

GCSE Options 2025

Student and Parent Information

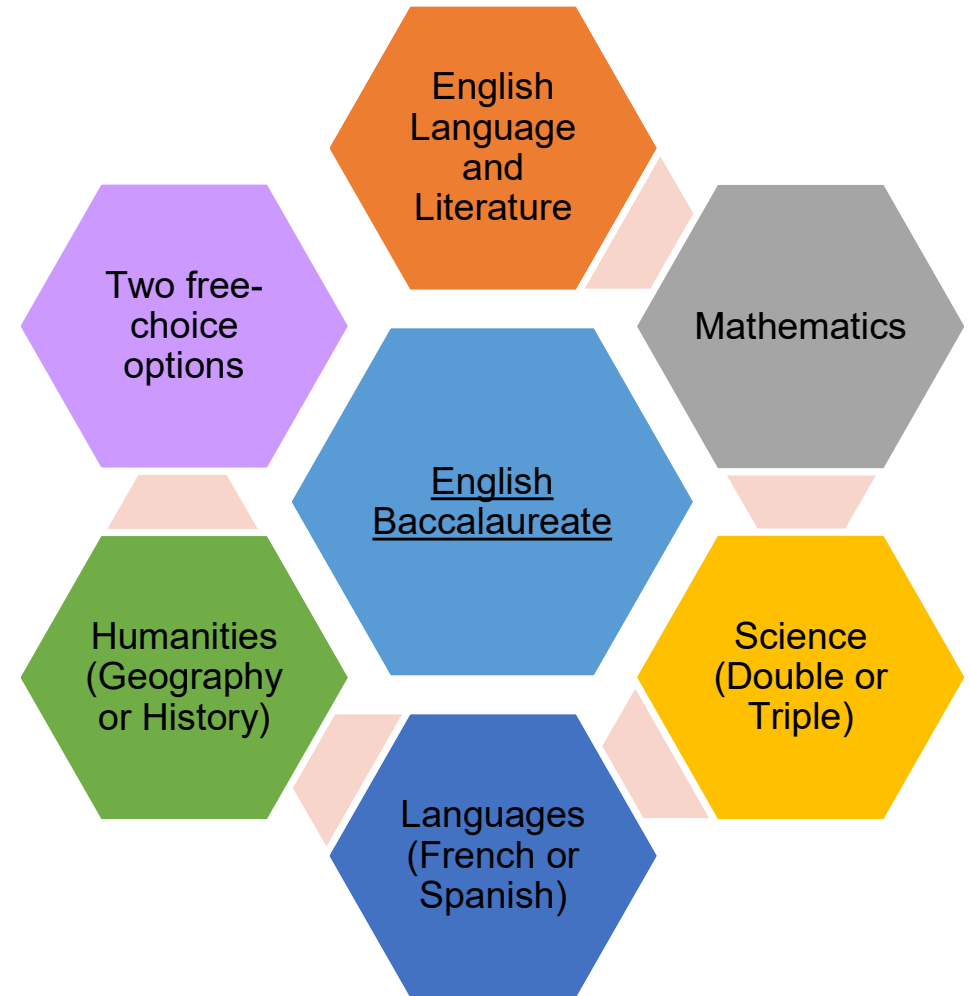
Guide to Qualifications: how do my GCSEs fit into the big picture?

Levels	Types of qualifications
Level 2	GCSEs (9-1), BTECs, Cambridge Nationals <i>(all subjects at the same level)</i>
Level 3	A Levels, Apprenticeships, BTECs, Extended Project
Level 4/5/6	Higher Education, Apprenticeships and Employment

What will my GCSE package look like?

All students at NSG benefit from a package of qualifications based around the English Baccalaureate requirements.

This structure ensures that students receive a well-rounded education that will prepare them for a range of future careers.



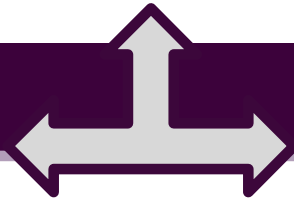
Core Subjects (studied by all students)

GCSEs:

- English Language & English Literature
- Maths
- Science (Combined *or* Triple - your teacher will let you know which one you will take)
- Your current Modern Foreign Language (French or Spanish)
- Your choice of History or Geography

Other lessons:

- PE & PSHE (non-qualification subjects)



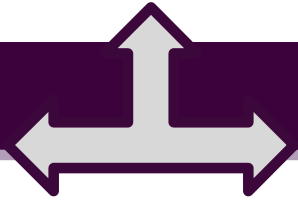
Two free-choice option subjects?

You will be asked to select your **preferences** for two free-choice option subjects and to pick two **reserve** subjects in case these are full.

Make sure that the four subjects you select are subjects you are happy to study in September. You may be allocated any of the four subjects!

Choose subjects...

- you want to study
- your teachers think you will do well in
- that may be useful to your future career
- you find interesting, succeed in and enjoy



Who should I talk to before I make the choice?

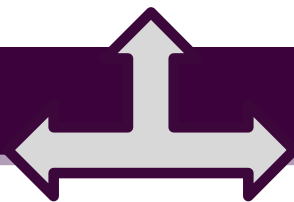
You should talk to:

- Your parents or carers
- Your form tutor
- Your subject teachers

for advice before you enter your preferences into the options system.

Make the best choices for you - **don't just follow your friends.**

What do **you** want to do?



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Free Options

You will choose two option **preferences** and two reserve **preferences** from this list.

We will do our best to give you your preferences as far as we are able to.

If you wish to study DT or Art, you can only choose one of the two specialisms.

Some subjects, such as Health and Social Care and Ethics and Philosophy, are heavily oversubscribed every year.

Art - Fine Art (GCSE)

Computer Science (GCSE)

Creative iMedia (Cambridge Nationals Level 2 Certificate)

Dance (BTEC)

Design Technology (Paper and Board) (GCSE)

Design Technology (Textiles) (GCSE)

Art - Three Dimensional Design (GCSE)

Drama (GCSE)

Ethics & Philosophy (GCSE)

Film Studies (GCSE)

Food & Nutrition (GCSE)

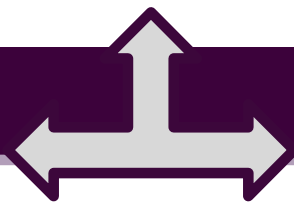
Geography (GCSE)

Health and Social Care (Cambridge Nationals Level 2 Certificate)

History (GCSE)

Music (GCSE)

Sport (BTEC)



Home language GCSEs

Many other languages have GCSE qualifications.

If one of these is a language you can **already** read, write and speak fluently, then you can take the GCSE **in addition to** your other courses.

To take part in this, please see Mrs Alvarez.

Arabic	Bengali	Biblical Hebrew	Chinese
German	Greek	Gujarati	Hebrew (Modern)
Italian	Japanese	Panjabi	Persian
Polish	Portuguese	Russian	Tamil
	Turkish	Urdu	

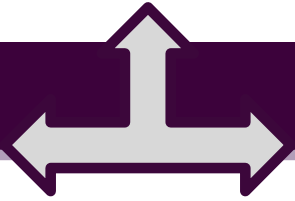


Submitting your options preferences

In your Computing lesson in the week beginning Monday 3rd March, we will give you your login details for the SIMS Options system and you will set your password for it.

Between **Monday 3rd March** and **Monday 31st March at 3.30pm**:

- You will submit your options preferences online as described above.
- Once submitted, **your options preferences are final** - please choose carefully.
- There is **no priority** given to those submitting sooner.
- **Please make sure your choices are submitted by Monday 31st March at 3.30pm in order to share your preferences.**



**Any questions? Please ask your
Form Tutor who will pass them
on to the Options Team.**