

DID YOU KNOW 2025

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# HTA Year 8 Options

YEAR 8 OPTIONS ASSEMBLY

Activity	Date
Options assembly for students	Week beginning 19/01/26
1:1 discussion with staff in school	26/01/26 onwards
Curriculum information evening and parent's evening	11/02/26
Link for making option choices shared	13/02/26
Deadline for return of option choices	27/02/26
Parents/students informed of option choices.	Towards the end of the summer term

# Subjects currently studied (13)

English

Maths

Science

French/Spanish

RE

PE

ICT

History

Geography

Art

Music

Drama

Design and Technology

# Which subjects will I have to study? The Core subjects are:

English	2 GCSEs Language & Literature
Mathematics	1 GCSE
French/Spanish	1 GCSE
Science	2 GCSEs
Religious Studies	1 GCSE
History OR Geography	1 GCSE
PE	Non-Exam

# How many subjects will I be doing at GCSE level?

Students will be prepared for 9 GCSEs

8 subjects from the core

1 subject from the options (or History and Geography)

**Year 9** - select **2 subjects** from the following list – you will complete a foundation year in your selected subjects

Art

Music \*

Drama

Design and technology

Business studies (limited numbers)

BTEC Health and Social care

Computer science

GCSE PE \*

Triple science\*

BTEC Construction (not with Design and Technology)

Sociology

BTEC Child development

# GCSE PE

You will need to collect and return a PE slip to main reception before selecting PE. You must also make an appointment for parent's evening

## OPTIONS 2023 YEAR 8 GCSE PE

I can confirm that \_\_\_\_\_ is a suitable candidate for GCSE PE

Signature of member of staff \_\_\_\_\_ Staff code \_\_\_\_\_



# Year 9

Core subjects:

English language and literature

Maths

French/Spanish

Double award science

R.E.

History and Geography

+ 2 option subjects

= 10 GCSE

# Start of year 10 – drop one option subject

## **Not from the core**

Core subjects:

English language and literature

Maths

French/Spanish

Double award science

R.E.

History/Geography

# Start of year 10 - History and Geography – decide which one

Can do both at GCSE (drop both option subjects)

**MUST** do one (drop one option subject)

# Start of year 10 – drop one subject from the option list

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Music \*

Drama

Design and technology

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# Year 10 and 11 will look like

## Core subjects:

English language and literature	2 GCSEs
Maths	1 GCSE
French/Spanish	1 GCSE
Double award science	2 GCSEs
R.E.	1 GCSE
History/Geography	1 GCSE
+ 1 option subject OR History and Geography	1 GCSE
Total	9 GCSEs

# Why History/Geography and French/Spanish?

## **EBacc impact**

The EBacc is made up of the subjects which are considered essential to many degrees and open up lots of doors.

Research shows that a pupil's socio-economic background impacts the subjects they choose at GCSE, and that this determines their opportunities beyond school.

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.

The government's ambition is to see 75% of pupils studying the EBacc subject combination at GCSE by 2022, and 90% by 2025.

# How do I decide which subjects to choose?

Listen to the information given out today and ask questions.

Think about how you are getting on in your subjects at present and think about what you might like to do after Year 11



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# Curriculum

The curriculum taught at Holy Trinity Academy, and the activities available.

▼ Overview

Art	Mathematics
Business Studies	MFL
Computer Science	Music





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Careers & IAG Plan

Careers Strategy &  
Provider Access

GOV.UK Apprenticeships

iCould

Informed Choices

Unifrog

National Careers Service

Royal Navy

Telford Job Box

CareerPilot

# Informed Choices

**“If you don’t know what you want to study at university then it’s a really good rule of thumb that taking two facilitating subjects will keep a wide range of degree courses open to you.”**

# What does Telford & Wrekin's labour market look like?



173,500

Resident Population

86,300

Male

87,400

Female

63.15%

Population at working age (16-64)

76.6%

Economically active (% of working age population)

Manufacturing still forms a significant part of the labour market in Telford & Wrekin, higher than the West Midlands average (12%) and double that in Great Britain (8.5%). Whilst the public sector still employs nearly a third of the workforce, which is larger than the national picture, there will be more cuts to come in the next decade.

## Employment by industry (%):

30.1%	Public Administration, Education and Health
17.3%	Distribution, Hotels and restaurants
16.5%	Manufacturing
14.6%	Banking, finance and insurance
9.1%	Transportation and Communications
5.4%	Other services
5.1%	Construction
0.9%	Energy and water
0.7%	Agriculture and Fishing

# Be careful...

Do not be swayed by what your friends are doing

How you get on with a particular teacher should not come into it - you should be mature enough now to get on with the job of learning whoever the teacher is

## **Am I guaranteed all of my choices?**

Unfortunately, not, but every effort will be made to ensure that as many students as possible will get what they want. Some courses may not run.

# **What do I need to do next?**

Talk with your parents and teachers

Attend the year 8 parent's evening

Use the Unifrog website and other resources to find out what qualifications you may need

Make choices by the deadline of 27<sup>th</sup> February on Microsoft forms

Don't worry

# How to select options

The link will be sent on MCAS on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb.

There is no advantage to completing it early.

Only complete once you are sure

Make sure it is completed by the deadline of 27<sup>th</sup> February

# Can I change my mind?

Yes - but...

Please think long and hard about your choices

Mid September will be the final deadline for changes. Not all changes can be guaranteed.

Make sure that you are changing for the right reasons