



Year 9  
GCSE Options  
2018

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## Introduction from the Deputy Head teacher and your Head of Year

Dear students,

Just over eleven years have elapsed since you started compulsory education and you are finally getting the opportunity to choose your own pathway. It is an exciting time for you and the decisions you take over the coming weeks will start to shape your educational future and your career prospects. You will inevitably find yourself on different pathways to some of your friends and that is okay. The important thing is that you encourage each other to pursue subjects you are passionate about, those you are interested in learning more about and will help you reach your longer-term goals.

Although you will have built up strong working relationships with your teachers over your three years at Villiers, you should not choose a subject because you think they will be teaching you. Until we have collated all the options and put together the whole school timetable for September, we cannot guarantee who will be teaching you, so it is much more important you choose a subject based on your interest in the content or skills rather than your relationship with a particular teacher.

Finally, remember that all staff are happy to help you with your decisions from your form tutors, to heads of year and department to the Senior Leadership team and we are as excited about your next steps as you are.

I look forward to receiving your option choices and wish you the best of luck with your decision making.

Mr C Richards  
Deputy Head teacher

Dear students

You are now in an amazing position to take control of your future education and career by choosing what subjects **you** would like to take on and study further. It is a process where the decision you make will impact on what you will be able to do and study after your GCSE's.

When making your choices I would encourage you to be completely and utterly selfish and consider what subjects would be best for you and your future. You have your own individual likes and dislikes, and these are often completely different from your friends.

Don't choose a subject just because your friend is choosing it and you want to be in the same class as them - there is no guarantee this will happen.

Choose a subject because **you** like it and that you are interested in it, one that will help you with your future plans and ideas. Support your friends by encouraging them to do the same and getting them to think about where they want to be in the future.

Your future is now well and truly in your hands so choose wisely. Good luck with your decision making.

Mr Williams  
Head of Year



1. Read this top section before doing anything else.

### Year 9 – GCSE Initial Option Choices

Compulsory: English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Science (Double award)\* and R.E.  
 \*students may choose the triple award as an option.

All students will also study PSHEE and core PE as a non-examined subject in addition. Some students who are able to write and speak another language (not listed below) will be able to take an examination in this language. If you have the requisite skills in another language, please indicate this below.

Students who had an average of level 4 or more in their KS2 SATs are strongly advised to opt for a humanities subject (Geography or History) and a modern language (French, Panjabi, Spanish or Urdu) to facilitate their sixth form and university progression.

You must choose three options, however you are **not** guaranteed your first choice and will have an interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to confirm your option choices before these are timetabled.

**Column A** are your first choice options: tick three different subjects e.g. French, Geography & Music. In case these are full or unavailable, **column B** indicates your reserve choices: label your first reserve 1, your second reserve 2 and your third reserve 3. They need to be **different** to your choices in column A

e.g. 1) History, 2) Economics and 3) Art.

So you are saying that if you didn't get French in column A, History would be your first reserve choice, Economics would be your second reserve choice and if neither of those were available, you'd take Art.

A) First choice	✓	B) Reserve Choice	1,2,3
Triple Science		Triple Science	
Computer Science		Computer Science	
French		French	
Panjabi		Panjabi	
Spanish		Spanish	
Urdu		Urdu	
History		History	
Geography		Geography	
Classics		Classics	
Sociology		Sociology	
Psychology		Psychology	

3. Now choose your reserve subjects. These cannot be the same subjects as the first column. Your first preference = 1, second preference = 2 etc.

2. Now choose your first choice subjects with a tick

Citizenship		Citizenship	
Economics		Economics	
Statistics		Statistics	
Business Studies		Business	
Music		Music	
Drama		Drama	
P.E.		P.E.	
Design Technology - Textiles		Design Technology - Textiles	
Design Technology – Product Design		Design Technology – Product Design	
Design Technology – Graphic Design		Design Technology – Graphic Design	
Food		Food	
Art		Art	
Photography		Photography	
BTEC Business Studies		BTEC Business Studies	
BTEC Creative Media		BTEC Creative Media	
BTEC Health and Social Care		BTEC Health and Social Care	
BTEC P.E.		BTEC P.E.	
OCR ICT Level 2		OCR ICT Level 2	

I confirm that I can write and speak in another language (please specify)  \_\_\_\_\_

Parental signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Confirming you have discussed your child's choice with them)

*You must return your options form to your form tutor by **30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**. Your form tutor will collate all forms and return to Mr C Richards.*

5. Now get a parent or carer to sign the form to confirm that they have discussed this with you and approve.

4. If you can speak another language, tick the box and sign to say that you can write AND speak it.

6. Finally, return your form to your form tutor by 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

## Options Timeline

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Done</b>
Sept '17 – ongoing	Individual Careers Interviews	✓
10 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	General Options assembly	✓
16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Options Assemblies (Subject specific)	✓
19th January 2018	Receive options booklet & initial option choice form	✓
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Options evening with parents.	
30 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Deadline for initial options form to form tutors	
W.C. 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Individual option interviews with HoY & SLT & completion of final option choice form.	
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Year 9 Parents' evening & confirmation of option choices.	

## **Subject Options**

Art  
Business Studies BTEC  
Business Studies GCSE  
Citizenship  
Classical Civilisation  
Computer Science  
Creative Media BTEC  
Drama  
Economics  
Food Preparation and Nutrition  
French  
Geography  
Graphic Products  
Hindi  
History  
Health and Social Care  
Information Technology OCR Level 2  
Music  
Punjabi  
Product Design  
Physical Education BTEC  
Physical Education GCSE  
Photography  
Psychology  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Statistics  
Triple Science  
Textile Technology  
Urdu