



# Welcome Year 9 into 10 Options Presentation

## It's Time to Choose



As part of our Careers provision at Knutsford Academy, every year every year group takes part in an AIM event – each year group focuses on a different Careers activity that is suitable for their stage in their Personal Development journey

Year 9 focus on their options choices. Your child took part in their AIM for Options event earlier today which allowed them to understand the options process thoroughly and experience 4 taster sessions for subjects of their choosing

This allows our students to:

- Get to know staff and ask questions
- Understand what is studied at GCSE/Level 2
- Learn about a subject that is new to them

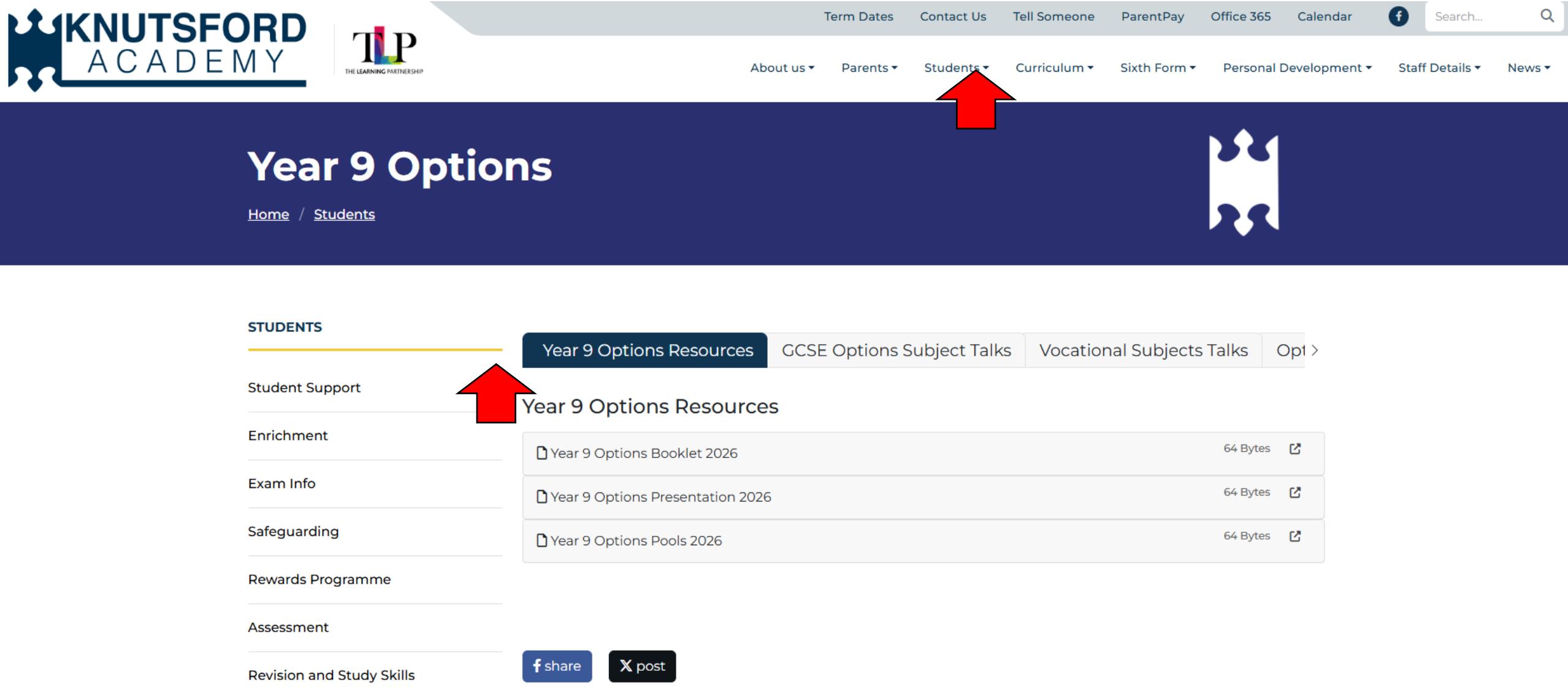
**A** – ambition  
**I** – inspiration  
**M** - motivation



## Year 9 into 10 Options Timeline of Key Dates

<b>Tuesday January 13th</b>	<b>AIM for Options Day presentation, Options Booklet and Head of Faculty subject presentations available via Year 9 options on website.</b>
<b>Thursday Jan 15th (French Side) Thursday Jan 22nd (Spanish Side)</b>	<b>Year 9 Parents' Evenings – Discuss progress and suitability for subjects with class teachers.</b>
<b>Thursday January 15th Friday January 30th</b>	<b>Options Form Online available for submission of choices.  Deadline for submission of choice.</b>
<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Support and guidance from form tutors, subject teachers, Mr Horner and Mr Parr.</b>
<b>February 24th</b>	<b>All options choices checked and confirmed.</b>

# Year 9 into 10 Options: Key Resources on our Website



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# Year 9 into 10 Options: Key Resources

## Year 9 into 10 Options 2026 Subject Guide Booklet

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This booklet explains all about the GCSE and vocational subjects which are offered at Knutsford Academy.

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## Triple Science GCSE (AQA)



As an alternative to the core option of Combined Science, students can extend this to Triple Science. This will count as one of your additional four options that you choose.

#### GCSE Biology, GCSE Chemistry and GCSE Physics

GCSE Biology enables students to gain a good understanding of human biology, organisms, evolution and the environment. Students can see how science is used to solve problems ranging from infectious diseases to creating biofuels.

GCSE Chemistry gives students the opportunity to understand the nature of substances and how they react together, how Chemistry is used in business and industry and how our use of raw materials in fuels and manufacturing can affect the global and local environment.

GCSE Physics offers students the chance to gain a good understanding of the use and transfer of energy, waves and their uses, radioactivity and the application of Physics. Students will learn to ask and answer questions about the fundamental laws that govern natural phenomena and will be engaged by concepts like nuclear fusion and evidence of the Big Bang.

Contact – Mrs E Riley [ery@knutsfordacademy.org.uk](mailto:ery@knutsfordacademy.org.uk)

## Business GCSE (OCR)



#### Overview of subject

Business GCSE covers six areas:

- Business activity
- Marketing
- People
- Operations
- Finance
- Influences on business
- The interdependent nature of business

To be successful at Business you need:

- Literacy skills – comprehension, terminology
- Numeracy skills – basic, KS3
- An interest in business!

Contact – Mrs F Routs [frs@knutsfordacademy.org.uk](mailto:frs@knutsfordacademy.org.uk)

#### Assessment

Business is assessed through four skills

AO1 – Knowledge

AO2 – Application of knowledge to a business scenario

AO3 – Analysis and evaluation, reasoned judgements, conclusions

You sit two external exams (worth 50% each)

1 hour 30 mins, multiple choice, data response questions

Student Quote – I really enjoy GCSE Business as it has given me a detailed insight into the business world and is taught in a really positive and professional environment. Contact Mrs F Routs [frs@knutsfordacademy.org.uk](mailto:frs@knutsfordacademy.org.uk)

# Key Stage 4 Curriculum

## GCSE Core Curriculum

## Additional Compulsory Curriculum

English Language

Physical Education

English Literature

PSHCE

Mathematics

Work Experience  
(1 week in Year 10)

Science  
(Dual Award)

All students will study a common **core** and **compulsory** curriculum throughout Years 10 and 11.

*Choices can be changed at any point during the options process depending on availability.*

## Options Choices

Choose 4 subjects from those listed below (plus 1 reserve).

Please note these will be combined into Options Pools on the submission form

Triple Science open to all students\*

GCSEs can be blended with Vocational subjects.

## GCSE Subjects

French	Spanish	History	Geography	Religious Studies	Triple Science
Business Studies	Psychology	Computer Science	Drama	Dance	Music
Art Photography	Graphics	3D Design	Textiles	Media Studies	P.E

## Vocational Subjects

Hospitality and Catering

Construction

Health and Social Care

Digital Information Technology

Sports Studies

# Year 9 into 10 Options: Options Pools

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
Business Studies	Business Studies	Art	Dance
Computer Science	3D Design	Construction	Digital Information Technology
French	Geography	3D Design	Graphics
History	History	Drama	History
Hospitality	Music	Geography	Physical Education
Media Studies	Psychology	Health and Social Care	Psychology
Physical Education	Sports Studies	History	Triple Science
Spanish	Triple Science	Religious Studies	Textiles

# 4

Everybody will be able to choose 4 subject options as well as 1 reserve subject option.

Students will make these choices from Options Pools which are designed on choice combination trends from the last five years.

+ 1

Reserve choices may be used if a choice of subjects does not quite fit into this 'best-fit' combination so view this choice as a real possibility.

You will be able to log any clashes of subjects.

We will check and adapt the Options Pools to match as many student choices as we can.

# Considerations

All choices are treated equally. Take time to research and consider your choices.

There is no EBACC restriction to study a Modern Language *but* there are many benefits to learning a language and we encourage its future study.

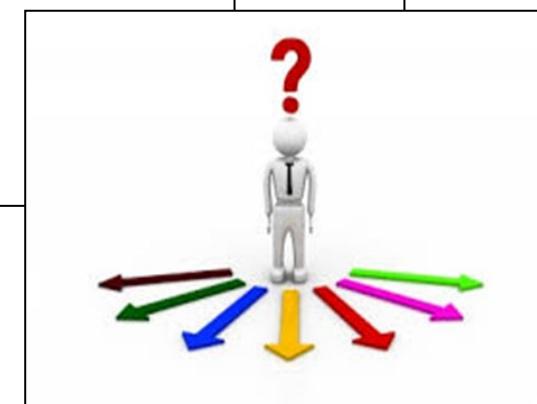
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Some courses are subject to limited places such as Construction, Hospitality and 3D Design.

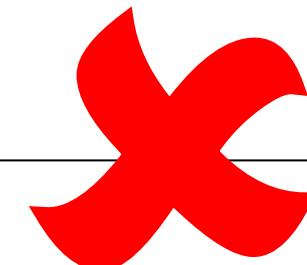


# Supporting your child's choice

- Breadth and balance
- Future education or career plans
- Interest, enjoyment, talent
- Learning style
- Teacher advice
- Research and taster sessions



- Specialise and narrow
- Living in the 'now'
- An 'easy' option
- Following friends
- Teacher preferences
- Just 'sounds good'
- Ticked anything



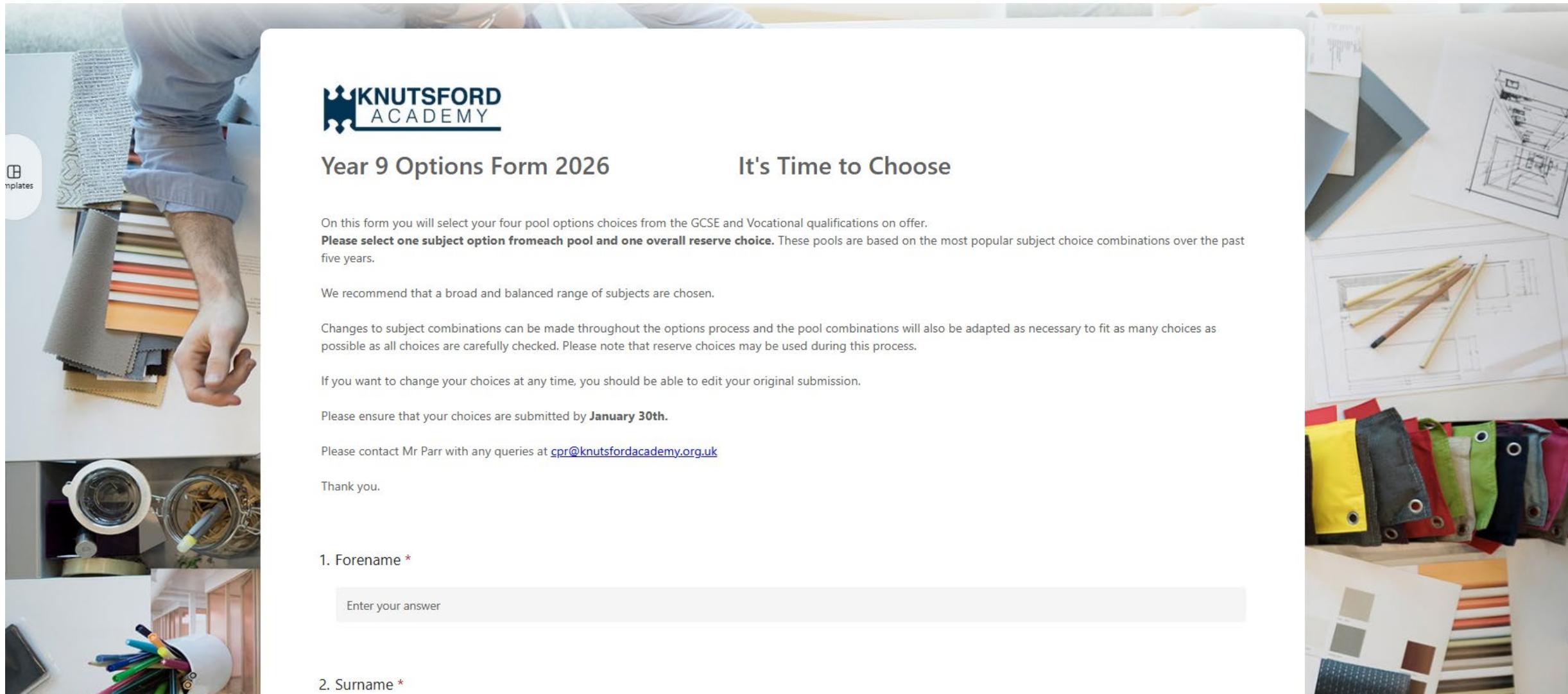
Whichever subjects are chosen...

**Effort, Attitude and Performance remain important for the whole of Year 9 in every subject as they may impact upon final allocations of options subjects.**



# Year 9 into 10 Options: How to Submit choices online by January 30th

**Invitation email will be sent today with the link to the form.  
Submit a second form if you want to change any choices during the process.**



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## Year 9 Options Form 2026

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On this form you will select your four pool options choices from the GCSE and Vocational qualifications on offer.

**Please select one subject option from each pool and one overall reserve choice.** These pools are based on the most popular subject choice combinations over the past five years.

We recommend that a broad and balanced range of subjects are chosen.

Changes to subject combinations can be made throughout the options process and the pool combinations will also be adapted as necessary to fit as many choices as possible as all choices are carefully checked. Please note that reserve choices may be used during this process.

If you want to change your choices at any time, you should be able to edit your original submission.

Please ensure that your choices are submitted by **January 30th**.

Please contact Mr Parr with any queries at [cpr@knutsfordacademy.org.uk](mailto:cpr@knutsfordacademy.org.uk)

Thank you.

1. Forename \*

Enter your answer

2. Surname \*

## Year 9 into 10 Options: Key points

- Choose 4 subjects plus 1 reserve - no guarantee of preferred 4 choices so reserve choices matter!
- GCSE and Vocational subjects can be blended.
- Everyone will do work experience.
- Research subjects carefully – all subject talks and options guide are online.
- Seek advice from your parents, subject and form teachers or Mrs Pickford in Careers.
- Some subjects may refer to progress data in related subjects before accepting students if over-subscribed.
- Changes **CAN** be made through the options process.
- Deadline for submitting choices online is January 30th.
- No 'first-come, first-served' - all submissions treated equally.
- Lots of support and time!



**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Thank you for attending our Year 9 Options Information Evening. Following a short presentation from our Senior Leadership Team in the main hall, we invite you to attend up to 4 subject presentations.

## It's Time to Choose



Time	Activity	Subject presentations for all subjects offered at KS4 can also be viewed electronically on our website here <a href="#">Year 9 Options   Knutsford Academy</a>
5.00pm	Presentation in the hall	
5.30pm	Subject Presentation 1	
5.45pm	Subject Presentation 2	
6.00pm	Subject Presentation 3	
6.15pm	Subject Presentation 4	
6.30pm	Finish	

Subject	Staff	Room	Ground floor/ Top floor
GCSE Art/Textiles	LMN	U4	Ground
GCSE Design	GRN	U5	Ground
GCSE Business Studies	FRS	U16	Top
GCSE Computer Science/Level 2 Digital IT	DCE	U12	Ground
GCSE French	GSN	U13	Ground
GCSE Geography	PAN	U21	Top
GCSE Graphics	TCN	U6	Ground
Level 2 Health and Social Care	CMS	U8	Ground
GCSE History	PST	U17	Top
Level 2 Hospitality and Catering	NSR	U7	Ground
GCSE Media	RBK	U11	Ground
GCSE PE and Level 2 Sport Studies	NWH	U18	Top
GCSE Drama, GCSE Music, GCSE Dance	HME	U9	Ground
GCSE Psychology	RWR	U15	Ground