

Year 10 and 11 Curriculum Overview & Options Process

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Decisions



GCSE Choices	
Maths	French
Science	German
English Lit	Spanish
English Lang	Geography
Art	Religious Studies
Textiles	History
Music	Sociology
Design and Technology	Physical Education
Drama	Philosophy
Food technology	



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Every journey starts with a single step...



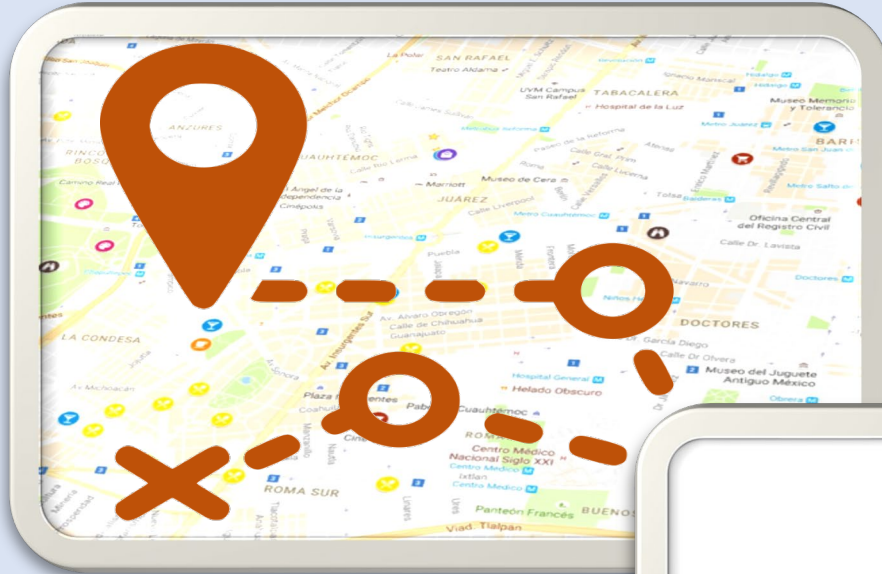
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... but do you know where you are going?



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FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

All students will study:

Combined/Treble Science

English Lang

English Lit

Maths

MFL

History and/or Geography

RE (completed in Year 10)

PSE

Core PE

By invitation only, some students take:

COMPLEMENTARY STUDY

Designed to provide additional curriculum support for some students and takes the place of one foundation subject.

NUMBER OF QUALIFICATIONS

Year 10/11: 7-9 Foundation Subject
GCSEs plus 2 additional personalised subjects
= 9-11 GCSEs (or equivalents)

SUBJECT CHOICES

All students will study History AND/OR Geography.

All students will continue to study their MFL:

French, German or Spanish

All students complete their Year 10 timetable by making the following numbers of choices:

- ONE choice if they are taking BOTH History & Geography GCSE
- TWO choices if they are only taking History OR Geography

CHOICES AVAILABLE

VISUAL ARTS – Art; Graphics; Photography; Textiles

PERFORMING ARTS – Dance; Drama; Music

TECHNOLOGY – Design Technology (Product Design OR Engineering); Food Preparation & Nutrition; Child Development

HUMANITIES – Business Studies; Sociology

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – GCSE PE; BTEC Sports Studies

ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS – Computer Science; BTEC ICT; Media Studies; Construction; Hair and Beauty

RESERVE SUBJECT CHOICE: All students will be asked to select **one reserve subject choice**, in case their first choices cannot be accommodated.

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Help and Support

- Teachers
- Careers Staff
- Parents
- Siblings
- Friends

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Deadlines

Help us help you by adhering to the schedule.



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Timeline

December 2024:

- Students watch this presentation in form time. It is also made available via Bromcom, for students to access
- Students/parents watch the Year 10-11 Curriculum Subject Presentation recordings which will be communicated to parents/students.
- Students/parents read the Year 10-11 Curriculum booklet which is available on the school website

Weeks beginning 10 and 24 February 2025:

- Students are interviewed to support the making of subject choices and discuss future plans (post-16 and beyond)

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Timeline

March 2025:

- Students/parents sent instructions for completing the options choice form

Friday 7 until Friday 21 March 2025:

- Period during which students **MUST SUBMIT THEIR** Year 10-11 choices via the Bromcom Student Portal

End of June:

- Letter sent to parents confirming student Year 10/11 curriculum choices

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Frequently Asked Questions

How many GCSE choices will I have?

Year 9 students will have two subject choices to make.

Do I have to take particular subjects in Years 10-11?

All students should expect to complete exam courses in the Foundation curriculum subjects: English Language, English Literature, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, RE (examined at the end of Year 10), a Modern Foreign Language; and History and/or Geography. Exceptions to this curriculum may be made in response to 'reasonable adjustment' considerations for particular students.

What happens if I can't decide what to study?

We offer information and guidance via subject presentation videos and students will have a 1:1 interview.

What if I have questions or concerns?

Students can ask any questions by speaking directly with Ms Kemp or parents and students can email curriculum@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk.

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