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GCSE Options Process 2023

Miss O'Neill- Assistant Headteacher, Curriculum
Aspirations

Mrs Newington- Head of Year 9



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Making choices

Here are some things you need to know, do and think about...

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- The law says you must stay in learning until the age of 18.
- Learning includes sixth form, college, training, or full time work as long as it includes some part time learning e.g. an apprenticeship.
- You pick GCSEs options in 9.
- You usually pick your next step in Year 11.

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Curriculum in Year 10 & 11

Core	En = 9	Ma = 8	Sc = 9	26	
Options	A = 5	B = 5	C = 5	D = 5	20
Life		PE = 3	PSHE = 1	4	
			TOTAL	50	



The Choices



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Guided Choices

We are ambitious for you to have the same chances as students in all other schools, so the EBacc is core to our curriculum offer:

- ✓ All students **MUST** choose either History or Geography.
- ✓ The majority of students are **EXPECTED** to choose a language.



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EBacc Humanities

Geography
History

EBacc MFL

French
German

Optional Curriculum

Art and Design

Business

Computer Science

Drama

Food Preparation and Nutrition

Games Development

Health and Social Care

Media Studies

Music

Physical Education (PE)

Photography

Religious Education (RE)

Design and Technology

Sociology

Triple Award Science

When choosing it is important to note that some options subjects cannot be studied together- this is because they are considered variations of the same qualification.

These subjects have been highlighted:
Art and Design & Photography, Media &
Games Development



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The ‘new style’ GCSEs

- More rigorous - harder
- Bigger – more content
- Tiers only when necessary
- Linear with terminal exam – little chance to resit (except English and Maths post 16)
- No coursework except in a few subjects (The Arts, Design Technology, Food etc.)
- **And... a new (ish!) grading system**

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Grading the New GCSEs



NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE									
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above.■ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as achieve an A and above.■ The bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G.									

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Wednesday 11th January 2023



Sign in to SIMS Options

Email sent to students

Student and parent receive unique code

Visit SIMS Options Online

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An email from noreply@sims.co.uk will be sent to your school email address to invite you to register for SIMS Options.

Follow the step by step guide Pages 5-10 of the options booklet to activate and register your account

Hi Jack,

Simply accept this invitation and register within 90 days.

Accept Invitation

If the button above doesn't work, copy and paste the following link into your browser.

<https://registration.sims.co.uk>

Should you need to enter it, your personal invite code is: **QT8HRDXHKD**

Sent on behalf of,
Chase High School

Click where it says “Accept Invitation”

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Once registered, you will need to go to the SIMS Options website and login to access the Options page. Type <https://www.sims-options.co.uk> in your web browser and the following page will open:

Microsoft
Sign in
jack.black@chasehigh.org
No account? [Create one!](#)
Can't access your account?
Back Next

Sign in to SIMS Options

Click on the Microsoft icon

ESS | SIMS
ESS: Check Service Status
Secured by SIMS ID

You will then be asked to Sign in.



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You can then make your choices by clicking on the course items from the screen displayed. You will have sections for guided choices and free choices

You have chosen 0 of 2 courses and 0 of 2 reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Business S GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Computer Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Games development Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Health&Soc BTEC Award Level 2	Reserve
Media Stud Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Physical E Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Photography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Religious GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Sociology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Food tech GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Triple Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve

Humanities

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
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When choosing ‘free choices’ remember to do this is order of preference and choose 2 reserves which will go orange.

Options

You have chosen 4 of 4 courses and 2 of 2 reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Business S GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Computer Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
German GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Games development OCR Nationals Certificate Level 2	Reserve	Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Health&Soc BTEC Award Level 2	Reserve
History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Info Techn Cambridge Technicals Certificate Level 2	Reserve	Media Stud Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Personal Development (PS) GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	PE GCSE Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Psychology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Photography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Russian GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Sociology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Food tech GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Resistant Mat GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve

My Choices in Order of Preference (Total Choices: 4)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Options
- 2 French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Options
- 3 Sociology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Options
- 4 Computer Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Options

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 2)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 Psychology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Options
- 2 Info Techn Cambridge Technicals Certificate Level 2 Options



Selecting Options

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What **SHOULD** influence choice

- Enjoyment
- Talent
- Career
- Balance
- Recommendation

You **SHOULD NOT** be influenced by:

1. Friends
2. Liking a teacher
3. Thinking that any course is easy... they are all **demanding**



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What happens next?

- Ensure that your child selects their option subjects in the order of preference, so that they have a greater chance of receiving their top choices.
- We will endeavour to allocate your child their choices, but cannot guarantee all choices.
- Your child will find out their choices in June when the timetable has been finalised.



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Who can your child ask for help?

- Form Tutor
- Subject Teachers
- Mrs. Newington, Head of Year 9: Alexandra.Newington@chasehigh.org
- Miss Whitbread, Year 9 Administrator: Monica.Whitbread@chasehigh.org
- Miss. Llewellyn, Head of Key Stage 3: Amy.Llewellyn@chasehigh.org
- Miss O'Neill, Assistant Headteacher – Curriculum Aspirations:
Danielle.O'Neill@chasehigh.org

More detailed information about the content of the examination courses offered can be found on the "Subjects" page of the Chase High School website:

<https://www.chasehigh.org/curriculum/subjects>



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Role of the parent/carer

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- Support
- Guidance – who to talk to
- Informed – understand the process and implications
- Work with us
- Ensure that online form is completed by **Friday**
3rd February

