

GCSE Options 2023

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A message from Mr Catlow Headteacher

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Dear Year 9 pupil,

Making your option choices will be the first time you have been given any real say in what you study. This can be quite exciting, but it can also be a little daunting. This booklet is designed to help you make an informed decision about the best options for your study in the next two years. It includes details of the compulsory subjects which you will be taking, as well as all the subjects where you have a choice.

There will be core subjects that you will have to continue studying, but you will also be asked to choose **FOUR** option subjects, which should be subjects you enjoy and find interesting. Within those option subjects you will have one guided choice and three free choices.

At Archbishop Temple School we think it's very important to support you making these decisions, so you will be invited to an Options & Careers Evening on Wednesday 1st February with your parent/carer where teachers from all subject areas will be available to talk through the GCSE courses they teach. We will also invite you and your parent/carer into school to have a one to one meeting with me, or another staff member, to talk through the choices you are making and the implications of those on your future.

You will hear this many times in the next few weeks, but please bear in mind:-

Good reasons for choosing a subject are:

- I enjoy this subject
- I'm good at this subject and therefore likely to do well
- The career I'm interested in values this subject

Bad reasons are:

- It's the same subject my friend is doing
- I like the teacher I've got this year
- A member of my family says I ought to (even though I don't like the subject)

As with any important decision in life the better informed you are, the better the final decision will be, so please take the time to read this information, and don't hesitate to talk things through with your parent/carer, your teachers by email and other pupils in Years 10 and 11. However, at the end of the day, the decision is yours, and yours alone.

I wish you every success in this important step into your future.



Ivan Catlow
Headteacher



Good reasons to choose a subject

I like it

I'm good at it,
and therefore
likely to do well

The career I'm
interested in
needs this subject



Bad reasons to choose a subject

**My friend is
doing this
subject**

**I like my
teacher this
year**

**A member of my
family says I
should take it**



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KS4 Curriculum at ATS

Core Subjects

- English
- Maths
- PSHE
- Science
- Religious Education
- Core PE



English Baccalaureate

- **E Bacc subjects**
 - English
 - Maths
 - Science
 - Modern Foreign Language (French and/or Spanish)
 - Humanity i.e. Geography or History



KS4 Curriculum at ATS

FOUR Option Subjects

- Art and Design
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Food Preparation & Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- History
- Music
- PE – GCSE
- Triple Science
- Spanish
- Sports Studies
- Technology – Graphics, Resistant Materials & Textiles



CAREERS AND OPTION EVENING

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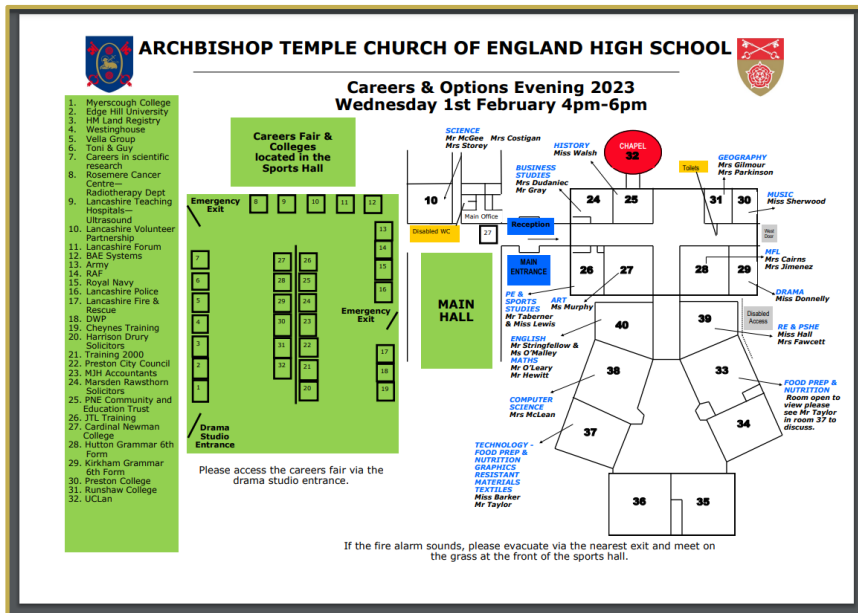
CAREERS AND OPTIONS EVENING

Wednesday 1st February 2023

4pm – 6pm

Thank you for joining us, we hope that you find the event interesting and informative. There will be an options' talk in the main hall at 4pm and again at 5pm.

Employers, training providers, college and university representatives are located in the sports hall. This can be accessed via the drama studio.



| Subject | Teacher | Room No |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Compulsory GCSE Subjects | | |
| English | Mr Stringfellow & Ms O'Malley | Room 40 |
| Maths | Mr O'Leary & Mr Hewitt | |
| RE | Ms Hall & Mrs Fawcett | Room 39 |
| List A Subjects | | |
| Computer Science | Mrs McLean | Room 38 |
| Geography | Mrs Gilmour & Mrs Parkinson | Room 31 |
| History | Miss Walsh | Room 25 |
| Modern Foreign Languages | Mrs Cairns & Mrs Jimenez | Room 28 |
| Triple Science & Science(Compulsory) | Mr McGee, Mrs Storey & Mrs Costigan | Room 10 |
| List B Subjects | | |
| Art and Design | Ms Murphy | Room 27 |
| Business Studies | Mrs Dudanec & Mr Gray | Room 24 |
| Drama | Miss Donnelly | Room 29 |
| Music | Miss Sherwood | Room 30 |
| PE Sports Studies (Level 2) | Mr Taberner & Miss Lewis | Room 26 |
| Technology – Food & Nutrition, Graphics, Resistant Materials, Textiles | Mr Taylor & Miss Barker | Room 37 |

If the fire alarm sounds, please evacuate the building via the nearest exit and congregate on the grass in front of the sports hall.



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Your GCSE Curriculum will be made up of the following compulsory subjects:-

- **English Language/Literature**
- **Mathematics**
- **Science**
- **Religious Education**
- **Core PE**

In addition you can choose **FOUR** Option Subjects. We will do our best to accommodate these choices but you are asked to also choose **TWO** reserve choices.

Option Subjects

You choose **AT LEAST ONE** subject from list A*

- **Computer Science**
- **French**
- **Geography**
- **History**
- **Spanish**
- **Triple Science**

You choose the remaining subjects from list B*. Please only choose one Technology subject.

- **Art and Design**
- **Business Studies**
- **Drama**
- **Food Preparation & Nutrition**
- **Music**
- **PE – GCSE**
- **Sport Studies**
- **Technology – GCSE**
Technology Resistant Materials
Technology Graphic Products
Technology Fashion & Textile Design

This form should be completed on Firefly by 2.45pm on Wednesday 15th March 2023.

Do not complete the option form on Firefly until you have had your option consultation with your parent/carer and a member of staff which will take place 20th February to 10th March 2023.

Please also indicate on the Firefly form if you participate in any extra-curricular activities or study any subjects/ languages out of school.

*The school reserves the right to withdraw an option subject if an insufficient number of pupils opt for it. You will be guaranteed 3 of your 4 options, reserves may need to be taken. Please ensure that you state two reserve choices on the FireFly form.

My FOUR option choices are:

List A Choice

1.

List A or B Choice

2.

List A or B Choice

3.

List A or B Choice

4.

My TWO reserve choices are:

List A

1.

List B

2.



Letter - Consultations

Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING: Wednesday 1st February 2023, 4pm–6pm

This is a very important time for your son/daughter as they begin to think about future subjects for study in KS4. Archbishop Temple Church of England High School is committed to ensuring that every individual student achieves their full potential and we feel that this is an appropriate time to discuss progress so far and provide guidance in choosing subjects for Years 10 & 11.

This year our Options Evening will take place on Wednesday 1st February between 4pm and 6pm. There will be a Headteacher's talk at 4.00pm and 5.00pm in the Main Hall. Teachers will be available in their classrooms to discuss option choices and provide subject information. The Careers Fair with employers and further education providers will be held in our Sports Hall. Please read the Options Booklet carefully and bring with you any questions you may have.

Following our Options Evening, all Year 9 pupils will attend an individual "**Year 9 Options Consultation**" with a staff member to help them to make an informed choice of appropriate subjects for study at GCSE level. You are invited to attend this meeting which will take place 20th February to 10th March 2023. Appointments are for a maximum of 10 minutes.

Please complete the booking form on **Firefly** by 3pm on Monday 6th February indicating your preferred time for the appointment.

Yours sincerely



Mr Ivan Catlow
Headteacher



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Employers are asked to open their doors in a nationwide series of "Look Beyond" events to bring apprentices, parents and teachers together and fire up conversation around apprenticeships

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