



# RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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# Year 9 options assembly



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# *Welcome!*

## **Getting the best out of *KEY STAGE 4 and making the best choices for your future***

- 1/ What subjects can you study?
- 2/ The options process.
- 3/ Support available over the next half term.

# 1/ What subjects can you Study

Compulsory Subjects - You will have to continue to study:

- Maths
- English (Literature and Language)
- Science (Double award or Separates)
- Language (Spanish)
- Citizenship (Year 10)

You will also all do PE and RE but not as a GCSE

# What subjects can you study?

## 3 from the list below

### Traditional GCSEs

- Art
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Drama
- Design and Technology
- Food, preparation and nutrition
- Geography
- History
- Media Studies
- Photography
- PE
- RE
- Separate Science (choose Physics as one of your options)

### BTec and Cambridge Nationals

- Business Enterprise
- Child development
- Digital Information Technology
- Music practice
- Sports Science



# Difference Between BTEC and GCSE

BTEC/Cambridge National – vocational courses

- It involves more course work than GCSEs although there is still some written examinations.
- Assessment tends to be across the 2 years rather than just at the end of it.

GCSE – academic courses

- Involves more written exams than practical work.
  - Assessment is usually at the end of the 2 years.
  - Only some courses of the GCSE, like art and design, involve more course work.
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- This will be covered in detail in the next careers hour.

# Some Advice



<u>Do Choose A Course Because:</u>	<u>Don't Choose A Course Because:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>It fits your interests and abilities</b></li><li>• <b>You are good at it and think you will enjoy it</b></li><li>• <b>It links to a career idea</b></li><li>• <b>You think you might want to continue studying it after Year 11</b></li><li>• <b>It will help you meet the entry requirements for the post-16 options which interest you</b></li><li>• <b>It will help you give you plenty of choice post-16</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Your friends have chosen it</u></li><li>• Someone else thinks it will be a good idea for you to do it</li><li>• You think it will be easy</li><li>• You don't have time to research your options properly or to get any information and advice</li><li>• <u>You like the teacher you have now</u></li></ul>







# 2/ The options process

The screenshot shows the Range High School website with a maroon header and a yellow main content area. A blue arrow points from the 'KEY INFORMATION' link in the header to the 'KEY INFORMATION' button in the main menu. Another blue arrow points from the 'KEY INFORMATION' button to the 'YEAR 9 OPTIONS 2023' button. The main menu contains three columns of buttons: KEY INFORMATION, ATTENDANCE, LETTINGS, SCHOOL DAY, TERM DATES, and VACANCIES in the first column; YEAR 9 OPTIONS 2023, EXAMS, PARENTPAY / SCHOOL GATEWAY, SCHOOL RULES, and OFSTED 2022 in the second column; and POLICY DOCUMENTS, HOMEWORK, SCHOOL BUS, LETTERS, and UNIFORM in the third column. A text box at the bottom right states: 'Option form goes live Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January'. The browser's address bar shows the URL: [www.range.sefton.sch.uk/key-information/year-9-options-2023/](https://www.range.sefton.sch.uk/key-information/year-9-options-2023/).

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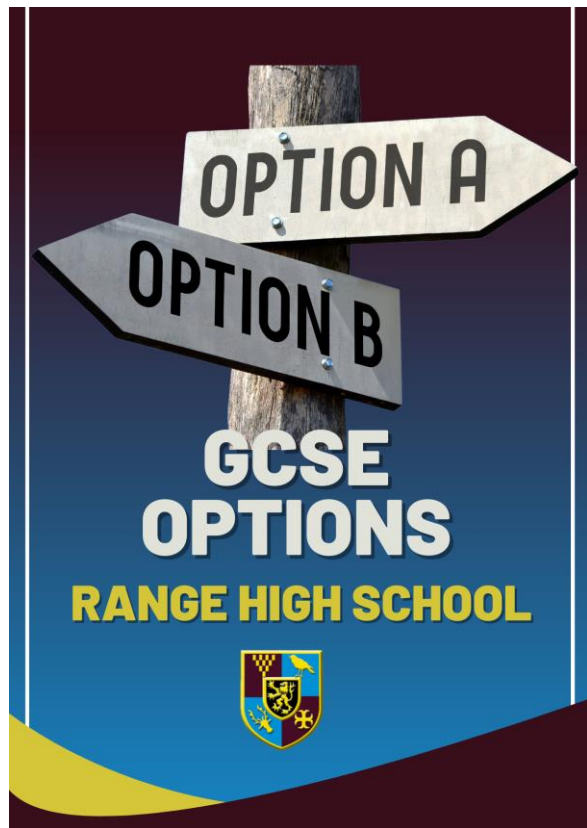
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# The options process



Information  
booklet on the  
school website  
Available week  
beginning Monday  
15<sup>th</sup> Jan 24

Has information on  
all the courses

# Free option choices

- You will need to enter 5 option choices (4 in the case of separate sciences).
- As we give you free choice of options rather than using option blocks – a downside is that a small majority of students may not receive their first 3 choices.
- **Please enter your subjects in order of preference.**

# 3/ Support in your options


Upcoming events that will help with you options choices

- Before Christmas – you will get your data card.
- Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – you will have GCSE taster sessions in lessons.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Jan– careers hours about the options process.
- **17<sup>th</sup> January – Year 9 options market place evening in school – you should attend with your parents**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – your year 9 parents evening

# Support in your options

- **17<sup>th</sup> January – Year 9 options market place evening in school**
- Encourage your parents to come in
- Canteen and arts theatre
- Career advisor, SENDCo, Head of year, Heads of Department, members of Leadership team – all will be there.

# Key staff

- Mr Tees – Assistant headteacher, Curriculum and assessment
  - Mrs Phillips – Deputy Headteacher 14-19 education and sixth form
  - Ms Gooding – Head of careers
  - Mr Ficorilli– Independent Careers advisor
  - Mrs Nolan – SEN co-ordinator
  - **YOUR SUBJECT TEACHERS**
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# Deadline date

- The final deadline for options is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.
- PLEASE DO NOT RUSH YOUR CHOICES – OPTIONS ARE NOT DONE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS
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