



Which way next?



## Choices Timeline

3 March – Y9 reports with comments issued to parents/carers



17 March – Options assembly to Y9 presented by Mr Homard-Roy



17<sup>th</sup> March – KS3 → KS4 Options Evening

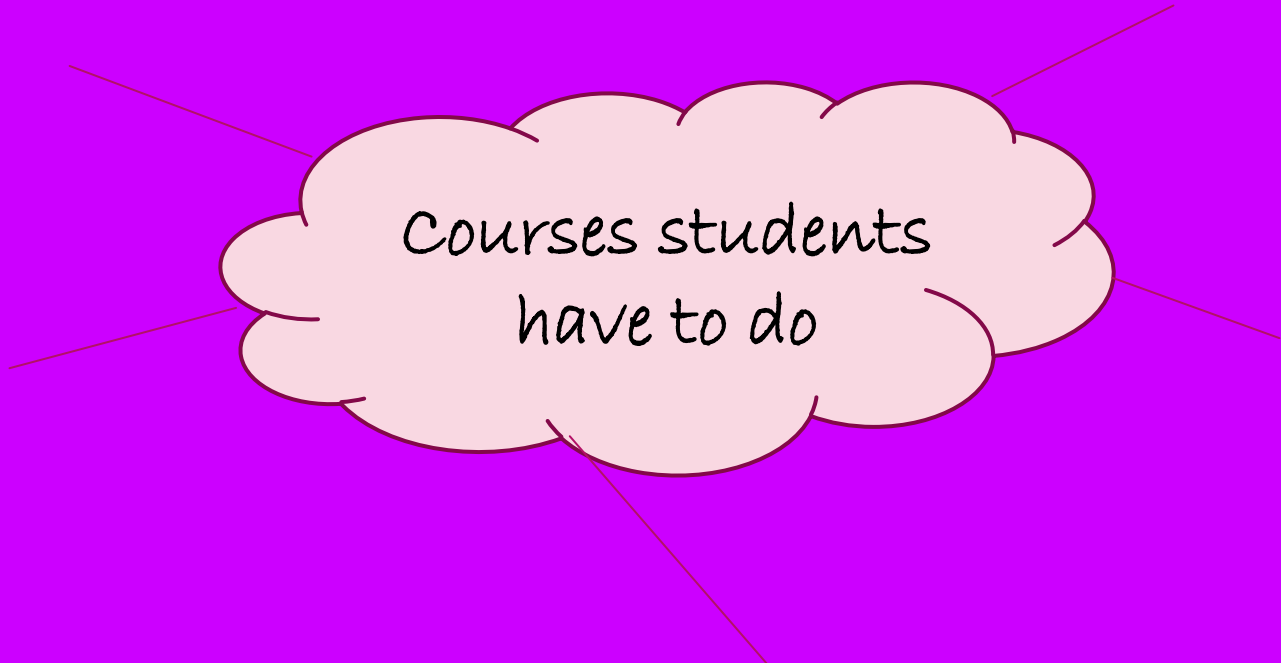


Monday 28 March 2022  
Deadline for handing Options forms in



# Courses students have to do at KS4

Prince William School follows the National Curriculum as laid down by Government. This covers the subjects which the Government states are the entitlement of every child and forms the compulsory core subjects.



Courses students  
have to do



# Courses students have to do at KS4

Prince William School follows the National Curriculum as laid down by Government. This covers the subjects which the Government states are the entitlement of every child and forms the compulsory core subjects.





# Combined Science and Triple Science

- ▶ All students will study at least 'Combined Science' which covers aspects of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. They get two GCSE grades for this.
- ▶ The students in the top two or three sets will study 'Triple Science' which results in 3 GCSEs: one in Biology, one in Chemistry, and one in Physics. Three separate grades.
- ▶ This allows all students to choose four additional subjects so that those doing Triple Science attain an **extra** GCSE and do not have to sacrifice one of their options in order to do Triple Science.

# Types of qualifications

- ▶ GCSE : level 2 course taken over 2 years – mainly exams at the end of the course in Year 11
- ▶ BTEC or other vocational: a level 2 course taken over 2 years – mainly non-examined assessment (NEA)
- ▶ (We recommend no more than 2 of these because of the ‘in year’ workload of NEAs)
- ▶ Both progress to level 3 courses post-16, and higher education opportunities post-18.



# How many qualifications will students get?

## Most students

English Language

English Literature

Maths

Combined Science

Combined Science

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

Option 4

Total: 9 GCSEs or equivalent



# How many qualifications will students get?

Most students	Most able Scientists
English Language	English Language
English Literature	English Literature
Maths	Maths
Combined Science	Biology
Combined Science	Chemistry
Option 1	Physics
Option 2	Option 1
Option 3	Option 2
Option 4	Option 3
	Option 4
Total: 9 GCSEs or equivalent	Total: 10 GCSEs or equivalent





# How many qualifications will students get?

Most students	Most able Scientists	Student who would benefit from additional support
English Language	English Language	English Language
English Literature	English Literature	English Literature
Maths	Maths	Maths
Combined Science	Biology	Combined Science
Combined Science	Chemistry	Combined Science
Option 1	Physics	Option 1 / support/ short/ASDAN
Option 2	Option 1	Option 2/ support/ short/ASDAN
Option 3	Option 2	Option 3 / support/ short/ASDAN
Option 4	Option 3	Option 4
	Option 4	
Total: 9 GCSEs or equivalent	Total: 10 GCSEs or equivalent	Total: 6 - 8 GCSEs or equivalent



# What are your choices?

You **must** choose **one** from list A:

**Computer Science**

**French**

**Geography**

**History**

**Spanish**

**ASDAN Courses / Support (with approval from the school's SENDCo)**

## and three from list B:

Additional Maths	Digital Information Technology	Music
Art	Drama	Music Technology
Art & Design: Textiles	Enterprise and Marketing	Physical Education
Business Studies	Food and Nutrition	Religious Studies
Child Development	French	Sociology
Computer Science	Geography	Spanish
Dance	Health and Social Care	*ASDAN: short courses / Bronze / Silver
Design Technology	History	*Support

\* With approval of SENDCo



# Filling in the form

- ▶ Your name
- ▶ Tutor group
- ▶ 1 choice from list A
- ▶ 3 choices from list B
- ▶ A reserve choice
- ▶ Email to Mr Homard-Roy or hand to tutor by 28 March '22

**Year 9 Options Form - Starting KS4 September 2022**

Name  Tutor Group

In Year 10 students will follow GCSE courses in Mathematics, English Literature and English Language, and Science. Students will undertake the statutory requirements for Religious Studies and Physical Education. Students in the top four science sets will learn triple science content in Year 10 and decisions about entry will be made at the end of Year 10.

In addition to the above, students should select ONE subject from list A and THREE further subjects from list B below. Please also select one additional subject as a reserve choice from list B. If students wish to undertake the English Baccalaureate then they will need to choose a language option and either History or Geography.

LIST A	LIST B
Computer Science French Geography History Spanish ASDAN: Bronze/Silver Award (with approval from the school's SENDCo) ASDAN: Short Courses (with approval from the school's SENDCo) SUPPORT (with approval from the school's SENDCo)	Additional Maths Art: GCSE Business Studies: GCSE Child Development: BTEC Computer Science: GCSE Dance: GCSE Design Technology: GCSE Drama: GCSE Enterprise and Marketing: L2 Food and Nutrition: GCSE French OR Spanish: GCSE Geography: GCSE Health and Social Care: BTEC History: GCSE Digital Information Technology: BTEC Music: GCSE OR Music Technology: L2 Technical Award Physical Education: GCSE Religious Studies: GCSE Sociology: GCSE Support (with approval from the school's SENDCo) ASDAN: Short Courses (with approval from the school's SENDCo) ASDAN: Bronze/Silver Award (with approval from the school's SENDCo) Art and Design: Textiles: GCSE

	1 (from List A)	2 (from List B)	3 (from List B)	4 (from List B)	Reserve Subject
Subject	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If no Reserve Option is chosen, then the school may allocate a subject based upon numbers and demand.

Please return completed forms to [Kim.Homard-Roy@pws.emat.uk](mailto:Kim.Homard-Roy@pws.emat.uk) by **Monday 28 March 2022**. Forms that are submitted late will be considered after all other option forms have been processed.

Whilst we are looking to accommodate all choices made by students, we do recommend that for Computer Science students should have achieved at least a grade 4 in Mathematics in their February Year 9 report in order to access this course at GCSE.

Whilst we intend to offer all of the subjects listed, if there are not enough students choosing any particular subject we may have to withdraw the subject and ask the students who have chosen it to choose a different one.



If you want to attain the  
English Baccalaureate

You must do

Either

History or Geography

AND EITHER

French or Spanish



# We cannot guarantee you will get the subjects you choose

- ▶ If numbers are too small some courses may not run
- ▶ If numbers are too big we may have to ask some students to choose a different subject
- ▶ Free choice enables a larger majority to get their preferred subject combination, but...
- ▶ If your choices don't fit with the columns created by the majority, you will be asked to choose a different subject
- ▶ It is crucial you put down a reserve choice and be willing to take that subject.

# Taking Control - Tips on how to choose

## Poor reasons for choosing a subject

- ▶ You think it will be easy
- ▶ Your friend is taking it and can help you
- ▶ Your brother/sister took the course
- ▶ You like your present teacher

## Good reasons for choosing a subject

- ▶ You are good at it
- ▶ You enjoy it
- ▶ It leaves your options open for the future
- ▶ It interests you
- ▶ It links with your career ideas
- ▶ It goes well with your other subjects



# What to do if you don't have a clue?

Don't panic! Ask for help - parents, teachers, older students

Do research!

[www.cascade.co.uk/kudos](http://www.cascade.co.uk/kudos)

<http://university.which.co.uk/courses>

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



**Follow your heart; keep doing what  
you enjoy most & what you're best at**