

Yr 9 Subject Choices
Parent Information Evening
27th March 2024

Welcome

The Core Curriculum

- English – Language & Literature (2 GCSEs)
- Mathematics - GCSE
- Science – Triple (3) or Combined (2)
- RE – GCSE
- Core PE – not examined, just practical

- Minimum 6 GCSEs without options

The Option Subjects

GCSE 3D Design ~

GCSE Art & Design

ASDAN (invitation only)

GCSE or level 2 Business

GCSE Computer science

Level 2 Construction

GCSE Dance or *Level 2 Dance*

GCSE Drama

GCSE Economics

GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition

GCSE French *

GCSE Geography*

GCSE German*

Level 2 VTCT Hair & Beauty

Level 2 Health and Social Care

GCSE History*

Level 2 Information Technology

GCSE Media Studies

GCSE Music

Level 2 Music Technology

GCSE PE

GCSE Photography

GCSE Sociology

GCSE Spanish *

* - you must take at least one of these
~ - we will speak to you about what your specialism might be once you have applied.

Attendance Matters

Good attendance = Good grades!

Coursework needs high attendance

Only 10% of students with an attendance of 85% or less will achieve 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above

One third of the students attending less than 85% achieve no GCSEs at all.

Making Choices

- Variety or specialism? Broad curriculum
 - English Language & Literature, Maths, Sciences, RE with.....
- English Baccalaureate:
 - Computer science, French, German, Spanish, History or Geography GCSEs
- Arts, Design Technology, Social Sciences
 - Drama, Dance, Music, Art, Photography, Food Preparation & Nutrition, Design & technology, Sociology, Business, Economics, PE
- Vocational Route
 - Construction, Hair & Beauty, Health & Social Care, ICT, Music technology
- Or something from at least two of the groups!

Pathways to Success

Purple Pathway

Core Curriculum: English Language, English Literature, Maths, Sciences, RE (+core PE)

History/Geography and French/German/Spanish

Any 2 other subjects

Most students follow this pathway

Pathways to Success

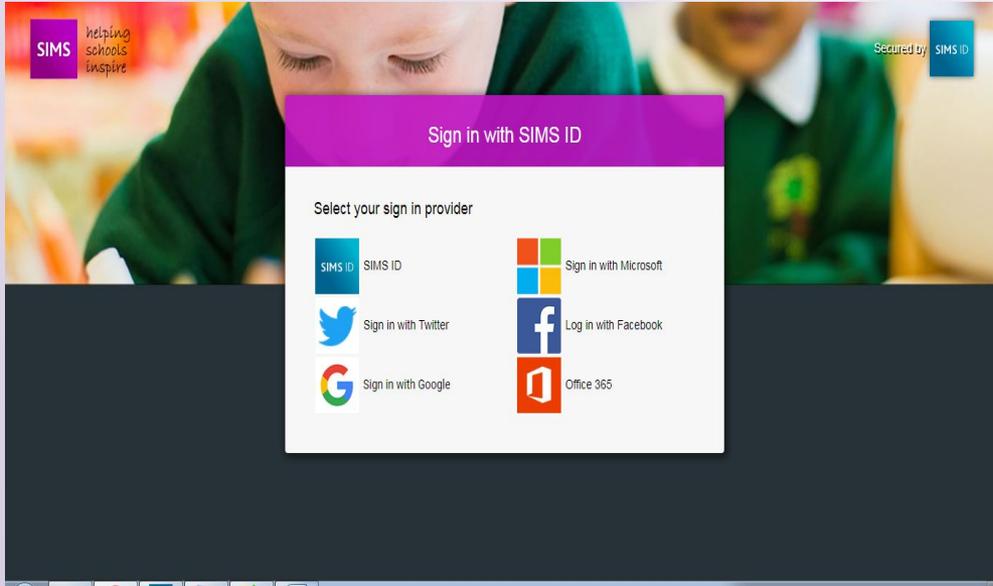
Green Pathway

Core Curriculum: English Language, English Literature, Maths, Sciences, RE (+core PE)

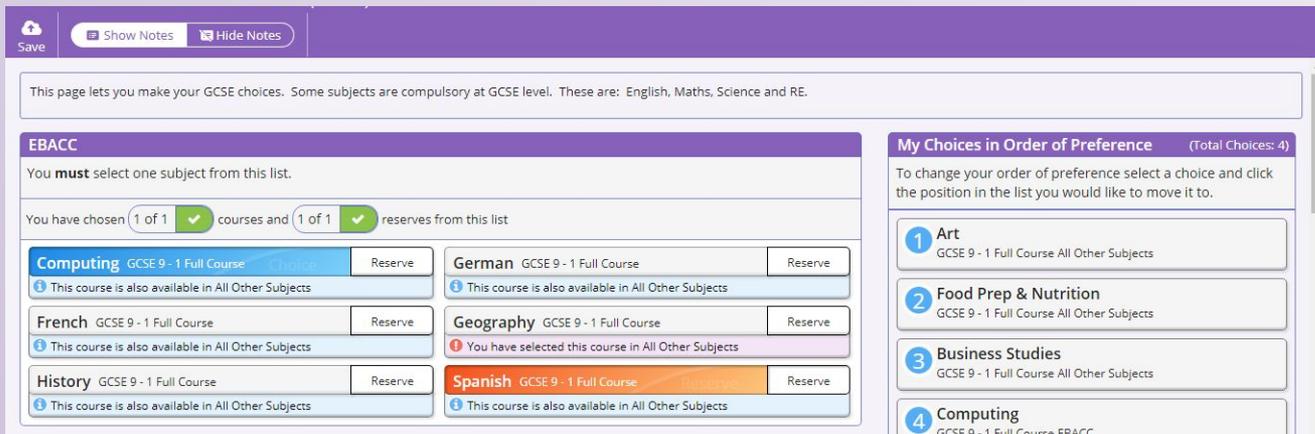
History/Geography/French/German/Spanish

Any 3 other subjects

Making Choices



- Online at <https://www.sims-options.co.uk>
- Use your school email address to sign in with Google





Making Choices

Save Show Notes Hide Notes

All Other Subjects

You should choose **3 Subjects** and **2 Reserves** from this list.

- * ONLY pick either Music or Music Rockschool
- * ONLY pick either Drama or Performing Arts
- * ONLY pick either Health & Social Care or Child Development

You have chosen 3 of 3 courses and 1 of 2 reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Business Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Child Development GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Computing GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
German GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Dance GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Economics GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Food Prep & Nutrition GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 2)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course EBACC
- Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course All Other Subjects

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This page lets you make your GCSE choices. Some subjects are compulsory at GCSE level. These are: English, Maths, Science and RE.

EBACC

You **must** select one subject from this list.

You have chosen 2 of 1 courses and 1 of 1 reserves from this list

Computing GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	German GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve

All Other Subjects

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My Choices in Order of Preference (Total Choices: 5)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course All Other Subjects
- Food Prep & Nutrition GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course All Other Subjects
- Business Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course All Other Subjects
- Computing GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course EBACC
- French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course EBACC

My Reserves in Order of (Total Reserves: 2)

- Your make choices depending upon the pathway along with 2 reserves
- Every choice you make could be used
- All applications have equal priority until the deadline – 30th April

Making Choices

Prioritising Choices:

Subjects are picked in order of preference.

Reserves:

Oversubscription/timetable clashes/less popular subjects

Making Choices

Choosing subjects for the right reason

Make changes to your choices

Home (MFL) language GCSEs

Parents - confirming choices via App

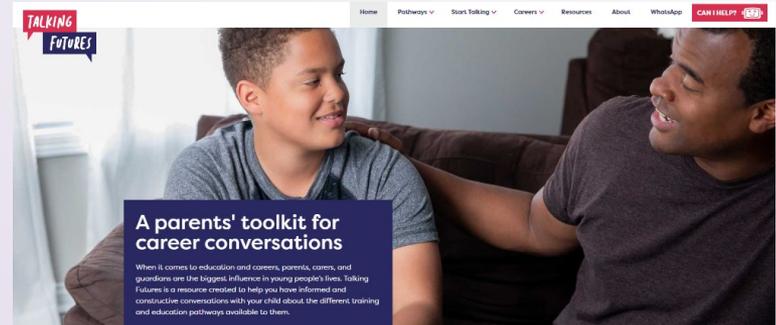
Careers Education in KS4

- Careers in the curriculum
- Meeting employers
- Experience of post-16 colleges and Sixth Form
- Experience of workplaces
- Futures day (22nd October)
- Applying for post-16 choices
- Personalised guidance via a qualified Careers Adviser



How you can help

Visit talkingfutures.org.uk to find out the latest information for parents on post 16 pathways



Do you work for a company that could:

- Provide work experience or work shadowing placements?
- Host school visits?
- Exhibit on 22nd October?

Super Learning Day - Day Plan

Day Plan

Register in normal form - receive workbook and explanation of day.

	Options Videos Form	Options Session	Jobs within the NHS	Apprenticeships and Careers	<u>Unifrog</u> Intro
Period 1	S1- F2 S2 – F3	O1- F12 O2 – F13	H1- F7 H2 – F1	F1- Hair Salon F2 - Construction	B1- O4 B2 – F4
Period 2	B1- F2 B2 – F3	S1- F12 S2 – F13	O1- F5 O2 – F8	H1- Hair Salon H2 - Construction	F1- O4 F2 – F4
Period 3	F1- F6 F2 – F9	B1- F12 B2 – F13	S1- F2 S2 – F3	O1- Hair Salon O2 - Construction	H1- O4 H2 – F4
Period 4	H1- F7 H2 – F1	F1- F12 F2 – F13	B1- F2 B2 – F3	S1- Hair Salon S2 - Construction	O1- O4 O2 – F4
Period 5	O1- F5 O2 – F8	H1- F12 H2 – F13	F1- F6 F2 – F9	B1- Hair Salon B2 - Construction	S1- O4 S2 – F4

Super Learning Day

- Students will find out their pathway today. **Purple** or **Green**.
- Mr Wills and Mr Thompson will take pupils through the online process.
- Booklets. Given out tomorrow.
- Videos. In [shared area](#).

Guided Choices Advice

- Encourage open communication.
- Listen to their passions, interests, aspirations.
- Be familiar with the courses on offer. Content / assessment methods etc.
- Encourage child to research the options thoroughly.
- Strike a balance between interests and aspirations.
- Encourage them to seek advice and ask questions.

Quick reminders

18th April - Parents Evening. Online.

Keep working in all subjects. Changes happen.

Well done. Top year group. Academic /
Extracurricular. Behaviour.

Uniform / Punctuality / Motivation (Long /
Short)

Websites

- <https://www.startprofile.com/>
- <https://icould.com/>
- <https://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/media/5272/informedchoices-print.pdf>
- <http://www.parentalguidance.org.uk/making-choices/making-subject-choices-at-age-12-14>
- <https://www.ucas.com/>
- Google classroom - subject videos

SIMS ParentApp

If you do not have access to the SIMS ParentApp currently please contact:

data@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

FINAL DEADLINE
FOR YOUR OPTION CHOICES TO
BE COMPLETED ONLINE

<https://www.sims-options.co.uk>

Tuesday 30th April