

YEAR 9 OPTIONS CHOICES 2025

Remember, you must:

- Enter, sit down and remain in silence
- Put your coat on the back of your chair
- Put your bag underneath your chair
- Sit up straight
- Face the front and look directly at the speaker



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What will your learning look like in Year 10 and 11?

- In both Year 10 and Year 11, you will all study the following **compulsory subjects** which are examined, GCSE subjects:
 - **English Language**
 - **English Literature**
 - **Mathematics**
 - **Science (at least Science Trilogy – previously known as Combined Science)**
- You will also all study the following **compulsory subjects**, that are **non-examined subjects**, but are **statutory requirements** up to the end of Key Stage 4 to ensure you receive a rounded education that fully prepares you for life outside of Woodhey:
 - **Religious Education**
 - **Physical Education**
 - **Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economic Education (PSHCE)**

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On top of the **compulsory subjects**, you have the chance to choose **3 options**.

- Separate Sciences (previously-known as Triple Science)
- Geography
- History
- Spanish
- Computer Science
- Business Studies
- Design and Technology
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- Child Development
- Religious Education
- Sport (**GCSE PE & Sports science**)
- Dance
- Drama
- Art
- Music
- Sociology
- Statistics

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How do I choose my Options?

- You will be sent an online form to complete on the **6th March** . On here, you will input your preferred **three choices**, and **one reserve choice**.
- Unfortunately, due to the restrictions of the timetable, **we may not always be able to allocate your preferred choices**, so the reserve choice is equally as important.
- **All students** must study **at least one** of the following subjects:
 - Geography
 - History
 - Spanish
 - Separate Sciences
 - Computer Science

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The English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)

- The EBacc is a suite of subjects, that, if a student studies, they can achieve the English Baccalaureate.
- Students achieve the EBacc if they study the following subjects to GCSE level:
 - English Language
 - English Literature
 - Maths
 - Science
 - Geography or History
 - Spanish

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Why study the English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)?

There are many benefits to studying the EBacc and we would strongly encourage all students and their families to give serious consideration to opting for these subjects. Some reasons include:

- provides a student with greater opportunities in further education (college / university)
- increases the likelihood that a student will remain in full-time education.
- research shows that by studying the EBacc, it is proven to improve performance in English and Maths.

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Timeline

15th January: Bury College assembly

24th January: Careers Fair (including colleges, employers and universities and apprenticeship providers)

13th February: Y9 Parents' and Carers' Evening virtual 4.30-7.30pm

Week commencing **24th February:** Subject-based assemblies (one faculty per day, sharing a wide range of information about the subjects on offer)

6th March: Options Evening (in-person) 4-7.30pm, Colleges attending: Bury College, Bolton College & Holy Cross.

6th March: Options Choices completion form released to parents and carers

27th March : Deadline for Options Choices completion form to be submitted

Week commencing 28th April (provisionally): option choices confirmed with students and parents and carers.

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What help can I get to choose my Options?

- **Reading the Options Booklet** – it tells you everything you need to know about the subjects that you can study! – **on the Woodhey website**
- Watch videos that we have prepared about each subject - **on the Woodhey website.**
- Making sure that you are in your Options Assemblies, which will take place on the 5th March , and every day during the week commencing the 24th February
- Making sure that you are in the assemblies delivered by external providers that will give you more information about where your options can lead to
- Attend both Parents' and Carers' Evening (13th February) to discuss your studies on a 1:1 basis with your teacher, and your Options Evening (6th March) to speak to teachers who lead each subject and gather more information.

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Advice on choosing your Options

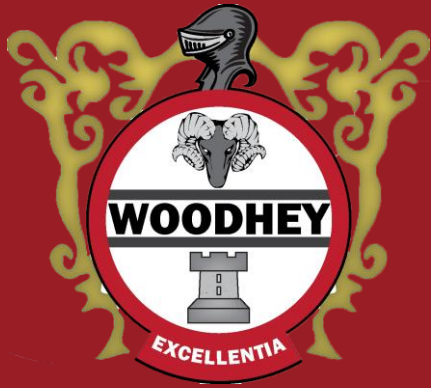
- Give each subject serious thought! Read / watch the subject information for all subjects.
- Don't close doors on subjects if you are not enjoying it in Year 9.
- Think about the sort of person you are. What do you enjoy the most?
- Don't be influenced by your friends. You are unlikely to be in the same classes together!

Who can I ask if I have any questions?

- Speak to your teachers about the subject. Get advice from them!
- Speak to the Year 9 Progress Team. They are **Mrs. Kiely and Mrs. Wells**
- Speak to **Mr. Holden or Mr. Ward**, who are the members of the Senior Leadership Team leading options.

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