

God Our Father

Help me to make the right decision.

Help me to choose wisely between the options that are set before me.

Help me to choose with discernment, to ask good questions and make good choices.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord

Amen

Bishop Ullathorne

Pray for us





Name: _____ Form: _____



Year 9 Options Booklet 2026

Options Evening: **Thursday 19th March 2026**
4.30pm to 6.00pm

Talk from the Headteacher at 5.00pm and 5.30pm

Options form deadline (to be handed to Form Tutors)
Monday 23rd March 2026 at 9.00am

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Name: Form:

Please tick ONE humanities choice:

Geography	OR	
History		

Now select **two subjects in option block A** and **two subjects in option block B** that you would be happy to study in Year 10 and 11.

Use numbers **1** and **2** to show us which subject you would prefer in each block (see the example on the right). **These must be 4 different subjects – you cannot pick the same subject twice.**

Example Block A		Example Block B	
2	Subject A		Subject F
	Subject B	1	Subject G
	Subject C	2	Subject H
1	Subject D		Subject I
	Subject E		Subject J

Block A
Business Studies
Drama
French
Media
Hospitality and Catering
Physical Education
Product Design*
Spanish

Block B
Art
Art Textiles
Business Studies
Computer Science*
Hospitality and Catering
Media
Music
Spanish

*guided choice: please make sure you have spoken to the subject teacher before selecting these subjects.

If you select Physical Education, please state which sport you play competitively outside school: _____

Signature of parent / carer: Date:

Signature of Form Tutor: Date:

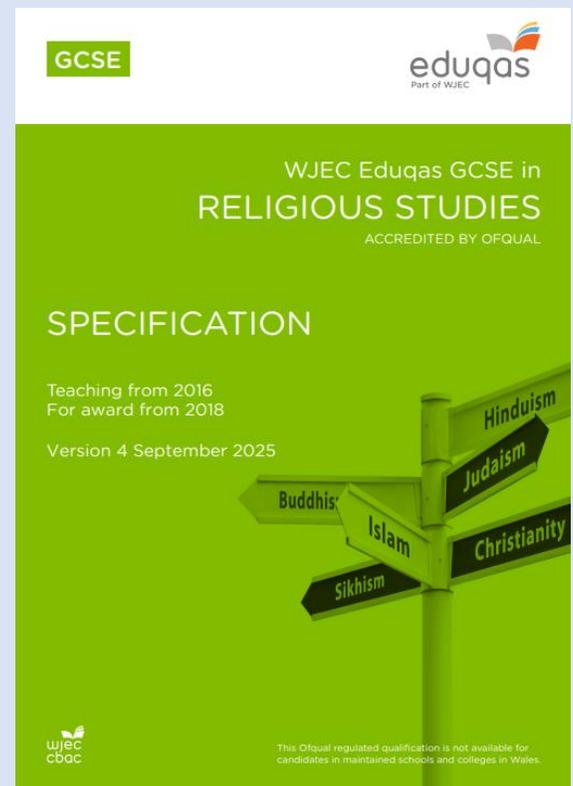


How are Years 10 and 11 different?

- During Year 10 and 11 you study fewer subjects than in previous years to give you more time in each
- GCSEs stand for **General Certificate of Secondary Education** – they are proof of your academic achievement
- Employers and Academic Institutions will be asking for them for the rest of your working lives and are internationally recognised.
- **English** and **Mathematics** are a legal minimum requirement, but employers and colleges will expect to see a broad, balanced range of study.

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4	STANDARD PASS

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How should I begin making my decisions?

Do



- Use all opportunities available to find out about the subjects – read the booklet, attend Options Evening and speak to teachers
- Do choose subjects which you think you will enjoy - it is much better to get a higher grade in a subject you love, than a lower grade in a subject you felt you *should* take.
- Do choose subjects you think you can cope with



Don't

- Do not choose a subject without finding out about it
- Do not choose a subject just because your friend is choosing it
- Do not choose subjects because you like, or do not like, a particular teacher – there may be a different one next year

Everyone will work towards a qualification in these subjects:

English – Language and Literature

Mathematics

Religious Education

Science: either Combined Science (2 GCSEs) or *Triple Science – guided choice (3 GCSEs – this will take up one of your option blocks)

Humanities – you will choose either

Geography or **History**

Everyone will study these non-examined subjects:

- Core PE
- CPSHE

Music

Drama

Art

Catering

Art Textiles

Product Design

Spanish

French

PE

Business Studies

Media Studies



You must consider carefully the choices you make as well as commit yourself whole-heartedly to the compulsory subjects to ensure future success.



*This is **NOT** your options choice, it is an indication of what you are thinking you will choose. It does not reserve or guarantee

1. Please provide your name *

Enter your answer

2. Please select which tutor group you are in *

- 9ED
- 9EM
- 9IC
- 9IK
- 9AM
- 9GK
- 9SS

3. Are you planning to attend the Options Evening on

- Yes
- No

5. Which subject in **Block A** is your current preference choice 1? *

Select your answer

6. Which subject in **Block A** is your current preference choice 2? *

7. Which subject in **Block A** is your current preference choice 1? *

8. Which subject in **Block B** is your current preference choice 2? *

Select your answer

- Business Studies
- Drama
- French
- Media
- Hospitality and Catering
- Physical Education
- Product Design
- Spanish

to be submitted by Monday



You will select **two** subjects in block A and **two** subjects in block B that you would be **happy** to study in Year 10 and 11. You can show us your preference in each block by using numbers 1 and 2.

There are no *reserve* choices- you must be happy to study any of the four you choose

You will be given **two** of the four subjects that you select.

The Options Form will have options blocks like this.

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Example Block B	
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The Options Blocks

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	Spanish

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	Business Studies
	Computer Science*
	Hospitality and Catering
	Media
	Music
	Spanish

You must select two subjects in block A and two subjects in block B that **you would be happy to study** in Year 10 and 11.

You can show us your preference in each block by using numbers 1 and 2.

You must choose 4 different options (although Spanish, Media, Catering and Business Studies are in both blocks, I cannot pick them in both).

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2	Business Studies
1	Drama
	French
	Media
	Hospitality and Catering
	Physical Education
	Product Design*
	Spanish

Block B	
1	Art
	Art Textiles
	Computer Science*
	Hospitality and Catering
	Media
2	Music
	Spanish

I have chosen Drama, Business Studies, Art and Music.

I might be given:

- Drama and Art
- Drama and Music
- Business and Art
- Business and Music

We cannot guarantee that any student will get both of their first choices. There are many reasons for this such as classes cannot be too big or too small and that the number of available places is limited to the number of teachers we have in school who teach that subject.

Make sure you fill the options form at the back of the booklet in properly!



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First name and surname

Please tick ONE humanities choice:

Geography	OR	
History		

Tick either geography or history

Now select **two** subjects in **option block A** and **two** subjects in **option block B** that you would be happy to study in Year 10 and 11.

Use numbers **1** and **2** to show us which subject you would prefer in each block (see the example on the right). **These must be 4 different subjects – you cannot pick the same subject twice.**

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Use numbers 1 and 2 to show your choices in each block. You must pick 4 different subjects.

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Signature of Form Tutor: Date:

Parents must sign and date it
Your form tutor will only sign it if it is completed fully and accurately

What now?



Online form: Options Evening and expression of interest

Monday 16th March 2026 9.00am

Options Evening

Thursday 19th March 2026 4.30pm- 6.00pm

Options forms to be handed to your Form Tutor by

Monday 23rd March 2026 9.00am