from noreply@sims.co.uk
- The following video will walk through the activation process for your SIMS Options account. https://youtu.be/Vf_xpUK3PIM
- Once you have completed the activation of your account you need to login at www.sims-options.co.uk and you will see your options on your screen. The guidance on how to complete the options process is included in the options booklet. The options are currently read-only they will go live on Friday 26th February. Please speak to your tutor if you have any problems with this process.
- The Final date for completion is Friday 12th March.

You are only choosing your options

English

Mathematics

Science

Religious Education

**Geography, History, French/Polish
and Physical Education (non GCSE) ... are
all core subjects ... so no changes here ...**



What option choices do I need to make?

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
Art*	Art*	Art*	French
Business	Business	Business	Polish
Computer Science**	Computer Science**	Computer Science**	Arts Award
Drama**	Graphics*	Drama**	
Food**	HSC	Food **	
Graphics*	Media	Graphics*	
HSC	PE	PE	
Media	Engineering/RM*	Engineering/RM*	
Music**	Textiles*	Textiles *	
Engineering/RM*			

You must choose one subject form each option block

You must choose at least one * or ** subject

You can choose a * and a ** subject but not 2 * subjects

What you must choose

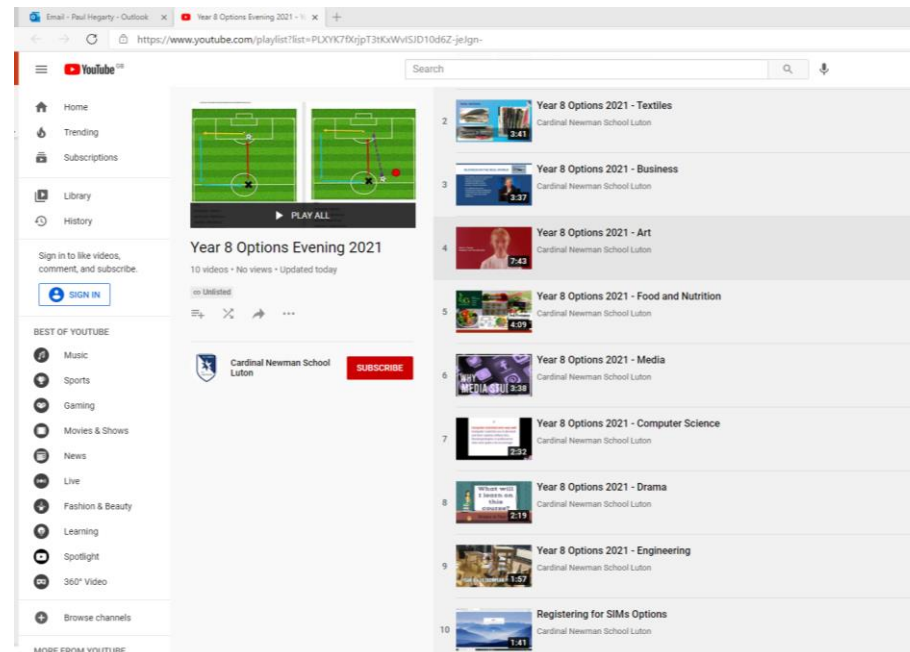
- You must choose a language i.e. French or Polish (option D). A very small number of pupils will be following the Arts Award course, they will be invited by our SENCo Mrs Hutcheson.
- You must choose one of the following subjects in either option A, B or C;

You can only choose 1 art-based subject	You can choose any combinations with these subjects
Art	Drama
DT – RM/Engineering	Music
DT - Textiles	Computer Science
DT - Graphics	Food

Videos From each department

You can access all the options videos from each department here

- <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXYK7fXrjpT3tKxWvISJD10d6Z-jeJgn->



The screenshot shows a YouTube browser window with the URL <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXYK7fXrjpT3tKxWvISJD10d6Z-jeJgn->. The page displays a playlist titled "Year 8 Options Evening 2021" with 10 videos. The first video is "Year 8 Options Evening 2021" with a "PLAY ALL" button. The channel is "Cardinal Newman School Luton". The playlist items are:

- Year 8 Options 2021 - Textiles (3:41)
- Year 8 Options 2021 - Business (3:27)
- Year 8 Options 2021 - Art (7:43)
- Year 8 Options 2021 - Food and Nutrition (4:09)
- Year 8 Options 2021 - Media (3:28)
- Year 8 Options 2021 - Computer Science (2:22)
- Year 8 Options 2021 - Drama (2:19)
- Year 8 Options 2021 - Engineering (1:57)
- Registering for SIMs Options (1:41)

Music

In addition you can watch Mr Carter's Video's for Music here

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmElepAOuJg>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UdagYDIyIOs>

Examples of acceptable Pupil Choice

Option Block	Pupil 1	Pupil 2	Pupil 3
A	Art*	Drama**	Business
B	Business	RM*	Graphics*
C	PE - Option	Computer Science **	Food**
D	French	Polish	French

Pupil 1 has selected Art as their compulsory subject

Pupil 2 has selected three compulsory subjects (but only one Arts subject I.e. Engineering)

Pupil 3 has selected two compulsory subjects (but only one Arts subject I.e. Graphics)

SIMS Options

Languages - Option D

You must choose French or Polish unless advised otherwise, in this case you can select The Arts Award

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

French Key Stage 3

Polish Key Stage 3

Option A

You must choose one of the following Subjects in either Option A - B or C

- Art
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Food
- Graphics
- Music
- Resistant Materials

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses and 0 of 1 reserves from this list

My Choices in Order of Preference (Total Choices: 0)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No courses selected.

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 0)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No reserves selected.

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You have chosen 0 of 1 courses and 0 of 1 reserves from this list

Art Key Stage 3 Reserve	Business S Key Stage 3 Reserve
<small>This course is also available in other lists.</small>	<small>This course is also available in other lists.</small>
Computer Science Key Stage 3 Reserve	Graphics Key Stage 3 Reserve
<small>This course is also available in other lists.</small>	<small>This course is also available in other lists.</small>
H&S Care Key Stage 3 Reserve	Media Studies Key Stage 3 Reserve
<small>This course is also available in Option A</small>	<small>This course is also available in Option A</small>
OPTION PE Key Stage 3 Reserve	Resistant Materials Key Stage 3 Reserve
<small>This course is also available in Option C</small>	<small>This course is also available in other lists.</small>
Textiles Key Stage 3 Reserve	
<small>This course is also available in Option C</small>	

Steps

- Step 1 – login at www.sims-options.co.uk. Your first task is to choose between French and Polish. Once you have done this it will appear on the right-hand side of your screen.
- Step 2 - You are required to choose one choice and one reserve from option A. Once you have done this your options will appear on the right-hand side of the screen.
- Step 3 – You are required to choose one choice and one reserve from option B. Once you have done this your options will appear on the right-hand side of the screen.
- Step 4 - You are required to choose one choice and one reserve from option C. Once you have done this your options will appear on the right-hand side of the screen.
- Step 5 – You are now required to rank your options from 1-4 with 1 being your first option (list your language as your 4th options as it is compulsory).
- Step 6 - You are now required to rank your reserve options from 1-3 with 1 being your first reserve option you would be willing to study.

MAKING CHOICES IN YEAR 8 FOR YEAR 9

All students will choose **THREE** subjects from:

1. **Art***
2. **Business**
3. **Computer Science***
4. **Drama***
5. **DT Graphics OR RM/Engineering OR DT Textiles**
6. **Food***
7. **Health & Social Care**
8. **Media Studies**
9. **Music**
10. **PE**

You must also make 3 reserve choices in each block and one of these must be a compulsory subject – highlighted with an *

MAKING CHOICES IN YEAR 8 FOR YEAR 9

But – there will be things to bear in mind and to follow:

- **You cannot study Art with Graphics, RM/Engineering and / or Textiles**
- **Business Studies, Computer Science, Health & Social Care and Media Studies are new for Year 9. You can only choose 2 of these subjects as your 1st 2nd or 3rd choice. You can also choose 1 of them as your R1 R2 choice**
- **You can choose ONE DT option from Graphics, Engineering or Textiles.**

MAKING CHOICES IN YEAR 8 FOR YEAR 9

Important Point

At the end of Year 9 you will make a choice about which two subjects you continue with. At this point there are two different types of qualifications.

GCSE

- PE
- Computer Science
- Business

Vocational

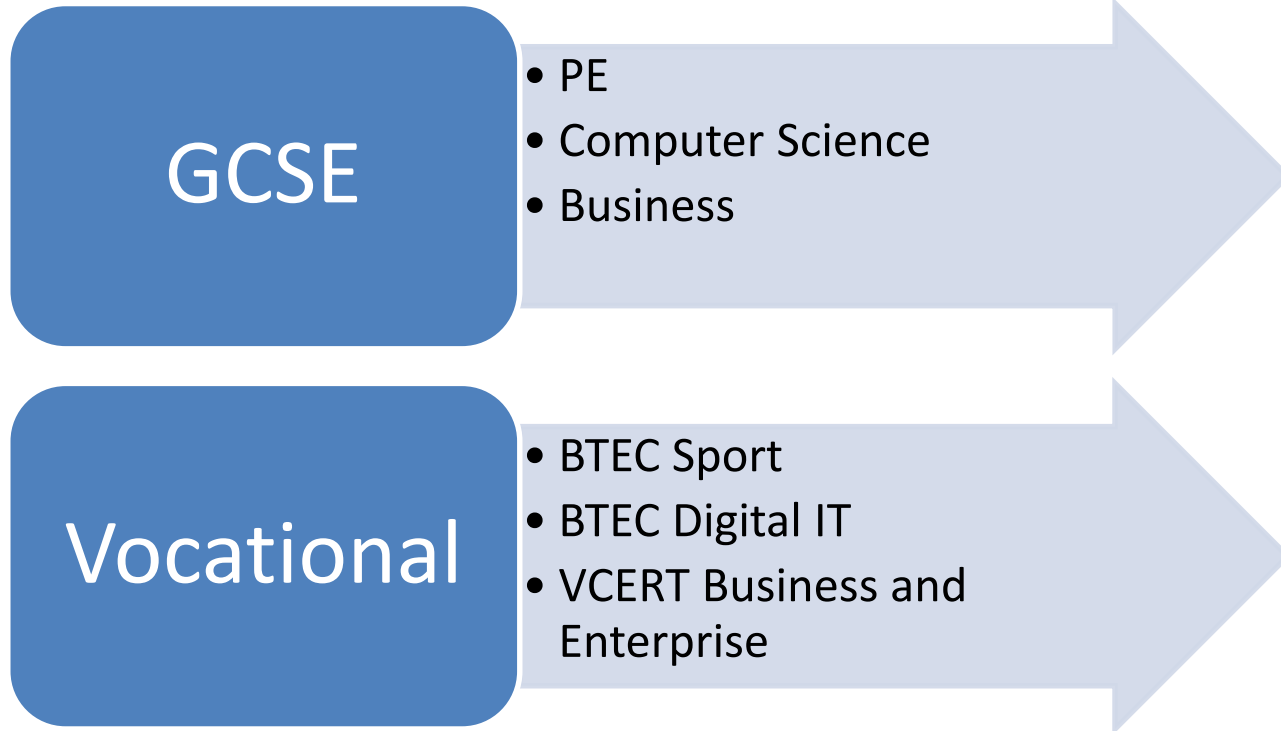
- BTEC Sport
- BTEC Digital IT
- VCERT Business and Enterprise

MAKING CHOICES IN YEAR 8 FOR YEAR 9

Important Point

You choose the subject

Your Subject teacher chooses the pathway



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Subjects taught at KS3/ KS4	Pathway through to KS5
GCSE English Literature and Language →	A Level English Literature and Language A Level Law, History, Sociology, Ethics and Philosophy and Media Studies
GCSE Mathematics →	A Level Mathematics and Further Maths A Level Accounting and Economics
GCSE Double and Triple Science →	A Level Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Applied Science. → A Level Psychology and BTEC Psychology
GCSE Drama and Music →	A Level Drama and BTEC Performing Arts
GCSE Business and NCFE Business Enterprise →	A Level Business, LIBF Certificate in Finance and Applied Business
GCSE PE and BTEC Sport →	A Level PE and BTEC PE
GCSE and BTEC Media →	A Level Media
GCSE Computer Science and BTEC Digital IT →	A Level Computer Science and BTEC IT
GCSE Art and Textiles →	A Level Art
GCSE History and GCSE Geography →	A Level History and A Level Geography
GCSE French →	A Level French
OCR National Health and Social Care →	OCR Technical Health and Social Care

The decision-making Process

Before making subject choices for Year 9, it is important to understand the following:

- Which subjects are compulsory at Key Stage 4
- Which subjects are available as optional courses
- What each of the optional courses covers and reasons why you may enjoy it
- Options restrictions and our recommendations



Things to do

Take your time. If you rush you could end up making choices you'll regret.

Listen to advice. There are many people who are able to talk the decision over with you, including your parents or carers, subject teachers, form tutors, senior leaders and the careers advisor.

Think about the following.

- What you might want to do in the future as a career.
- What skills and qualities you'll need to have for your career when you're older.
- What you might want to do at sixth form college
- What you won't be able to do in the future if you don't choose certain subjects now.
- What your preferred way of learning is; are you better with practical courses or very academic ones?
- What you like studying now, what you enjoy and what you're good at.



Things to avoid

Don't get worried. If something is unclear, ask for help and advice.

Don't choose subjects because your friends do.

You will probably not end up in the same class.

Your friends may be much better / worse at the subject than you are.

You may not stay friends!



Ranking your options

- When you select your options, you are required to rank them 1-3 in order of preference, 1 being your first choice.
- You will also be required to select 3 reserve options in blocks A-C. Once again you will be asked to rank them 1-3 in order of preference with 1 being your first choice.
- We will aim to facilitate as many of your option choices as possible, but in some cases, we may need to use at least one reserve option. Choose your reserve options carefully.



What Next?

- Deadline for completing your online options form is Friday 12th March 2021
- You cannot change your form once you have completed it, please take your time, talk your thought process through with your parents/guardians, your tutors and/or your subject teachers.
- If you have any problems filling in the form, please speak to your form tutor in the first instance.