

How jobs are changing

HTA Year 9 Options 2025/26

YEAR 9 OPTIONS ASSEMBLY

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

English	2 GCSEs Language & Literature
Mathematics	1 GCSE
French	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?

Most students will be prepared for 9 GCSEs

8 subjects from the core

1 subject from the options (or History and Geography)

Year 9 – currently studying

Core subjects:

English language and literature

Maths

French

Double award science

R.E.

History and Geography

+ 2 option subjects

= 11 GCSE

Start of year 10 – drop one option subject. Choice you are making now

Not from the core

Core subjects:

English language and literature

Maths

French

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)

Year 10 and 11 will look like

Core subjects:

English language and literature	2 GCSEs
Maths	1 GCSE
French	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?

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 drop?

Look at your performance in each subject.

Speak to your teachers.

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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Trinity Academy

Art

Business Studies

Computer Science

Design & Technology

English

Geography

Mathematics

MFL

Music

Physical Education

Drama

Religious Education

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Careers Information

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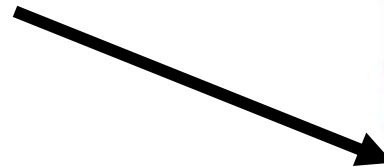
Careers & IAG Plan

GOV.UK Apprenticeships

Informed Choices

National Careers Service

Telford Job Box



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.”

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 9 parent's evening

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

Make choices by the deadline of Wednesday 11th March 2026 on Microsoft forms

Don't worry

How to select options

The link has been sent on MCAS

There is no advantage to completing it early.

Only complete once you are sure

Make sure it is completed by the deadline of 11th March 2026

Can I change my mind?

Yes – but you already know what the subject is like. You would only be able to swap to the other option subject

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

Curriculum survey feedback

I know what I am going to be learning about each term

Overview of Subjects



Art



Maths



Business Studies



MFL



Computer Science



Music



Design & Technology



PE



English



Drama



Engineering



RE



Geography



Science