



Year 9 Careers Life Programme Dropdown

Choosing Your GCSE Options Choices

Friday 20th January 2023



8.50am Teams Video Assembly with Mr Baker

Summary of LP Dropdown Morning: Year 9

Time	Activity	Mins
8.50	Teams Video Assembly with Mr Baker	20
9.10	Details of next PHSE Lesson in BS1 to update your Morrisby Profile	5
9.15	Golden Triangle of GCSE Choices - Class Discuss	10
9.25	Please Show 2 BBC Bitesize Options Videos with Class Discussion	5
9.30	Please Handout GCSE Options Booklets and allow students to look and discuss with them	20
	<p><i>Slides from Mr Baker if needed:</i></p> <p><i>Options Choices</i></p> <p><i>Looking forward - what A levels might need or benefit from certain GCSE Choices?</i></p> <p><i>Looking forward – what A levels might be needed for certain career paths?</i></p>	
9.50	What is a UTC? (University technical college)	
10.00	If there is spare time the students can start the worksheet Break	



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10.25	Analysis of your current subjects – Worksheet to Stick In your PSHE exercise book, Plus – Top 3 subjects you are GOOD at and top 3 subjects you LIKE	15 mins
10.40	Future Proof Your GCSE Options - Questions to write in your PSHE exercise book	5 mins
10.45	What Actions Are You Going to Take to Help with Your Decision Making? Link to book to meet with Mrs Walker Careers Leader if needed.	5 mins
10.50	What is the difference between Triple and Combined Science and what should you consider as part of your decision-making process? <u>Please Watch the Science Video.</u>	5 mins
10.55	Geography and History – you can pick one OR you can use one of your CHOICES to pick both. <u>Please watch the Geography (10 mins) and History Videos (5 Mins)</u>	15 mins
11.10	If time - Class Vote – which of these subjects videos would they now like to watch?	
11.15	Alumni Videos if Needed and Finish	



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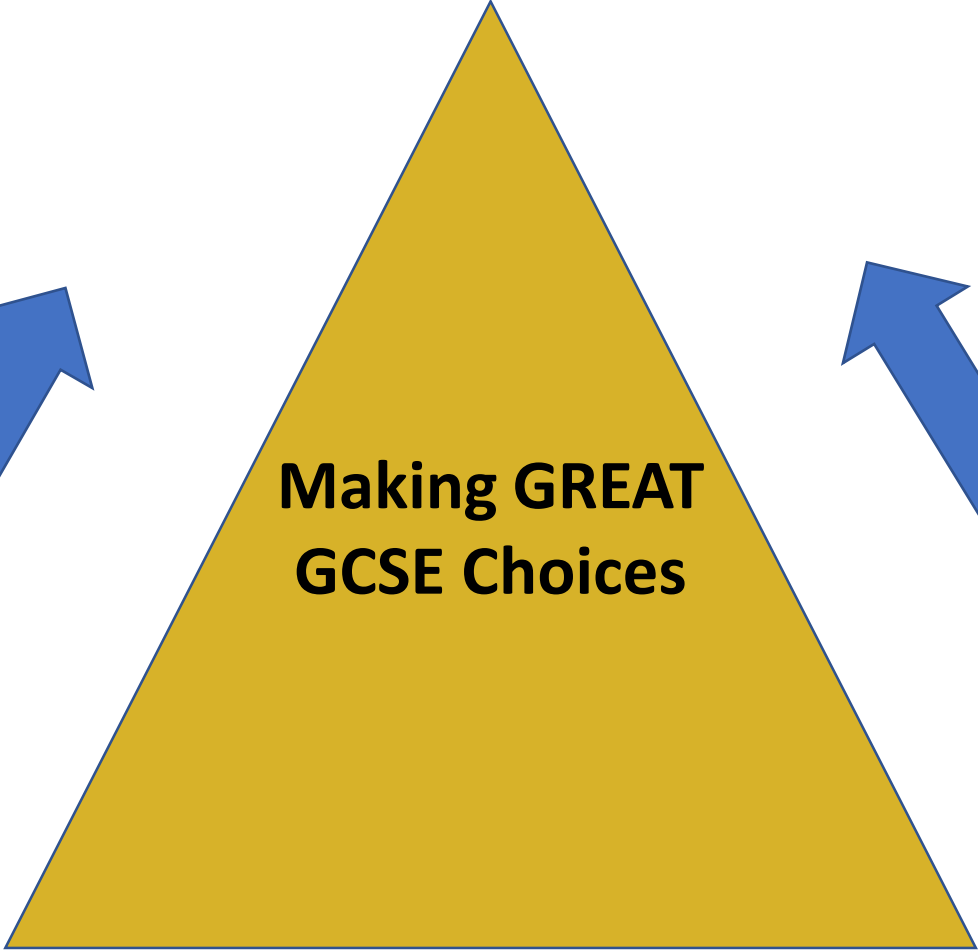
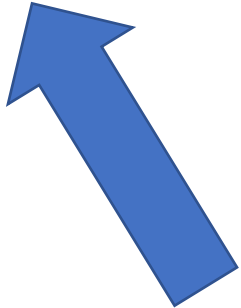
Your next PHSE Lesson will be in BS1

Form	Week	Day	Period	Lesson 2 date	Where?
9B	1	Tuesday	6	17 th January	BS1 Computer Room
9D	1	Wednesday	1	18 th January	BS1 Computer Room
9H	2	Thursday	1	26 th January	BS1 Computer Room
9S	1	Monday	5	16 th January	BS1 Computer Room
9N	2	Thursday	7	26 th January	BS1 Computer Room
9T	2	Friday	3	27 th January	BS1 Computer Room

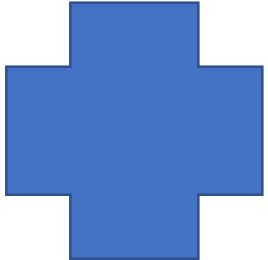
 You will be updating your Morrisby Profile and looking at Future Career Pathways & Your GCSE Options

Your PSHE Lesson 3 will also be in a computer room (details TBC)

Check do you **NEED IT?**
How does it links to your **FUTURE CAREER PATH** and **UNIVERSITY COURSES**



Choose subjects you **ENJOY** –
as you are more likely to be
good at it



Choose subjects you are **GOOD AT**
- make sure they suit your **skills** and
learning style

Please watch these 2 mins video from BBC
Bitesize on Choosing Your GCSE Options:

[How to choose your exam subjects wisely for the
future you want - BBC Bitesize](#)

[What I wish I'd known before choosing my
options - BBC Bitesize](#)

Class Discussion





Please Handout the GCSE Options Booklets

Your GCSE Option Choices Main Points

You will still do
PE as Core
Non Exam
Subject

If you take Triple
Science you will be
taking 11 GCSE's
(combined science is 10)

The choices on offer:

Compulsory Subjects

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Religious Studies
- Science
 - Triple Science (3 GCSEs)
 - or
 - Combined Science (2 GCSEs)

Humanities - choose 1 from

- Geography
- or
- History

All Compulsory Subjects Studied

One Science Choice

One Humanities Choice

1. Your first decision should be if you want to take Triple or Combined Science. What are you good at and you enjoy? Triple Science should ideally be taken if you want to take any of the sciences at A level
2. Then you can choose between Geography or History however you can pick both if you want to by using it one of your 3 choices

Your GCSE Option Choices Main Points

Open Choices - choose 3 from

- Fine Art
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Construction and the Built Environment
- Design & Technology
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Physical Education
- Spanish

1. Then you pick 3 subjects
 1. Choose Subjects that **Interests You** and that you are **Good At**
 2. Consider which subjects are relevant for your **career path** - especially your possible A level choices
 3. If you **KNOW** your career or university course **check out the A level requirements**
2. Try and have **at least one subject you REALLY enjoy** having a creative, practical option is good for your mental well being.



Let's look at the Requirements to study certain A level subjects here in WG6

A level Physics Grade 9-7 in GCSE **Physics** or Grade 9-7 in Combined Science and Grade 9-7 in Mathematics

A level Biology Grade 9-7 in GCSE **Biology** or Grade 9-7 in Combined Science and Grade 9-6 in Mathematics

A level Chemistry Grade 9-7 in GCSE Chemistry or Grade 9-7 in Combined Science and Grade 9-6 in Mathematics

A level Psychology Grade 9-6 in English Language/Literature, Grade 9-6 in Mathematics and Grade 9-6 at **least one Science GCSE.**



Which A Levels Do You Need the Subject GCSE?

A level **Computer Science** Grade 9-6 in GCSE Computing

A level **Art** needs Grade 9-6 in Art GCSE

A level **Economics** needs Grade 9-6 Mathematics AND English Language or Literature. GCSE Business Studies is useful

A level **French** needs French GCSE Grade 9-6

A level **Spanish** needs Spanish GCSE Grade 9-6.

A level **Geography** needs Geography GCSE Grade 9-6

A level **History** needs History GCSE Grade 9-6

Physical Education needs Grade 9-6 in English Language/Literature, one Grade 9-6 in Science, a Grade 9-6 in GCSE Physical Education

Professional Construction Practice (Level 3) Grade 9-6 in Mathematics. Desirable to have studied GCSE DT/CBE Grade 6.



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Which A Levels For Which University Courses?

Medicine / Vets / Pharmacy Courses Need A levels:

Biology and Chemistry and ideally another science (Maths, Psychology or Physics)

Engineering Courses Need A levels:

Maths and Physics
& Chemistry for Chemical Engineering

Computer Science Courses Need A levels:

Maths (for top universities) and computing for most

Sports Science Courses Need A levels

PE and ideally Biology or another science

Law Courses Need A levels

In Essay writing and analysis like History, RS and English.

They also like languages

Economics Courses Need A levels

Maths for top universities.
Economics and or Business are useful as are languages



What is UTC? (university technical college)

A national family of almost 50 state-funded schools that offer a distinctively different educational choice from other schools. They offer a secondary-age education for [Key Stage 4 & KStage 5](#) (usually age 14-18) with some starting earlier at Key Stage 3.

By recruiting at age 14, UTCs provide a fresh-start for many young people in a supportive, smaller school environment. You can apply and join a UTC from Year 10 onwards.

As well as providing a strong grounding in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science, each UTC has one or more **technical specialism** linked to their local industry partners and are linked to a local university. The curriculum provides a blend of academic and technical learning. These specialism areas can cover **Engineering, Digital Design Creative Media, Science, Health and Construction** <https://www.utcolleges.org/>

[You can Google Local UTC's in Kent and London](#)

<https://theleightutc.org.uk/>

<https://www.waterfront-that.org.uk/>

<https://www.ldeutc.co.uk/>





BREAK 10am


STUDENT TASK - Complete Worksheet and stick it into your PSHE Exercise Book

Subjects	I am good at this subject Yes/No/OK	I like this subject Yes/No/OK	NUMBER Your 3 <u>BEST GRADE</u> Subjects 1,2,3 AND NUMBER Your 3 subjects you <u>ENJOY</u> the most	What skills has this subject taught me? What careers might link to this subject?
Geography				
History				
French				
Spanish				
Biology				
Chemistry				
Physics				
Computing				
Food Prep & Nutrition				
Art				
Music				
Business				
Physical Education				
Design Technology				
Construction & Built Environment				



Future Proof Your GCSE Option Choices

Pick a Career that you might be interested in doing and write this in your exercise book and answer these questions



1. Do you know which GCSE subjects do you need or the entry requirements for this Career?

2. Which A level subjects (or equivalent) are required for entry to this Career?

3. Are there any specific A level requirements for this career path that may shape your GCSE options?

If you don't know the answers please explore this when you access your Morrisby Careers Profile

What Actions Are You Going to Take to Help with Your Decision Making?

1. Talk to your Form Tutors and your Subject teachers – especially at Parents Evening
2. Talk to your parents, siblings, friends and relatives
3. If you need help please book to see Mrs Walker the Careers Leader. The meetings are during the school day here is the link to book to see her:

<https://calendly.com/mrstwalker/year-9-gcse-option-choices-meeting-with-mrs-walker>

If you parents wish to attend the meeting please email and let Mrs Walker know in advance



GCSE Subjects Videos

What is the difference between Triple and Combined Science and what should you consider as part of your decision-making process?

Let's Watch the Science Video (5 mins)

Science Combined & Triple

<https://youtu.be/8icBvb4ViKc>

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Let's Watch the Geography (9 mins)

<https://youtu.be/1PtJeYGG1cg>

History (7 Mins)

<https://youtu.be/yhRvINyfHeQ>

Class Vote (if time)

Which of the other subjects videos would they now like to watch?

Fine Art (3 mins) https://youtu.be/lymW_9MkUIM

Business (4 mins) https://youtu.be/o34_oanDdgM

Computer Science (3mins) <https://youtu.be/mWDxYGI1gHI>

Design & Technology Construction and The Built Environment & Food Preparation and Nutrition (7 mins)

<https://youtu.be/IMG9PZeXRas>

MFL French & Spanish (12mins)

<https://youtu.be/nm0lxoEe3Y8>

Music (4 mins) <https://youtu.be/2ywqbsYLvXM>

Physical Education (5 mins) <https://youtu.be/NmxUKGcsenI>

English Language & Literature (7 mins)

https://youtu.be/Q5lwr6L_nwc

Mathematics (6 mins) <https://youtu.be/NqEhwuNXCTA>

Religious Studies (3 mins) https://youtu.be/Ka6rW_d9l9A



Extra Activities

Here is the link to the Videos from our alumni which you can watch and discuss with students

<https://web.microsoftstream.com/group/60f8aa3c-3542-450b-82fa-36c38989da1e>

