



Year 8 Options 2023 Frequently Asked Questions

Below are a set of questions gathered from students during form time and parents following the Options Evenings. If you do have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the Year 8 RSL, Miss Beel:

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Can you select which Sports Studies Course option you do, i.e. GCSE or Cambridge National? One appears to be more academic than the other - how do you show a preference?

The decision on which one to choose will be decided between the student and the class teacher once the option preferences have been decided. It will depend upon what skillsets the student is best suited to and the level of interest in each pathway. This year

What happens if there are too many people that want to do the same subject and how do they choose who doesn't get to take that class?

In the very rare event that a subject is over subscribed we will discuss alternative subject choices with each student to be able to reach a compromise. We are confident that the majority of students will get their first option choice.

What should you do about your reserve subject if there isn't anything else that interests you?

It is recommended that you choose a subject that will interest you the most or what will be most beneficial to your Post 16 choices. Remember, it is just a reserve choice and we will do our utmost as a school to accommodate your first choice preferences.

What is the difference between BTEC GCSEs and GCSEs?

Please see page 6 of the Options Booklet for further information.

Can we change our options at the start of year 9?

There will be a very small window of opportunity to review this decision, but this would not be taken lightly and it would be based upon discussions with your subject teacher and the move could only be made if there was room on the course.