



Year 9 Options Presentation

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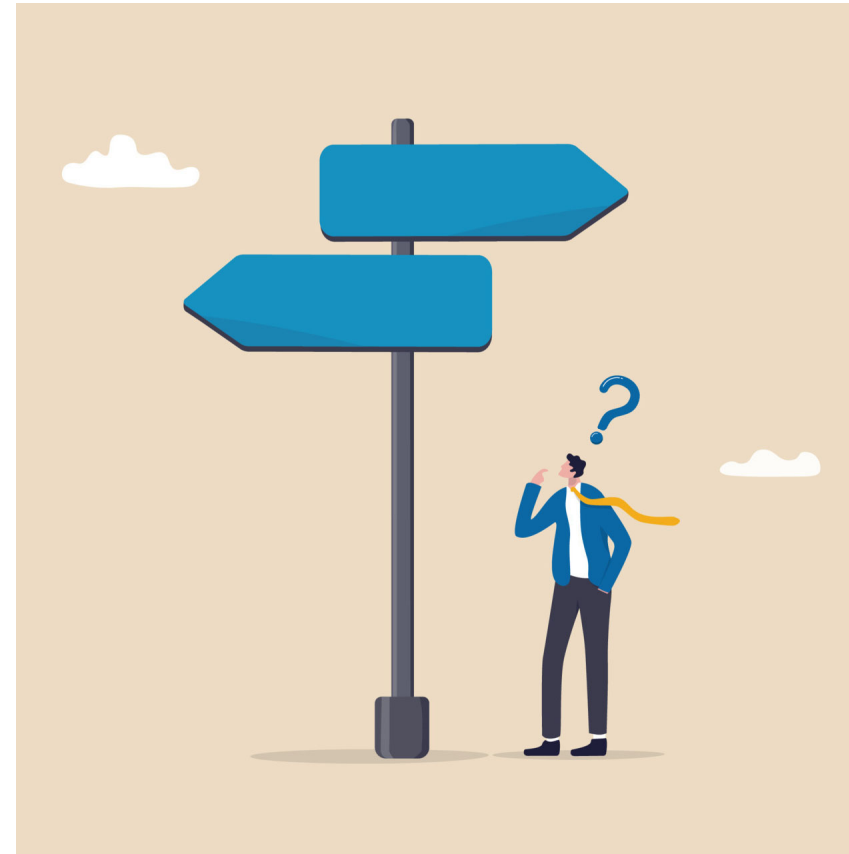


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Why is the options process important?

- First time that students get a choice over their educational pathway
- Impacts their timetabled lessons and their wider experience at school
- Helps students with their future aspirations – e.g. careers, sixth form, further education and job opportunities

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Core Curriculum

English Language

English Literature

Mathematics

Science Trilogy or Science Single

Personal Development

Religious Education

Physical Education

All students will study the subjects listed in the table on the left.

Some of these are delivered through specific timetabled lessons and others through tailored days or activities.

We believe it is important that every student has comprehensive access to these subjects and skills.

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Combined Science	Triple Science
Two GCSEs – combination of all three scientific disciplines	Three GCSEs – Biology, Chemistry, Physics
5 hours teaching	6 hours teaching
Higher and Foundation pathways	Higher and Foundation pathways

At the end of Year 9, a decision will be made on who is offered the opportunity to study Triple Science based on:

- In class work and knowledge checks
- An 'end of year' summary knowledge check
- School judgements over suitability for the programme

For more details, please contact LaNicholls@stpetershuntingdon.org

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Vocational Qualifications:

- Assessed through a Pass / Merit / Distinction criteria
- More NEA components as part of their assessment
- Tend to be more practical in the course design and assessment

Examples include:

Child Development

Performing Arts

Hairdressing

Sport Studies

Hospitality and Catering

Academic Qualifications:

- Assessed through a Grade 9 to 1 criteria
- Will involve a combination of NEA and exam
- Tend to be more traditional subjects

Examples include:

History

Religious Education

French

Statistics

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Art

Photography

Computer Science

Design Technology

Sport

Religious Education

Performing Arts

Hair and Beauty

Statistics

Child Development

Hospitality and
Catering

Music

French

Graphic
Communication

Geography

History

Business Studies

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	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
*Art and Graphic Design Students cannot choose Art and Design: Fine Art and Graphic Communication as first choices as these are both Art Qualifications. No subject can be chosen as first choice in more than one option block. Please be aware that some subjects have limited spaces due to staffing and equipment restrictions. Therefore, please consider your 'Reserve' choices carefully.	Geography	Art and Design: Art	Art and Design: Art
	History	Art and Design: Photography	Art and Design: Photography
		Business Studies	Child Development
		Child Development	Computer Science
		Computer Science	Design Technology
		Design Technology	Food and Nutrition
		French	French
		Hair and Beauty	Geography
		History	Graphic Communication
		Music	Performing Arts
		Religious Education	Religious Education
		Statistics	Statistics
		Sport Studies	Sport Studies
Option Choice			
Reserve Option Choice			

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Would like to be entered for a GCSE Language qualification? This would be in a language which you are able to **write, speak and read** in.

(Please be aware that the language available are subject to the school being able to find a suitable person to conduct the exam and tuition in these subjects is not given at school.)

Language	Please Tick	Language	Please Tick
Arabic		Panjabi	
Bengali		Persian	
Chinese (spoken Mandarin/spoken Cantonese)		Polish	
Classical Greek		Portuguese	
German		Russian	
Gujarati		Spanish	
Italian		Turkish	
Japanese		Urdu	
Latin		Arabic	
Modern Hebrew			

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Career ideas for the future Please give details						Don't Know
Destinations after GCSEs (Please tick one)	Please tick most appropriate					
	St Peter's 6 th form	College	Apprenticeship	Employment with Training	Other Please specify	Don't Know

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- Each student in Year 9 will receive an Options prospectus
- This will include information on all the GCSE option subjects – both compulsory subjects and those students can select
- Further information about all GCSE subjects can be found on our website, as well as QR codes giving links to further information
- The options form will be a pink sheet inside the options booklet
- All students are expected to choose a Humanities subject in option block 1 (History or Geography)
- Students will then choose their other option subjects



COMBINED SCIENCE TRILOGY



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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Why choose AQA for GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy

Our philosophy: science for all

We believe that science has something to offer every student. That's why we have a suite of science qualifications for Key Stage 4 – to suit students of all abilities and all aspirations.

The subject content and required practicals in this specification are also in our GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics. So you have the flexibility to co-teach and to move your students between courses.

Our specification has been developed with teachers

are combined to give 2 GCSE grades.

Pupils can be entered for the higher or foundation tier: higher can achieve between grades 4/4 and 9/9, foundation between grades 1/1 and 5/5.



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Encourage students to select subjects that:

- They enjoy already
- Fits their career ideas and plans
- Combines skills with other options subjects
- Gives options for post-16 study
- They have researched and looks interesting to them

Do not select subjects because:

- Others have chosen it
- They hope they will have the same class or teacher as they currently have
- They think it will be easy!

There is no advantage to handing back their form first! Please encourage students to take their time and choose carefully.

Careers Education Information and Guidance



Here is the office door!

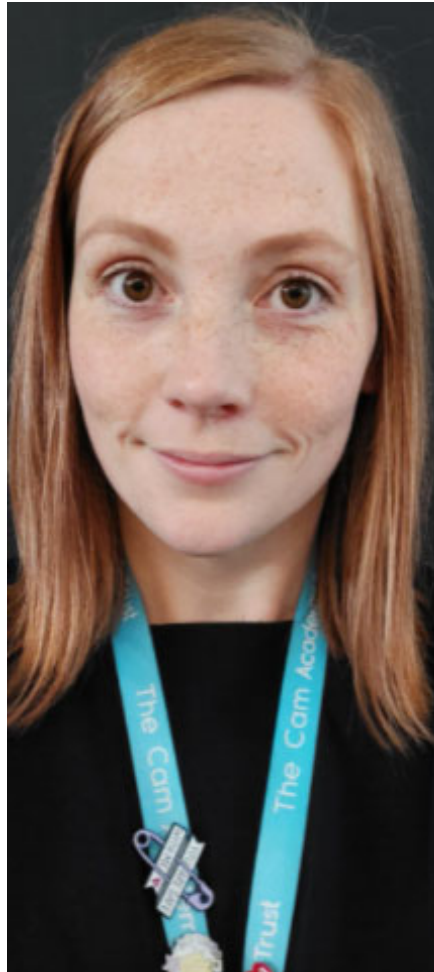
**Where should
completed Options
forms be returned
to?**

**Careers Education
information and
guidance**

**Located at the
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corridor**

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