

Options - 2025



THE ROAD AHEAD

YOUR PERSONAL PATHWAY THROUGH KEY STAGE FOUR

Key Dates

~~November 2024~~

~~Student Options Assembly~~

~~January 2025~~

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

Wednesday 5th
March 2025

Options Evening

Thursday 6th March
2025

First day that an Options form can be handed in

Thursday 20th March
2025

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

(RE or Citizenship)

+ 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...



For most A-Levels:

**Grade 5
Maths**

+

**Grade 5
English**

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>



GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	BTEC
5	7	4	4	5	6	4	L2D

THIS IS BETTER ON AN APPLICATION ↑

GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE
5	5	4	4	5	4	4	3	1	5

What level are our vocational qualifications?

Creative IMedia and Travel and Tourism:

→ GCSE Equivalent / Level 2

Prince's Trust:

→ Level 1 or 2 award

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

Other: (Materials Technology, Cooking for Life & Sports Leadership)

→ No qualification

→ Portfolio of excellent work you can show to employers.

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

Level 2 Vocational Awards

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

Other Vocational Awards

- Prince's Trust
- Materials Technology
- Cooking for Life
- Sports Leadership

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)

Sports Leadership

French

Food & Nutrition

Prince's Trust

Spanish

Design Technology

Separate Sciences

Art

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

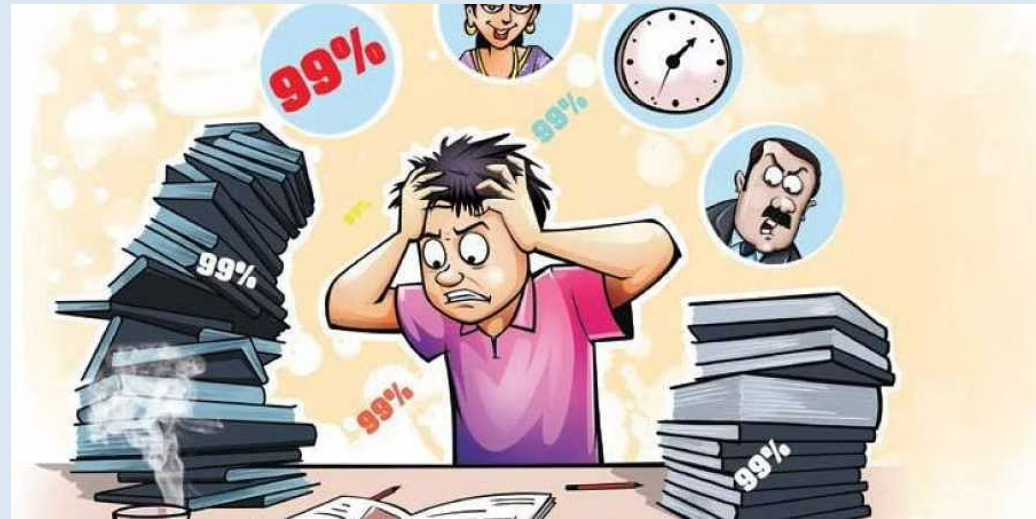
English
Cooking
Maths
Drama
Geography

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



Lots of chances to
get a high grade?

OR



Time and
breathing room?

It won't be the same for everyone

Example

Maths
English Language
English Literature
Science
Science
Religious Studies
Geography
Drama
Business Studies
Design Technology

OR

Maths
English Language
English Literature
Science
Science
Religious Studies
Geography
Drama
Business Studies
Materials Technology

Who will get the better **Maths** and **English** grade?

For some students, more attempts at GCSEs will help to secure more good grades.

For some students, having less exams at the end of year 11 will help them secure better grades in their examined subjects.

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)

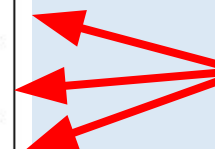
Within your 5 options choices we recommend you select:

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
No more than two of my choices are vocational courses	<input type="checkbox"/>
At least one of my choices is either History or Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>



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 Science	B Studies
Drama	French	Geography	Geography
Food	Prince's Trust	History	History
Geography	Geography	IMedia	Music
Materials Technology	History	Design Tech	Separate Science
PE	Spanish	Prince's Trust	Creative Art
Enterprise	Travel & Tourism	Cooking For Life	Computer Science

Warning – subjects are not guaranteed to run. Subjects will only be taught if they have enough students opting for them to make them viable.

*In this **example**, a student would not be able to take both IMedia and Cooking because they are in the same block, and not in any other block.*



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Option Blocks are decided **AFTER** students have submitted their form

- This means that we can make the **best option blocks possible**, that work for the highest number of students
- This means that the option blocks will be **a disappointment for some students**.
- Due to timetable constraints, **PE and Sports Leadership will be in the same option block**. Do not choose both subjects.
- There are no other subjects that I can predict ahead of the students completing their form.

Will I get my choices?

If two subjects clash, we will give you the one you have ranked highest. This means you are very likely to get your number 1 choice unless it is over-subscribed or under-subscribed.

This year (2025) Food & Cooking are looking likely to be over-subscribed. Some students will be disappointed.

In a typical year:

- Roughly 90 out of 120 get their top 4 choices
- About 20 get 4 out of their 5 choices
- About 10 have to choose again as their choices do 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