

Picture the Year 2050

Research suggests most of you will live to be 100.

- * What will your world be like in 2050?
- * What might you be doing in your mid 40s?
- * How might you be doing it?
- * And what part will you have played in making the world a better place?



Many of the jobs that exist today
did not exist 25 years ago.
Most did not exist 50 years ago.

Barnwood Park School

Y9 Options 2022

What When How Why?

It is our choices that show
what we truly are,
far more than our abilities

~Professor Dumbledore~



Decisions

- * Decisions can be challenging and hard.
- * That's good, because life can be challenging and hard.
- * Remember, decisions are made by those who show up.
Get involved, get thinking, be a part of the process.





Options 2022

- * **Options Booklet**
- * **Subject Options Videos**
- * **Taster Lessons**
- * **Options meetings** to discuss your possible choices with a member of staff
- * **Online Options Evening –March 2022** - to discuss your possible subject choices with parents/carers & teachers
- * **Options Choices Returned March 2022**

What you will all study in Years 10 and 11

Everyone will study and sit GCSEs in

- * English Language
- * English Literature
- * Maths
- * Statistics (Examination at end of Year 10)
- * Science (Combined Science)

Everyone will take PE and PSHE



What you can choose to study in Years 10 and 11

- * You will all be able to choose **3** other subjects to study at GCSE
- * A few of you may be advised to choose 2 GCSE options and have extra English & Maths lessons to boost progress in these subjects



Subject you can choose

You are able to choose **any 3** of these subjects

Spanish	Fine Art*	Textiles*
French	Drama	Physical Education* (PE) or Sport Studies* #
Computer Science	Photography	Btec in Performing Arts (Dance) #
Geography	Design & Technology	Child Development and Care #
History	Food Preparation & Nutrition	Enterprise and Marketing #
Religious Studies	Music	Creative i-Media #

Some Information about Choices

You cannot choose *more than one* of:

- * Art or Textiles

- * Physical Education (PE) or Sports Studies

in your choices.

- * Not all subjects offered may run. This will depend on how many students choose each subject.

Technical Awards

We offer courses which are Technical Awards

They have the same value as GCSEs but are not called GCSEs.

These courses are:

- * Btec in Performing Arts (Dance)
- * Child Development and Care
- * Enterprise and Marketing
- * Creative i-Media
- * Sport Studies

The English Baccalaureate (E-bacc)

- * is not a qualification in its own right
- * is a combination of GCSE subjects that offer an important range of knowledge and skills to young people
- * is also recommended by Britain's most prestigious universities
- * It helps keep all options for you open

The government says that choosing the E-bacc at GCSE gives students

- * **access to a full range of employment options** and
 - * **the broad knowledge that employers are looking for**
- when they leave secondary school

The English Baccalaureate (E-bacc)

The English Baccalaureate (E-bacc) is made up of English Language and English Literature, Maths, Science, plus

* At least one of **History** or **Geography**

AND

* A language (e.g. **French** or **Spanish**)

Computer Science is also an E-bacc subject, and counts as a science.

All students are able to choose subjects that make up the English Baccalaureate, and are encouraged to do so.

Taster Sessions in New Subjects

There are a number of subjects on offer that you will not have studied before

- * Child Development and Care
- * Enterprise and Marketing
- * Creative i-Media

Taster sessions will be held in these subjects for those interested to have a better idea of what is involved.

Indicative Option Choices

We will ask you for your **Indicative Option Choices** before your final Option choices.

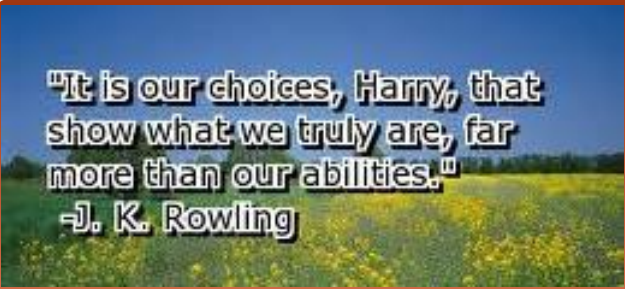
These choices help us plan to deliver the options you want.

For example they indicate:

- * how many students may want to choose each subject
- * how many groups we might need in each subject,
- * what combinations of subjects are popular, and
- * what subjects don't have many people choosing them

You do not need to stick with your indicative choice, it is just an indicator to help us plan effectively.

We plan for you to make your *indicative choice* in Jan/Feb after taster lessons



"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

-J. K. Rowling

Important questions to ask yourself

What do I want to be doing in 10 years time?

in 5 years time?

in 2 years time?

What do I need to study now to achieve my goals?

What subjects do I enjoy and want to learn more about?

What are my strengths and skills now? What do they need to be?

What type of learner am I? (Consider exams or coursework)

Where can I find out the information that I need?

What subjects will help me keep my future options open?

What subjects if I don't choose will I find it hard to return to in the future?

What subjects if I don't choose will it be *hard* to return to do in the future?

Geography

History

Spanish

French

Computer Science

Dance

Drama

Music

Physical Education

Fine Art

Textiles

Dos and Don'ts

DO

- * Do some **research** – find out about subjects different careers or courses prefer.
- * Ask **questions**
- * **Listen** to what you hear – be open minded
- * **Enjoy** it
- * Be **honest** with yourself about who you are and what you want to do

DON'T

- * Choose what your **friends choose**. You are not them. You are you.
- * Choose a subject based on a **teacher**. They may not be teaching you next year.
- * Be **afraid**. Difficult decisions are part of life
- * Choose subjects to **please others**. Your future, your choice, your responsibility

Advice from Year 10 & 11...

- * “Choose options that you’ll **be interested to learn**, don't choose what your friends are doing. This is **your decision**, so make sure you make the right choices.”
- * “Think what you would like to do when you are older and which options are relevant and helpful for that.”
- * “Don't choose your subjects because of what your friends are choosing because you won't enjoy it if you don't 100% want to do it.”
- * “Year 10 isn't easy and you will have to work hard: don't pick what your friends have done because you will not enjoy your subjects”

More advice from Year 10 & 11...

- * “You really need to think about what YOU want to take as it's going to be for two years.”
- * “Choose subjects that you enjoy learning about. Don't choose what your friends are choosing as you **will sit the exam alone.**”
- * “PICK THINGS YOU WILL ENJOY! DON'T CHOOSE SOMETHING YOU KNOW YOU WON'T ENJOY, IT'S TWO YEARS OF YOUR LIFE.”
- * “Think carefully and make wise choices. Choose options that are relevant to what you want to do as a job. if you are struggling with choosing options speak to teachers, parents and friends.”

What next?

- * Ask questions
- * Read Options booklet
- * Watch the subject information films on the school website:
www.barnwood-park.gloucs.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+9+Options&pid=29
- * Research your own next steps – what careers or post-16 study interest you?
- * Talk with teachers and your tutor
- * Indicative choices
- * Taster Lessons
- * Options discussion meeting
- * Online Options Evening March 3rd
- * March 2022: make your final choices



