





RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Year 9 options assembly



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

<u>Compulsory Subjects</u> - You will have to continue to study:

- Maths
- English (Literature and Language)
- Science (Double award or Separates)
- Language (French)
- 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
- Engineering Design
- 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.
- This will be covered in detail in the next careers hour.

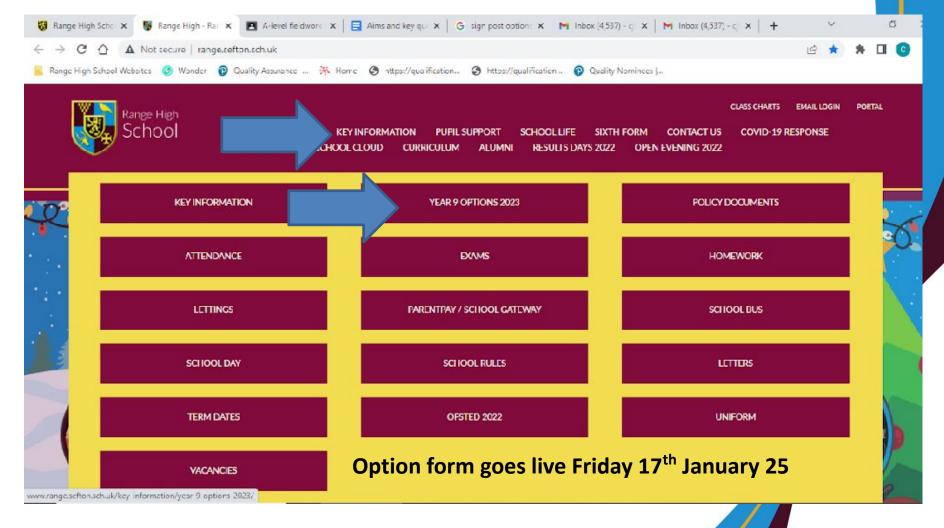
Some Advice



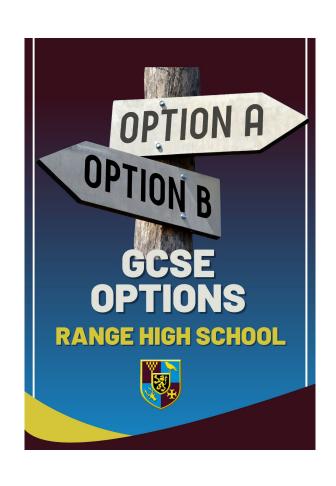
<u>Do Choose A Course Because:</u>	<u>Don't Choose A Course Because:</u>
 It fits your interests and abilities 	Your friends have chosen it
You are good at it and think you will	Someone else thinks it will be a good
enjoy it	idea for you to do it
It links to a career idea	You think it will be easy
You think you might want to continue	 You don't have time to research your
studying it after Year 11	options properly or to get any
It will help you meet the entry	information and advice
requirements for the post-16 options	You like the teacher you have now
which interest you	
It will help you give you plenty of	
choice post-16	



2/ The options process



The options process



Information booklet on the school website Available this week

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.
- <u>Please enter your subjects in order of preference.</u>

3/ Support in your options

Upcoming events that will help with you options choices

- Before Christmas look at your data card.
- This week and next week you will have GCSE taster sessions in lessons.
- Thursday 16th January Year 9 options market place evening in school <u>– you</u> should attend with your parents
- Friday 17th January careers hours about the options process.
- 6th Feb your year 9 parents evening

Support in your options

- 17th 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 Pepper SEN co-ordinator
- YOUR SUBJECT TEACHERS

Deadline date

- The final deadline for options is Friday 14th February 2025.
 - PLEASE DO NOT RUSH YOUR
 CHOICES OPTIONS ARE NOT DONE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS
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