

1st March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

This letter outlines the process in which each student will indicate preferred subjects to study into Year 10 and Year 11. The options preference form overleaf should be returned to Form Tutors on either Friday 11th or Monday 14th March.

Where should I start the options preference process?

Please go to the **school website** for all the resources listed below <https://www.lythamhigh.lancs.sch.uk/>

Please start by watching the '**Y9 Options Process loom**' as it explains the key principles of the whole options process. <https://www.loom.com/share/38303170a8fe4759853f31ebe260f539>

Then use the following for further reference as necessary:

The '**Y9 options process booklet**' – this contains general options process and careers information.

The '**Y10 subject booklet**' – this will give you the information for each of the subjects on offer.

The '**subject loom videos**' - as watched during form time. Please scroll further down the same webpage.

Additionally, Year 9 students will receive a paper copy of their latest spring term **school report on Tuesday 1st March**.

Parents will also receive an electronic copy of the report, both by email and on the MyEd app.

During our **online Video Options Support Evening on Thursday 3rd March**, appointments are available to parents.

During our **online Video Consultation Evening on Thursday 10th March**, subject teachers will be available to parents.

How does my science course affect my number of option subjects?

Students who study GCSE Combined Science will ultimately study **four** other options subjects.

Students who study GCSE Single Sciences will ultimately study **three** other options subjects.

There is more detail for science in the main loom and also on Mrs Downey's Science subject loom, both on our website.

Science teachers will be able to advise further during our Video Consultation Evening on Thursday 10th March.

What other subjects are recommended or compulsory?

To ensure a broad and balanced curriculum, which maximises opportunities for further study and employment it is **strongly recommended that all students** (on either science course) study:

- French OR German (section 1 overleaf) **and**
- History OR Geography (section 2 overleaf) **and**
- One 'other' subject from another area (section 3 overleaf)

All students, irrespective of science choice must, at the very least, study either French, German, History or Geography.

Please note that you can only study either GCSE PE or Sports Studies. Only one of these can be selected in the 1-6 choice.

In addition to the options subjects and either combined Science or Single Sciences, all students study English and Maths.

How do I fill in my Options Preference Form?

All students must prioritise six subjects in order, 1 is the highest priority and 6 is the lowest.

We ask for more preferences than will be needed as some subjects may not go ahead or may be oversubscribed.

You have two additional boxes to add further detail as appropriate.

Yours sincerely



Mr. T Cubbon
Deputy Headteacher

Please return this **Options Preference Form** to your Form Tutor on Friday 11th or Monday 14th March

Student Name _____ Form _____

Science course preferred is _____ (combined science or single sciences)

In the table below please prioritise six subjects in order, 1 is the highest priority and 6 is the lowest.

To ensure a broad and balanced curriculum which maximises opportunities for further study and employment it is strongly recommended that **all students** (on either science course) study:

French OR German from section 1 **and** History OR Geography from section 2 **and** one other subject from section 3

All students, irrespective of science choice must, at the very least, study either French, German, History or Geography.

Select 6 subjects you would most like to study and number them from 1-6 (1 being most preferred, 6 being least preferred)	Section 1 - Subjects	Order 1-6
	French – GCSE	
	German – GCSE	
	Section 2 - Subjects	
	Geography – GCSE	
	History – GCSE	
	Section 3 - Subjects	
	Art and Design – GCSE	
	Business – GCSE	
	Computer Science – GCSE	
	Creative Media Production – BTEC Level 1 / Level 2 Technical Award	
	Drama – GCSE	
	Engineering Manufacture – OCR Cambridge National Level 1 / Level 2	
	Food, Preparation and Nutrition – GCSE	
	Music – GCSE	
	Physical Education – GCSE	
Religious Studies – GCSE		
Sport Studies – OCR Cambridge National Level 1 / Level 2		

Please use this box to name any subjects to which you are strongly committed. Please provide a reason.

Please use this box to provide any other relevant information that it might be useful for school to know.

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