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## **Year 9 Options** **Information Evening**

*Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023*

### **Agenda**

1. Subjects on Offer.
2. Qualifications and Grading.
3. Making the Correct Choice.
4. Further Advice.
5. English Baccalaureate (EBACC).
6. Blocks and Pathways.
7. Options Timeline.
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9. Academy Website.
10. Questions.



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## KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS 2022-2024



Your guide to choosing the best  
subject options



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## Subjects on Offer, 2022-24

EBACC Subjects	Open Bucket Subjects
History (GCSE)	Art (Art)
Geography (GCSE)	Business Studies (NCFE)
French (GCSE)	Interactive Media (Computing) (NCFE)
Spanish (GCSE)	Design Technology (GCSE)
Triple Science (GCSE)	GCSE PE (GCSE) and Health and Fitness (NCFE)
Computer Science (GCSE)	Hospitality and Catering (BTEC)
	Music (GCSE/NCFE)
	Performing Arts (Drama) (BTEC)
	Travel and Tourism (BTEC)
	Photography/3d Design (GCSE/BTEC)



*‘So many choices!’*

All subject videos are available on our website.



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## **Making the Correct Choice**

Your decision should be made in **your best interest**, balancing those subjects that are going to **provide a wide range of opportunities further down the line of education and employment**, with those that you will **most enjoy** and have a **particular ability in**.

Decisions should certainly **not be made because of what friends are doing** or as a result of guessing **who might be teaching the course** for the next three years.



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## To Consider

### **You must**

- choose either triple science, geography, history, computer science, French or Spanish.
- consider whether you want to study the full English Baccalaureate (see page 7 for further information).

### **You should:**

- choose subjects you are interested in, that you enjoy and will be good at
- keep a broad range in your choices.
- research any future careers and requirements before choosing.

### **You should not:**

- choose a subject because you think it might be ‘easy’ – very few are when you study them for examination!
- choose a subject because your friend is – you may end up in different groups anyway.
- choose a subject because you like the teachers – they may not be your teachers next year.



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## **Child Centred Approach**

- The children are at the centre of this process, it is their options choice.
- They are choosing courses to study for 2 years. This will require commitment and hard work whatever their final choices might be.
- Please discuss this with your children and ask any questions of teaching staff. We want everyone to make the right choices and are happy to discuss the details of our subjects to make sure of this.



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## Grading Structure

### Number grades (GCSEs)

All GCSE exams will be awarded using number grades, where 9 is the highest grade and 1 is the lowest.

Old GCSE Grading Structure	New GCSE Grading Structure	V Cert Grading Structure	
A*	9	Level 2	D* 8.5
A	8		D 7
B	7		M 5.5
C	6	Level 1	P 4
D	5		D* 3
E	4		D 2
F	3		M 1.5
G	2	P 1	
U	1	NYA (not yet achieved)	
U	U		

### Vocational Qualifications (BTEC/NCFE)

In vocational qualifications, a Level 2 pass is equivalent to a GCSE grade 4. These courses will use four Level 2 (GCSE equivalent) pass grades: Distinction\*, Distinction, Merit and Pass.

Some vocational qualifications also have the options of a Level 1 pass if a student does not reach the level

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## GCSE vs Vocational Qualification

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A*	9	Level 2	D* 8.5
A	8		D 7
	7		M 5.5
B	6		P 4
C	5		
	4	Level 1	D* 3
D	3		D 2
E	2		M 1.5
F	1		P 1
G			
U	U	NYA (not yet achieved)	





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## The English Baccalaureate

This is not an individual qualification but the name given to a **group of GCSE qualifications**.

To achieve the English Baccalaureate you must achieve grades 9 – 5 in: **English, English Literature, Maths, Combined or Triple Science, Computer Science a modern foreign language and either History or Geography.**

The majority of students in Year 10 next year will study the subjects required to gain the English Baccalaureate. Students considering university, even as a possibility, take this pathway.



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## **Progress Measures**

Firstly you **must select from either Triple Science, History, Geography, French or Spanish**, this will ensure that you have your progress bases covered. Once you have selected one of the above, you can select openly from the options available. It is worth considering that if you want to study the full EBACC, you will need to select Triple Science, Computer Science, History/Geography, French/Spanish and one other.




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## Block 1

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

**BIS** VTCT L2 Certificate

Reserve

 This course is also available in Block 4

**Catering** BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2

Reserve

**P.E.** VTCT L2 Certificate

Reserve

**Sci Triple** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

**Travel and Tourism**


BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2

Reserve

## Block 2


You have chosen 0 of 1  courses from this list

**Art** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in Block 3

**Computing** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

**History** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in Block 3

**P.E.** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course


**Philosophy** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

**Skills Development** General

## Block 3

You have chosen 0 of 1  courses from this list


**Art** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in Block 2

**D & T** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

**Geography** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

**History** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course


 This course is also available in Block 2

**Photography** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

## Block 4

You have chosen 0 of 1  courses from this list

**BIS** VTCT L2 Certificate

 This course is also available in Block 1

**Drama** BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2

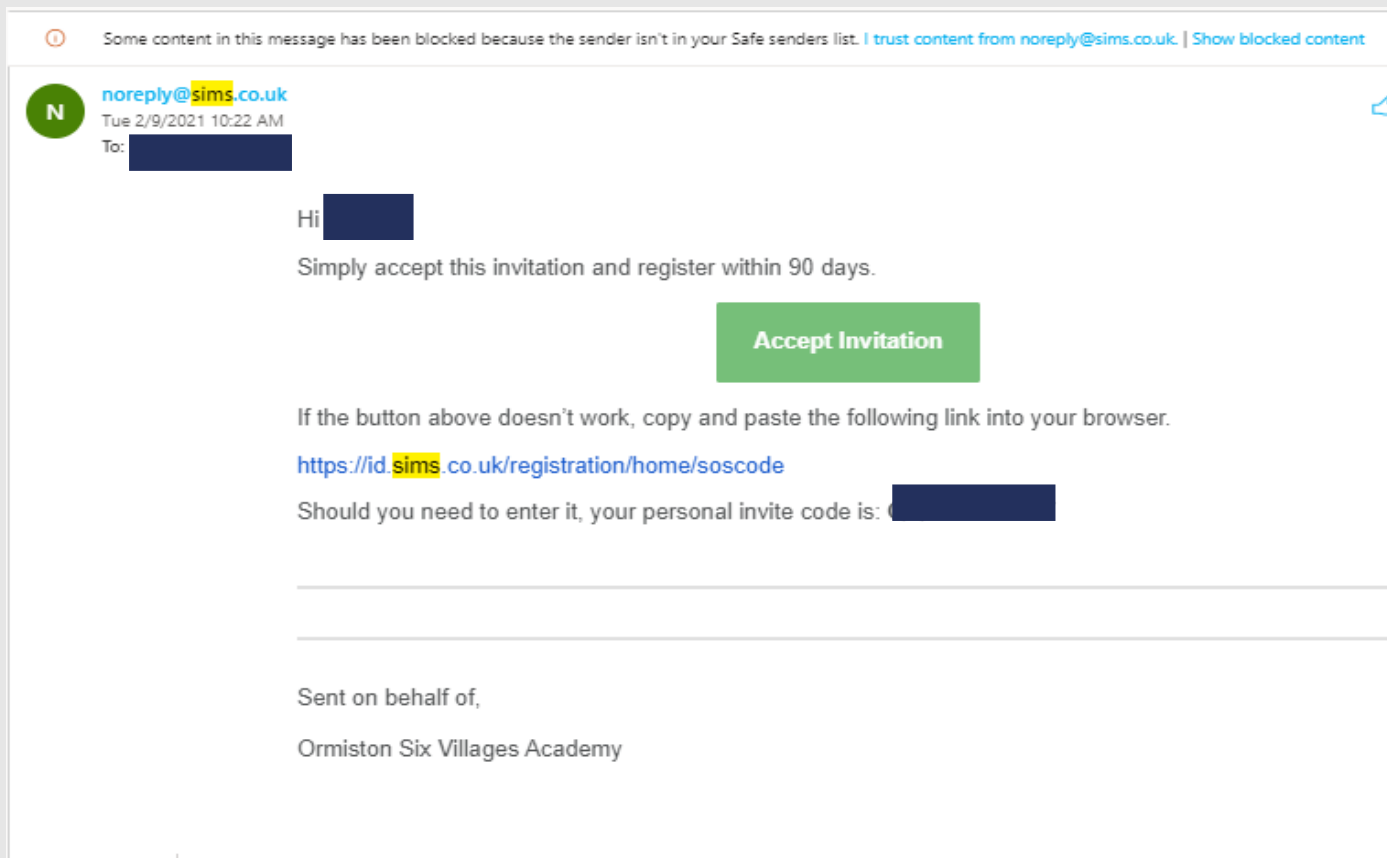
**French** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

**Music** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

**Spanish** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

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## SIMS Options Online



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**Block 1**

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

<b>BIS</b> VTCT L2 Certificate <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Catering</b> BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>P.E.</b> VTCT L2 Certificate <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
<small>You have selected this course in Block 4</small>		
<b>Sci Triple</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Travel and Tourism</b> BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	

**Block 2**

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

<b>Art</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Computing</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>History</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
<small>This course is also available in Block 3</small>		<small>This course is also available in Block 3</small>
<b>P.E.</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Philosophy</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Skills Development</b> General <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>

**Block 3**

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

<b>Art</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>D &amp; T</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Geography</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
<small>This course is also available in Block 2</small>		
<b>History</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Photography</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	
<small>You have selected this course in Block 2</small>		

**Block 4**

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

<b>BIS</b> VTCT L2 Certificate <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Drama</b> BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>French</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
<small>This course is also available in Block 1</small>		
<b>Music</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Spanish</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	

**My Choices in Order of Preference** (Total Choices: 4)

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

- History**  
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Block 2
- D & T**  
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Block 3
- Sci Triple**  
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Block 1
- Spanish**  
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Block 4

**My Reserves in Order of Preference** (Total Reserves: 4)

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

- Philosophy**  
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Block 2
- Photography**  
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Block 3
- Catering**  
BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 Block 1
- BIS**  
VTCT L2 Certificate Block 4



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## **Important to add comments!**

▼ School Approval

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*Add any comments here*

▼ Student Comments

*Add any comments here*

▼ Parent/Carer Approval

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## Options Hub, Academy Website

### Information on Options process

Good grades in any subject at GCSE or beyond are equally demanding. We know that different subjects nurture and challenge a variety of skills. It is therefore important the subjects chosen to study over the next two years match students' interest and skill set. We are here to support you through this process.

Below are the links to our options Information, options timetable, curriculum videos, link to the online options as well as the options booklet. These should give you a flavour of what each course involves and how it is assessed.

[Options Timetable](#)

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[Options Booklet](#)

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[EBacc information leaflet](#)

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[Sims Online Options](#)

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[Curriculum Videos](#)

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[Online Options Evening via Microsoft Teams, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 6:00 – 6:30pm](#)

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**November and December 2022** – Options videos are shared with students via loom.

Teachers will speak to students directly about the GCSE/vocational courses available in their subject. Students are asked to complete an early options poll before returning in the Spring Term.

**13<sup>th</sup> January 2022** – Options information timeline and Microsoft Teams link for options information evening shared with all parents and carers via the letter from the principal.

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2022** – We will be launching our Year 9 options process with a pre-options survey, which will be released to students via a Microsoft form

**23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023** – Year 9 Options assembly. Full options process is explained to students. An opportunity for Mr. Case and Ms. Molineaux-Inglis to answer any questions. Students, parents and carers are sent log in details and information to complete the SIMS online option process.

**30<sup>th</sup> January 2023** – Options information evening via Microsoft Teams (click on link below), 6:00-6:30pm. An opportunity to ask any questions relating to options which have not been addressed elsewhere. SIMS online option process is open; students can begin to select their options.

[Options Evening, 30th January, 6:00-6:30pm](#)

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2023** – Deadline for SIMS online option choices at 6pm. No changes can be made past this point.

**1<sup>st</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022** – Mr. Case and Ms. M Molineaux-Inglis to speak with students whose choices may not be running or for whom there are clashes.





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**Any Questions?**

Please contact your child’s form tutor or Mrs Mol/Mr Case



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