



Shavington Academy

Options 2019-20



A very different approach this year...

- In past years we have launched the process with a hosted evening 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 we will 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
- The Options Booklet that has been sent out details the content coverage, exam requirements and career possibilities for all of the subjects on offer



Options Process

- Launch via e-mail week beginning 11th May 2020
- Data Capture 3 will be provided to detail the academic profile of pupils in the individual subjects
- All questions about any part of the process will be addressed via year9options@shavington.academy
- All Options will have to be submitted by Tuesday 9th June 2020



Compulsory Subjects

All pupils will be studying the following subjects;

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

AND

One of the option choices has already been selected at the end of Year 8 and this does not change

What should you consider when making option choices?



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



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

Computer Science
History
Ancient History
Geography
French
German

Options – 2 choices from



GCSE Computer Science	GCSE Citizenship
GCSE French	GCSE German
GCSE History	GCSE Geography
GCSE Art & Design*	GCSE Textiles*
GCSE Drama	GCSE Film Studies
GCSE Engineering	GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition
GCSE Physical Education	BTEC Sports Studies
OCR National Level 1/2 in Child Development	OCR National Level 1/2 imedia

* Only 1 of these 2 subjects can be chosen

English Baccalaureate



This is a 'qualification' that was introduced a number of years ago by the government. 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?



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

The options form will be online

The link to the form has been sent out to you
alongside the Options Booklet

Deadline



Options Form should be submitted
no later than

Tuesday 9th June