



# Shavington Academy

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## Options 2021



# A different approach this year...

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- In past years we have launched the process with a hosted evening here at the Academy, where you are invited to come along and discuss any queries you may have with individual subject teachers. As this is not allowed to happen at present, we have to adjust. All questions and enquiries will have to be made via e-mail.
- There is a dedicated address to channel all your questions through:  
[year9options@shavington.academy](mailto:year9options@shavington.academy)
- The Options Booklet that has been sent out details the content coverage, exam requirements and career possibilities for subjects



# Options Process

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- Sent out via e-mail on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021
- Video Parents evening on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 providing the chance to discuss any subject specific queries with existing teachers
- All questions about any part of the process will be addressed via [year9options@shavington.academy](mailto:year9options@shavington.academy)
- All Options will have to be submitted by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021



# Compulsory Subjects

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All pupils will be studying the following subjects;

- ✓ English Language & Literature
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Science – Trilogy (double award) or Triple award
- ✓ Philosophy & Ethics

# What should you consider when making option choices?

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These option choices are personal and should be made in discussion with parents, carers and of course your child. It might be useful to also consider:

- The range of subjects being selected – it is important to consider a broad range
- Whether a subject is enjoyed and your child feels confident they can achieve well in it
- What future profession or college course your child might be considering when they leave
- It is important that your child is not influenced by their friend's choices – these are THEIR options



# Options

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Included in your 3 choices **must** be one of the following subjects:

<b>Ancient History</b>
<b>Computer Science</b>
<b>French</b>
<b>Geography</b>
<b>German</b>
<b>History</b>



# Options – 3 choices from

<b>GCSE Computer Science</b>	<b>GCSE Citizenship</b>
<b>GCSE French</b>	<b>GCSE German</b>
<b>GCSE History</b>	<b>GCSE Geography</b>
<b>GCSE Art &amp; Design*</b>	<b>GCSE Textiles*</b>
<b>GCSE Photography</b>	<b>GCSE Ancient History</b>
<b>GCSE Drama</b>	<b>GCSE Film Studies</b>
<b>GCSE Design &amp; Technology (Engineering)</b>	<b>GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition</b>
<b>GCSE Physical Education</b>	<b>BTEC Level 2 Sports Studies</b>
<b>BTEC Level 2 Music</b>	<b>OCR National Level 1/2 iMedia</b>
<b>OCR National Level 1/2 in Child Development</b>	

\* Only 1 of these 2 subjects can be chosen

# English Baccalaureate

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This is a 'qualification' that was introduced a number of years ago by the government of the time. It carries no specific certification but is recognised by certain establishments. Should you wish your child to follow this pathway, they **MUST** take either History or Geography and a Modern Language – French or German

## **EBacc impact – What the Government say:**

The EBacc is made up of the subjects which the Russell Group says, at A Level, open more doors to more degrees.

A study by the UCL Institute of Education shows that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education. Sutton Trust research reveals that studying the EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and maths.



# Will option choices automatically be guaranteed?

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We hope to be able to give as many students as possible their option choices, but it cannot always be possible for a number of reasons:

- The range of subjects offered may have to change, for example, if not enough students choose a particular course it would not be viable to run
- It may be necessary to limit the number of students on a course due to health and safety guidance, this often applies to practical subjects such as Textiles, Engineering and Food Technology
- A student's progress and attainment in subjects will also be taken into account to ensure that they have the best chance of success – advice will be given in such a case
- The reserve choice is therefore very important, as it may have to be used if any of the situations above occur



# Completing the Options Form

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The options form will be online

The link to the form will be sent  
alongside the Options Booklet

# Deadline

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Options Form should be submitted  
no later than

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**