

Options



THE ROAD AHEAD

YOUR PERSONAL PATHWAY THROUGH KEY STAGE FOUR

Key Dates

Thursday
November 18th 2021

Student Options Assembly

Fortnight starting
24th Jan 2022

Individual student appointment with tutor, head of year or selected member of staff

Wednesday
March 9th 2022

Options Evening

**Thursday
March 10th 2022**

First day that an Options form can be handed in

**Friday
March 25th 2022**

Deadline for handing in Options form

Your Qualifications after Langtree

1: Maths GCSE

2: English Language GCSE

3: English Literature GCSE

4&5: Science GCSEs

6: Ethics GCSE

+ 4 OPTIONS



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Energetic and knowledgeable retail assistant with 2+ years of experience in the fashion trade. Dedicated to maintaining up-to-date knowledge of trends and product offerings to meet customer requirements and boost sales figures. Seeking to expand my knowledge of high-end fashion with a sales assistant role at JTG Oxford Street.

Experience

2018-01 - present **Sales Assistant**

Watch Me Work, Chelsea

- Assisted with creating outstanding visual displays and processing customer payment at an independent boutique with £2m+ annual revenue.
- Led on busy weekend opening and closing duties and took responsibility for twice weekly banking of cash takings.
- Maintained an outstanding record of sales figures, never failing to meet targets and regularly exceeding them by 20% plus.
- Processed all online payments within agreed service levels and worked with couriers to ensure maximum compliance with delivery times.
- Trained new sales assistants, ensuring they had detailed knowledge of product offering, procedures and customer service to offer a superior customer experience.

Education

2018-09 - 2021-06 **BA English Literature**

University of Roehampton

2016-09 - 2018-06 **A-levels: Biology (A), English Literature (A), German (A)**

Weston College, London, UK

2014-09 - 2016-06 **9 GCSEs at grades A–B including Mathematics and English**

Sumner Park Comprehensive, London, UK

Skills

Visual merchandising: created regularly rotated shop floor displays of incoming lines and sales items

Product knowledge: maintained an encyclopedic knowledge of our current catalogue

POS Systems: confident with using POS systems including online payments and carrying out end of shift and end of month reconciliations

Customer service: offered a service appropriate to the customer's needs, taking a hands-off approach where necessary and offering more detailed help when needed

Teamwork: supported other team members by negotiating shift structures to help cover their needs and volunteering for extra work during seasonally busy periods

Languages

German



C1



What you need for college...



- If you have less than **8 Level Two qualifications** then you may not be able to do some college and university courses.
- There isn't much difference between having 8, 9 or 10.
- The main thing that colleges, sixth forms and universities will look at is the **quality** of your GCSEs (i.e. the grade) - not the quantity.

National Qualifications Framework

<https://www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/list-of-qualification-levels>



What level are our vocational qualifications?

Creative IMedia and Travel and Tourism:

→ GCSE Equivalent / Level 2

Prince's Trust and Sports Leadership:

→ Level 1 or 2 award

→ Not on performance tables (so may or may not count for some courses)

Other: (Materials Technology, Cooking for Life, Creative Art and Enterprise and Marketing)

→ No qualification

→ Portfolio of excellent work you can show to employers or in interviews.

Option subjects on offer:

GCSEs

- Art
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Physical Education
- Spanish
- Separate Science

Technical Awards - GCSE Equivalent

- Creative iMedia - (Level 2)
- Travel and Tourism (Level 2)

Technical Awards - Qualifications but not GCSE Equivalent

- Prince's Trust (Level 2 PDE)
- Sports Leadership (Level 1 Award, potential for Level 2)

School Based Awards - No formal qualification

- Materials Technology
- Creative Art
- Cooking for Life
- Enterprise and Marketing

You must choose either **History** or **Geography**.
(you can choose both)

We recommend choosing a language (French or Spanish).



How courses are assessed



100% Exams

Mix of Exams and Coursework

100% Coursework

History

Drama

Materials Technology

Business Studies

Music

Cooking for Life

Geography

Physical Education (PE)

Creative Art

French

Food & Nutrition

Sports Leadership

Spanish

Design Technology

Prince's Trust

Separate Sciences

Art

Enterprise and Marketing

Computer Science

IMedia

Travel & Tourism

All subjects contain a mix of activities.

Some involve more practical work and some involve more traditional classroom work.

How to choose

THINK:

- Subjects you are **good at**
- Subjects you **enjoy**
- Subjects that will help you with your preferred **future job/education**
- Subjects that **keep doors open**
- Listen to **advice**



Don't make mistakes:

- Don't choose because your friends are
- Don't choose because of a teacher (the teacher might change)
- Don't be pressured into something you don't want to do - *It's **your** choice*
- All the courses require hard work





BALANCE

Balance of qualifications

Balance of activities

Balance of things for your future and things you enjoy

How do you want your day to go?

What's going to give you the best chance of success?

Examples

English
Science
Maths
Business
Geography

English
IMedia
Maths
PE
History

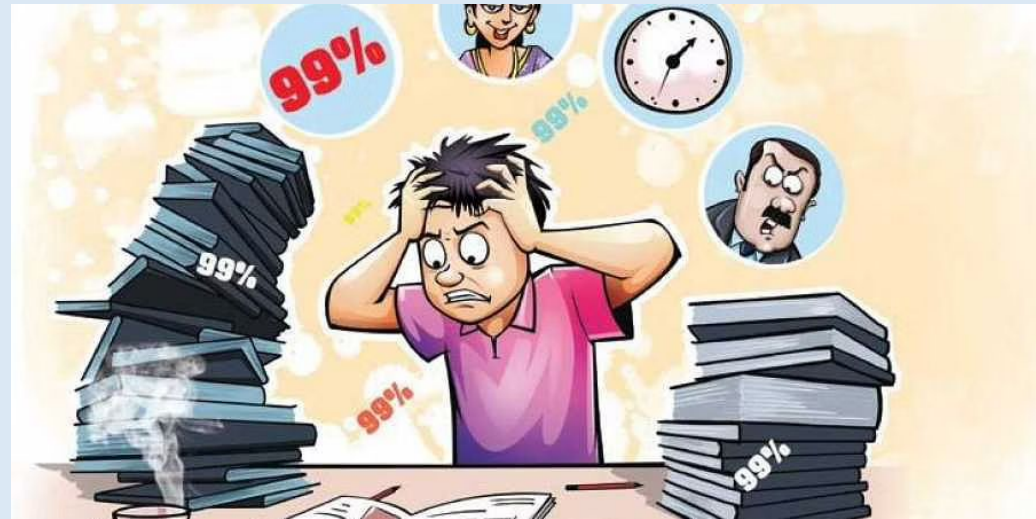
English
Cooking
Maths
Drama
Geography

What's going to give you the best chance of success?



Lots of attempts?

OR



Time and
breathing room?

It won't be the same for everyone

Options Guidance - Jim Example

Student tutor group: 9Ex

Compulsory subjects: Maths GCSE, English Language GCSE, English Literature GCSE, Double Award Science GCSE, Ethics GCSE and PE (not assessed)

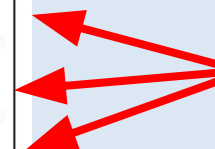
Within your 5 options choices we recommend you select:

Level 2	Vocational
3 to 5	0 to 2

Note: Some courses are both vocational and level 2.

After making your 5 selections, you should be able to tick these boxes:

Rule	Tick
At least three of my five choices are Level 2 courses	
No more than two of my choices are vocational courses	
At least one of my choices is either History or Geography	



You can see which courses are suitable for each selection in your options booklet.

We encourage you to discuss your choices with your parents and individual options mentor.

Your options appointment is at 11:00 on 1st January 2035 with Mrs Notarealname.

You can ask general questions to Mr Nonweiler (cnonweiler@langtreeschool.com) or Mrs Godfrey (agodfrey@langtreeschool.com)

To help you:

- Mrs Godfrey, Mr Nonweiler, Mr Bamford
- Your Tutor
- Your options appointment
- Older Students
- Family and Friends
- Subject Teachers
- The options booklet

The options form

Complete the Google Form using your langtreeschool.com email address.
The form goes out after options evening.

e.g.

Please tick all of the boxes to confirm... *

- I have read about the options in the options book
- I have watched Mr Nonweiler's presentation about options
- I have had my one-to-one appointment with a teacher and discussed my options choices
- I have spoken to my parents about my options choices
- One of my top 4 choices is either History or Geography
- I can tick the boxes on my "options guidance" sheet

Choice 1 (guarenteed subject) *

Drama (GCSE) ▼

Choice 2 *

Art (GCSE) ▼

Choice 3 *

History (GCSE) ▼

Example option blocks

(NOT THE REAL THING)

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
B Studies	Art	Computer Studies	B Studies
Drama	French	Geography	Geography
Food	German	History	History
Geography	Geography	IT	Music
Materials Technology	History	Resistant Materials	Separate Science
PE	Spanish	Prince's Trust	Creative Art
Enterprise	Travel & Tourism	Cooking For Life	Alternative Provision

Warning – subjects, even when they appear in option blocks are still not guaranteed to run. Subjects will only be taught if they have enough students opting for them to make them viable.

Will I get my choices?

- **We guarantee your 1st choice**
- You might not get the others

Last year:

- Roughly 90 out of 120 got their top 4 choices
- About 20 got 4 out of their 5 choices
- About 10 had to choose again as their choices did not fit

If you hand in your form late, or change your mind after handing in the form, you are much less likely to get your preferred choices

Can I change my mind?

- If you submit your form late, or ask to change it, you are less likely to get your choices as classes maybe full or certain lessons may become incompatible.
- If we are able to make a change for you, we will.
- If you start year 10 and find you hate a subject we might allow changes up to the end of September but there can be no changes after that.

Questions?

Email:

Mr Nonweiler (In charge of options process)

cnonweiler@langtreeschool.com

Mrs Godfrey (Head of Year 9, able to advise students)

agodfrey@langtreeschool.com

Subject Leads

Various emails - use a langtree school email account to look up the teacher or check the school website

18:00	Main Presentation
18:25	<i>changeover</i>
18:30	Subject Presentation
18:45	<i>changeover</i>
18:50	Subject Presentation
19:05	<i>changeover</i>
19:10	Subject Presentation
19:25	<i>changeover</i>
19:30	Subject Presentation
19:45	<i>changeover</i>
19:50	Subject Presentation