



HOLLINGWORTH CAREERS GUIDE TO: YEAR 9 OPTIONS

The intended audience for this document is Students/Parents/Carers.

All students have an equal entitlement to high quality Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance.

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Options in Year 9 are an important decision that needs some careful thought and planning, however there are some important rules to consider:

- Choose based on your interests and values, not those of your friends.
- Choose subjects you enjoy and might want to study further at post-16.
- Don't choose a subject based on your like or dislike of a teacher (they may not be there next year and may place your own plans for the future at risk).
- Give yourself time to stop, think and reflect before making your final decisions. Before you have to make any decisions, the school will support you with assemblies, information from Heads of Department and a full booklet providing details of the option process.

Here are some things you might want to know about:

GCSE

GCSEs are qualifications that most school children in the UK study towards when they're 14 years old or in Year 10.

GCSE stands for General Certificate of Secondary Education and chosen subjects are studied over two years with final exams taking place in Year 11.

[Careers Service - GCSE subject choices advice \(youtube.com\)](#)

BTEC

A BTEC is an alternative to GCSE but can also be studied up to A-Level. These offer a different way of learning, which may suit some students as they are predominantly coursework based, and in some cases focus on honing practical skills. They are Nationally recognised and accepted as a step to move onto further and higher qualifications.

[what-is-a-btec.pdf \(pearson.com\)](#)

