



THE MINSTER SCHOOL

GCSE Options 2024



Your Options ■ Your Choices ■ Your Future
Succeeding Together

“Whatever you do work at it with all your heart as though you were working for the Lord”

Colossians 3:23

Introduction

The subjects you study during years 10 and 11 will enable you to develop your skills and knowledge to prepare you for the future. Each student has different needs, abilities and ambitions and we have carefully designed a curriculum that enables everyone to succeed.

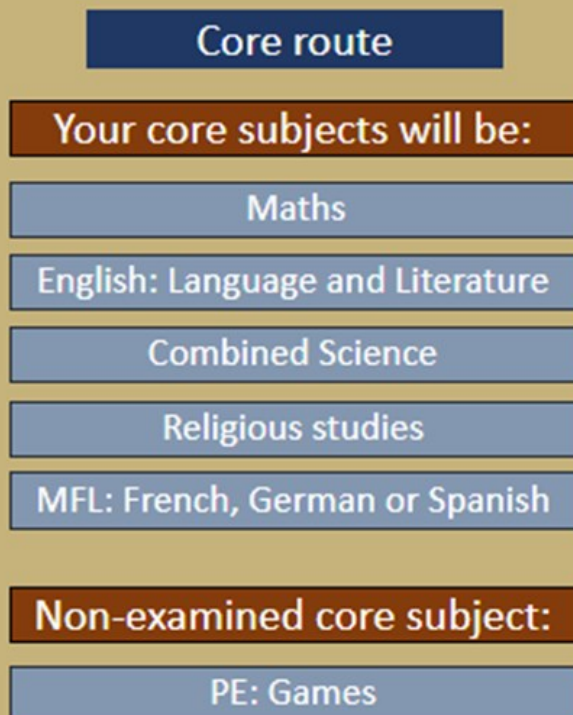
It is very important to make the best decisions regarding the subjects you choose to study throughout years 10 and 11. Most subjects are compulsory but all students are also able to choose some subjects,.

Choosing the right options will support your success and therefore staff are available to support you with your choices.

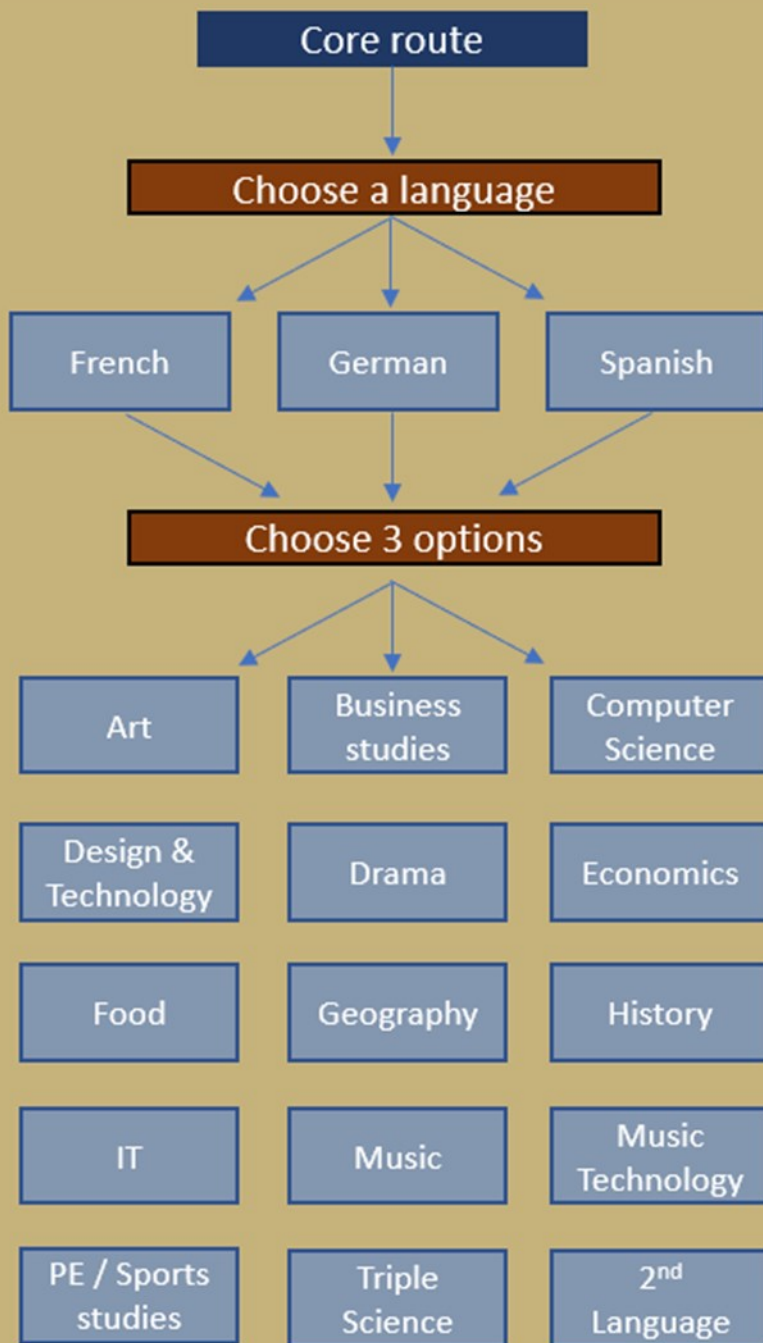
Your subjects

You will study a mixture of Compulsory subjects, which you have to study, and Option subjects, which you can choose from.

As a core student your compulsory subjects are as follows:



As a core student, your option subjects are as follows:



You must choose a language. However you can choose a second language as one of your options.

You may choose any 3 of these subjects.

You can choose to study History and Geography.

If you select PE we will have a discussion with you later as to which course you will study.

EBacc—English Baccalaureate. Whilst the EBacc is not a qualification in itself, it is a recognition that you have studied a broad range of facilitating subjects. For those that can we recommend that students do take EBacc qualifying subjects.

The subjects are: English, Maths, Science, MFL (Modern Foreign Language) and a Humanities (History or Geography). **Therefore if you wish to achieve the EBacc you need to select either History or Geography as one of your 3 options.**

“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.”

Timetable Restrictions

Once we have all the options in we will build our timetable around them so that as many students as possible will get to study their choices. However it isn't always possible for you to do all of your options. This may be because a subject doesn't have enough students to run, has too many students, or the options are on at the same time.

It is therefore really important that you select a 4th 'reserve' option and that you put your options in order of preference. With the one you are most keen to study as your number one.

We will confirm with you after the process is complete whether you will be able to take the subjects you asked for.

Important dates

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| Thursday 1st February | Year 9 Parents' Evening |
| Monday 5th February | Year 9 Options evening |
| Friday 23rd February | Deadline for completing option form |

How to complete your choices

You will receive an email with log on details to Applica. This is the online platform we use to choose options. Once you have logged in you follow the instruction and choose your subjects.

If you have any questions please contact:

Mr A Wall for questions about the options process.

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Miss R Toms for questions about how to apply or to amend an application.

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Ms P Taylor for advice or guidance on subjects to choose.

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