

Key Stage 4 Choices

2022 - 2024



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Aims of this Presentation

To give you information about:

- The **Statutory** Courses that ALL students will follow next year
- The **Optional** Courses which are available for you to make your three choices
- The **Types** of qualifications available
- The support and guidance which has been, and will be available during this process

Planning for YOUR Future

Over the coming weeks, you should be actively doing the following:

- Have discussions with your tutor
- Seek out Careers Advice
- Look at the Website Information about each course
- Pay attention to guidance in Life Skills lessons
- READ the Options booklet
- Listen to your teachers in each subject as they provide information in Lessons

Decision time – by FRIDAY 11th FEBRUARY

Statutory Courses

ALL students will study:

- English Language and English Literature (2 GCSEs)
- Mathematics (1 GCSE)
- Science (up to 3 GCSEs)
- RE Philosophy & Ethics (1 GCSE)
- Physical Education (can also be an option)
- Life Skills (includes Citizenship, Careers & PSHCE)

This can lead to 7 GCSEs

Decisions, Decisions.....

Now it is time to choose your **other** 3 subjects

You need to think carefully about:

- new challenges and opportunities
- previous successes in each subject area
- types of assessment in each course (read the booklet!)
- your future career options (but not too much.....)
- what you enjoy most!

Do NOT consider:

- what your friends are planning to do
- which teachers you like this year

What are the *types* of course on offer?

Most courses here at TGS are GCSEs, which are graded 1 - 9.
(9 being the top grade)

...but there are other equally useful qualifications too....

- Cambridge Nationals
- Technical Awards
- NCFE Certificates
- BTEC qualifications

It is just a different journey.....

BTEC Grades		GCSE equivalent	
Distinction* (Level 2)	is equivalent to a GCSE grade	8.5	
Distinction (Level 2)	is equivalent to a GCSE grade	7	
Merit (Level 2)	is equivalent to a GCSE grade	5.5	
Pass (Level 2)	is equivalent to a GCSE grade	4	
Distinction (Level 1)	is equivalent to a GCSE grade	3	
Merit (Level 1)	is equivalent to a GCSE grade	2	
Pass (Level 1)	is equivalent to a GCSE grade	1.25	

Most GCSEs have exams at the end of Year 11. Many of the other courses have ‘modules’ or ‘units’ which add up to a final grade. Some of these will be taken in Year 10. They all add up to the same thing.

GCSEs



Year 10

Year 11

BTECs



**In some subject areas
there is a choice
between GCSE and
other types of
qualification:**

For example, you might choose to study

Art & Design GCSE *or* Art & Design BTEC

Business Studies GCSE *or* Business Studies (Enterprise) BTEC

PE GCSE *or* Sport Studies Cambridge National

Drama GCSE *or* Performing Arts BTEC

Music GCSE *or* Technology for Music Practitioners Level 2

Food Preparation *or* Hospitality & Catering Level 2

- staff within each subject area will give guidance

What is the EBacc? Should I do this?

The EBacc or 'English Baccalaureate' is not a qualification in itself, but represents your achieving a qualification in:

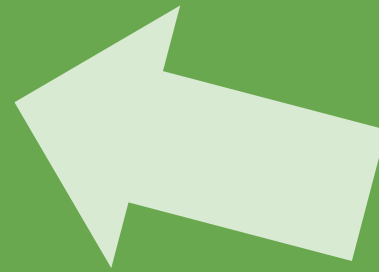
- **English Language & Literature**
- **Maths**
- **Science (triple or combined)**
- **A Modern Foreign Language**
- **Geography or History**

It may be that you feel that this broad range of subjects suits you, and provides you with a strong foundation for further studies post 16. It is your choice.

**What are the
subjects I can
choose?**

Option 1

- Computer Science
- French
- German
- Geography
- History



*You MUST
choose at
least **ONE** of
these subjects*

Options 2 and 3

- **Art & Design** GCSE or BTEC
- **Business** GCSE or BTEC
- **Child Development**
- **Computer Science**
- **Creative Media Production**
- **Design & Technology**
- **Drama** GCSE or BTEC
- **Economics**
- **Electronics**
- **Food Preparation & Nutrition**
- **Hospitality & Catering**
- **French**
- **Geography**
- **German**
- **Graphic Design**
- **Health & Social Care**
- **History**
- **Music** GCSE or Level 2
- **Physical Education**
- **Sport Studies**

**Will I definitely be
able to study all of
my choices?**

No...

We will do our very best to offer every student the courses they select, but....

- Some combinations of subjects might not fit into the timetable. If there is a 'clash', you will need to select a different course.

or....

- If TOO FEW students opt for a particular subject, we will not be able to offer this course.

This is why we will ask you for a
'reserve' choice on the options form

**How do I make
my choices?**



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Be your best self

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Curriculum

Curriculum

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Curriculum Overview

KS3 Subject Guides

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Business and

Commercial Subjects

Computing

English

Humanities

Independent Learning

Centre

Learning Support

Life Skills

Mathematics

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Year 9 Options



Year 9 Options booklet

booklet link

Options form link

Select your options (students must be signed in with their school email account) [Click here >>](#)



GCSE AS and A level Qualifications Reform Parent information



Year 9 Options for KS4 2022-2024

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Your email address will be recorded when you submit this form

*Required

Your Details

Your first name: *

Your answer



Your surname: *

Your answer



Your FULL name

Instructions

Please do NOT make your selection before you have read the options booklet, and have spoken with your parents, form tutor and subject teacher about the courses you would like to study. You may return to this form at any time and change your choices, but it will close on Friday 11th February.

[Link to Options booklet](#)

Read the instructions

Will I definitely be able to do my three choices of subject?

No.... We will do our best to enable every student to study their selected options, but we can NOT guarantee this. That is why we will ask you for a reserve subject choice. If a course does not run because numbers are too low, or there is a clash which means you can not do your first three choices, we will consider your reserve choice.

What are my choices?

Read through the options booklet which you have been given, and then choose **THREE DIFFERENT** subjects below. You must also write a brief explanation of **WHY** you would like to study each subject.

Option one

Pick ONE subject from the list below.

Option 1 *

- ☐ French
- ☐ German
- ☐ History
- ☒ Geography
- ☐ Computer Science

make your three choices

Why have you selected this first option? *

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Say WHY each choice

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Clear form

Reserve option

This 'Reserve' choice will ONLY be considered if we are unable to offer you your first three options. Please think very carefully about what you select.

Reserve choice *

- ☐ French
- ☐ German
- ☐ History
- ☐ Geography
- ☐ Computer Science
- ☐ Art & Design GCSE
- ☐ Art & Design BTEC

Choose a 'reserve' subject

Parental agreement

Before submitting this form, you must confirm that you have discussed and agreed these choices with your parents. You must also get a signature in your planner to confirm this, and show your form tutor or Year Leader.

Parental Agreement *

☐

Yes, I have discussed and agreed these options with my parents

Discuss with your parents

A copy of your responses will be emailed to m.dunphy@tgs.starmat.uk.

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Submit

click 'Submit'

Clear form

Deadline Day

Friday 11th February 2022

Tuesday 4th January

- online options form goes 'live'

Friday 11th February

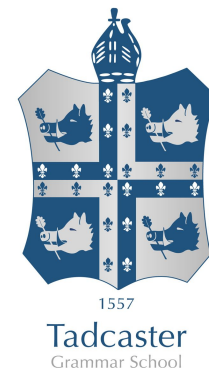
- options form closes

Remember to.....

- Ask questions, talk to your parents and teachers, discuss with your form tutor
- Complete your Options Form by 11th February at the latest!

It is **NOT** 'first come, first served', but if your form is LATE you may not get all of your choices!

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