

BAYSIDE  SCHOOL

YEAR 9 OPTIONS

2023

What's the point?

- To explain the ***Options Programme***.
- To offer you the information you need to help you make good, ***informed*** choices.
- To give you the opportunity to ask questions.

The Options Process

- Work during PSHE,
- Subject information,
- Reports from subject teachers,
- Information from teachers,
- Information from senior staff (*if needed*),
- Information from parents (*if needed*).

Choosing ...

... the correct option choices for



YOU!

Which means ...

... a few changes in September.

You should choose a combination of subjects that allows ***success***.

What do we mean by success?

We want you to be ...

- happy, but ***appropriately-challenged***,
- able to focus on ***core subjects***,
- studying subjects you ***enjoy***,
- achieving the best results possible ***FOR YOU!***

So, what do you study?

| | | | |
|------------|-----------------------|---|------------|
| compulsory | English (literature*) | 4 | compulsory |
| | Mathematics | 4 | |
| | Combined science | 7 | |
| | Spanish | 2 | |
| | Core PE | 2 | |
| | Religious education | 1 | |
| | PSHE | 1 | |

**English literature ...*

... is **not** a separate option, it is studied within GCSE English lessons.

As many students as possible will do language **and** literature, but this will depend on ability and potential.

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So, what courses do you follow?

Compulsory: English, mathematics,
combined science, Spanish,
core PE, RE, PSHE

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The other 9 lessons are for ***THREE*** options.

Option subjects

Art, Craft & Design: Fine Art

Business Studies

Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (CoPE)

Child Development

Computer Science

Construction and the Built Environment

Dance

Design and Craft: Fashion Wear

Design Technology

Digital Technologies

Drama

Food Preparation and Nutrition

French

Geography

Hair and Beauty

History

Music

Physical Education

Religious Studies

Separate (triple) Science

Sociology

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RED = GCSE

GCSE courses

These are the ‘traditional’ courses which have always been offered in schools.

They are assessed through ^{grades 9-1} examinations in Year 11 and some have NEAs too.

Non-Examination Assessment



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Science

GREEN = VOCATIONAL

Vocational subjects

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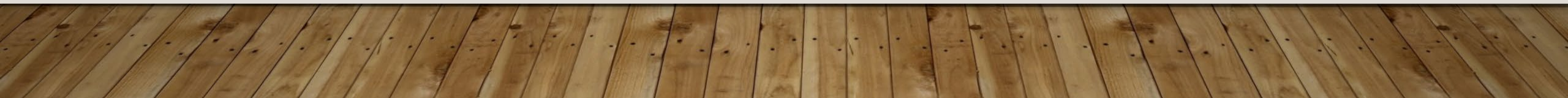
Digital Technologies

Hair and Beauty

Construction and the Built Environment

Design and Craft: Fashion Wear

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Vocational subjects

These subjects are *vocational* alternatives to the traditional GCSE courses ...

... but, with the exception of CoPE, they are *NOT* aimed at less-academic students.

Vocational subjects

They are all *very academic* in nature and are **NOT** apprenticeships.

They have a *lot* of theory and end-of-course exams in Year 11.

Vocational subjects

They are not graded like GCSEs.
~~grades 9-1~~

They are offered at Level 1 and Level 2.

Level 1 and 2 equivalence

Level 1 is ***equivalent*** to Grades 1-3 at GCSE.

Level 2 is ***equivalent*** to Grades 4-9 at GCSE

For CoPE

- Level 1 is ***equivalent*** to Grade 2/3 at GCSE
- Level 2 is ***equivalent*** to Grade 5/6 at GCSE

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Alternatives

We will provide alternative routes in ***some*** subjects for those of you who may struggle with a full GCSE/vocational package.

This will be discussed on an individual basis when you have indicated the subject areas you are interested in.

Informed decisions

- Ask your teachers,
- Subject information, **Google Classroom**
- Look through Year 10 textbooks, 
- Go to the “*Year 9 Information Page*”,
- School website www.baysideschoolgibraltar.gi

Making choices

Once you have done your research ***you*** need to make choices.

You need to complete the ***Options Form.***

check the “*Year 9 Information Page*”

Remember ...

... the choice is yours!



Making choices

DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH

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