



Year 9 Options

Mrs Lammin

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Nottingham
Academy

Everyday
Exceptional

Options Timeline 2023

Week commencing 9th & 16th January

Soft Options selected during Tutor Times
Letter to parents including details of Progress Evening
Tutor Time presentations and subject talks begin in lessons

Week commencing 23rd & 30th January

- Options process launched to parents on Progress Evenings
- Students and Parents provided with the official options booklet
- Support available via HoY, SENDCO & SLT

Week commencing 6th February

- MS Form made available to all students to complete final choices
- 1-2-1 meetings will follow before confirmation of courses



What are options?

The term 'options' is used to describe the subjects a student can choose to take at GCSE level.

- Students will select their options in Year 9
- They then complete during Year 10 and 11, leading to their GCSEs in the Summer Term of Year 11. These are also referred to as Level 2 Qualifications
- Students can then use these qualifications to undertake further education at Nottingham Academy 6th Form, colleges or move on to complete an apprenticeship at age 16. These are also referred to as Level 3 Qualifications

Core Subjects

All students will complete the following courses:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Statistics
- Combine Science (worth two GCSEs)
- Core PE (not examined)

Pathways

-select one from each option block

Option A	Option B	Option C
GCSE Spanish	GCSE Religious Studies	GCSE Geography
GCSE Urdu	Sport Science	GCSE Spanish
GCSE Triple Science	Art & Design	GCSE Photography
GCSE Geography	GCSE Photography	Health & Social Care
GCSE History	Health and social care	GCSE Psychology
	Performing Arts	Engineering
	GCSE History	Childcare
	Childcare	IT
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	Enterprise & marketing	Sport Science
	Engineering	

Vocational Qualifications

- Within Option B and C we offer a variety of BTEC, OCR Nations & WJEC qualifications
- These are subjects that apply learning to scenarios or tasks to gain knowledge of the subject area
- Vocational qualifications carry the same weight as GCSEs but offer a different approach
- They offer a more practical and theoretical approach than traditional subjects. There will be a combination of coursework and examined units across the two years
- Speak to your subject teachers to investigate how you can be successful in these courses

GCSE Grading

Top A** performers each year
(top 2%)

Top two thirds of students Grade 6

50-66% of Grade 5

Grade 9	Top Grade A**	
Grade 8	A*	Level 2 Distinction*
Grade 7	Equivalent to A	Level 2 Distinction
Grade 6	B	Level 2 Merit
Grade 5	Above a C	
Grade 4	Equivalent to C	Level 2 Pass
Grade 3	Equivalent to D	Level 1 Distinction
Grade 2	Equivalent to E	Level 1 Merit
Grade 1	Equivalent to F & G	Level 1 Pass



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Support through the process

Students can seek support in a variety of ways:

- Speak to their Form Tutor & Subject Teachers and discuss possible routes
- Speak to Ms Smikle our Assistant Principal for Personal Development- available at break and lunch for careers advice (office next to B127)
- Request a one to one appointment via your HoY with Mrs Lammin Deputy Principal (office next to B105)

How do I fill in the Option Form?

The MS Form will go live on Tuesday 31st January

4. Option A- Please select your first and second choice from option block A. Select one in each column only *

	First Choice	Second Choice
GCSE Spanish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
GCSE Urdu	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
GCSE Triple Science	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
GCSE Geography	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
GCSE History	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What if I miss the deadline to complete the form?

Mrs Lammin will arrange a 1-2-1 meeting to complete during the school day

What if I don't get my first choice?

We try our best to ensure that all students received their first choice, but if this subject is at capacity we will move to your second choice.

I do not know what subjects to pick?

Speak to Ms Smikle and Mrs Lammin or your subject teachers for support

How many GCSEs will I received at the end of Year 11?

1 GCSE per subject – triple science is worth 3 GCSEs and combined science worth 2

If I don't select triple science, I won't receive a science qualification.

Combined Science is a compulsory subject. All students will complete at least 2 GCSEs in science. Triple is designed for those that enjoy science and are considering completing at Post 16.



Options

2022-23

Do

- Select courses you are interested in
- Select a range of different courses so you have a broad base for Post 16 study
- Read the options booklet
- Discuss with parents/carers/ teachers/tutors/ HoY
- Think very carefully about the subjects you select. It is very difficult to change once the course have started

Don't

- Select a course simply because your friends have
- Do not drop a subject you may wish to study following Year 11
- Do not drop any subject you may require for a future career or course



Nottingham Academy Sixth Form

We offer **twenty-one** academic and vocational courses, ranging from Art to Urdu including A' Levels in all core curriculum areas English/Mathematics/Biology/Chemistry/Physics.

Results for our A 'Level students for 2022 were **exceptional**. Using *ALPS as a tool of analysis, Nottingham Academy was **graded '3'**, which places our results in the **top 25%** of schools and colleges in the UK National Database.

Why Choose Nottingham Academy Sixth Form?

- **100%** of our Sixth Form students left to attend university, training, or employment.
- Students are studying at a **wide variety of courses** in the UK and America, including:
 - **Biomedical Engineering** at Kings College London
 - **Equine and Veterinary Bioscience** at Aberystwyth University
 - **Global Affairs & Politics** at The University of Derby
 - **Nursing** at The University of Nottingham.
 - **Psychology** at The University of Leicester.
 - Students who were part of our **Elite Basketball Programme** are studying at University colleges in Florida, San Diego and New York.

- **Expert teachers** who are passionate about their subjects and their students, and are specialists in what they teach
- Outstanding **pastoral support** from a team you know, and who knows you.
- **High academic expectations**, with rigorous, regular assessments.
- High quality **personal development** programme.
- A **Futures** program that helps you get to exactly where you want to go.
- **Opportunities** for growth and leadership in an amazing community.
- **We care about you.**