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Learning to make a  
difference together”

**Level 1 Plus: Futures**

# L1P Futures 2024

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# The Process, Guidance and Support

## Ms Maskell

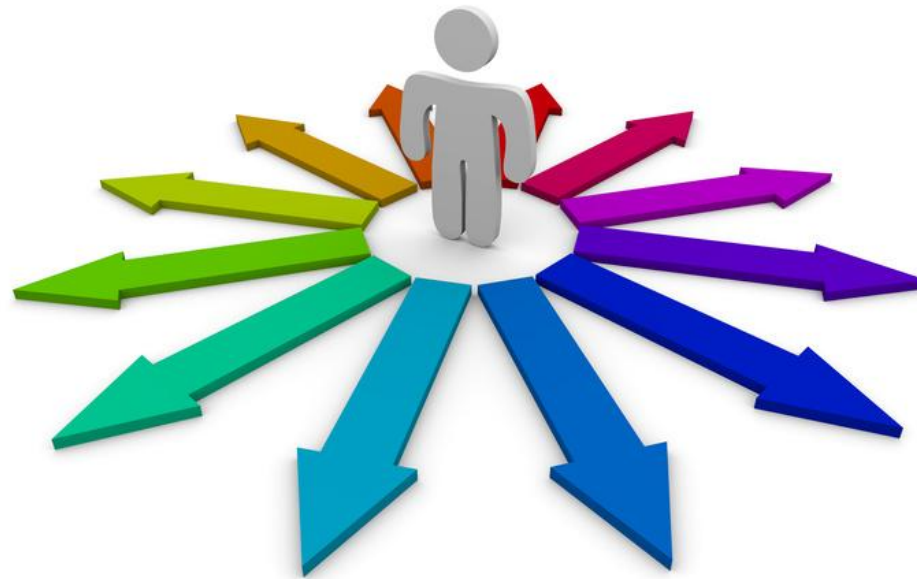
# What is the Futures Programme?

- Start students thinking about the choices that they have ahead of them
- Learn about the different options post KS3
- Explore careers and how to get on the right pathway
- Start to examine their interests, aptitudes and personal qualities
- Create excitement about the future and build aspiration

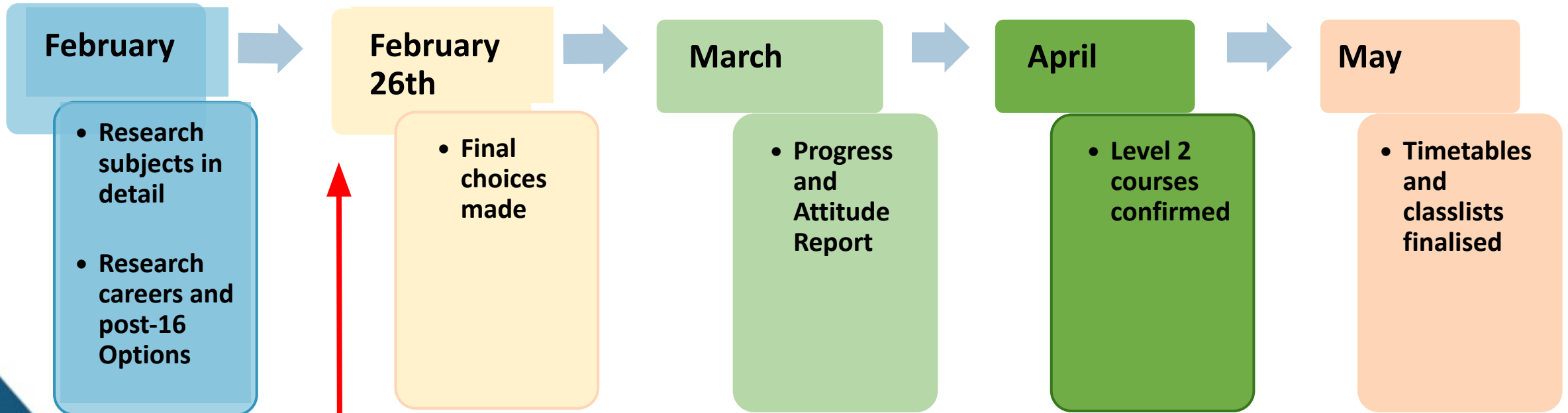


# Selecting KS4 Courses

- First time students can decide which non – core subjects to study.



# The Process



This date is correct. Please disregard the date in the printed copy of the information booklet.

# What courses do we offer?

## Ms Maskell



# What can you choose?

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# What are Cambridge Nationals

- They are challenging and well respected qualifications equivalent to GCSEs.
- Instead of being 100% exam, they feature coursework and internally assessed units which may suit some students better.
- They provide you with knowledge and highly sought-after skills.
- They provide access to A Levels and degree programmes in most colleges and universities.
- Faculty Leaders can help decide which is the best course for students to pursue.

## Cambridge Nationals

## GCSE (9-1)

### Level 2

Distinction\*

9

Distinction

8

7

Merit

6

5

Pass

4

### Level 1

Distinction

3

Merit

2

Pass

1

# Why do some subjects have two qualifications - GCSE or Cambridge National?



Computer Science & IT



Physical Education and Sports Science

80% coursework  
& 20% exam  
or  
100% Exam



Engineering

## Subjects with more than one course

- You **cannot** select two courses of the same or very similar subject as your main choices.
- You can select one as a main choice and one as a reserve though.
- E.g. You can select Cambridge National Engineering Design as a main choice and GCSE Engineering as a reserve choice. They cannot both be chosen as main choices.
- The same applies to the two PE courses, to GCSE Computer Science and Cam Nat IT, to GCSE Sociology and Cam Nat Health & Social Care, to Fine Art and Photography and to Economics and Business Studies.

# Will students get their first choices?

- 91% of students received all their main choices last year
- There will be some combinations that cannot work on the timetable
- A subject may have too many students so we use order of preference and student information from the course leaders to allocate places
- A student has to meet entry requirements for certain subjects
- **Students should list choices in order of preference**

# How do students make their choices?

## Mr Kothari





Invitation email from “[noreply@sims.co.uk](mailto:noreply@sims.co.uk)” sent to your Academy email address - click on “Accept Invitation”

Simply accept this invitation and register within 90 days.

**Accept Invitation**

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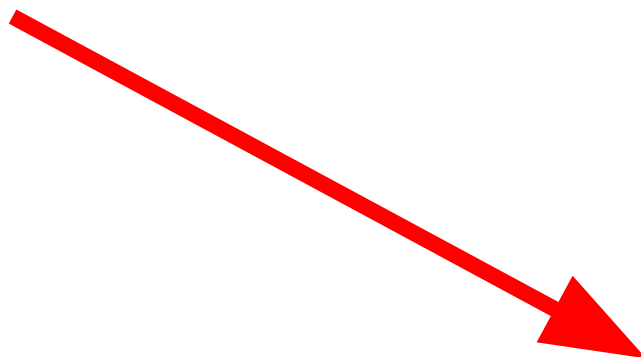
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You will need this invite code later on

# Click on “Register with an External Account”

Click here



**SIMS**

## Activate Your Account

So that we can confirm your identity, please enter your email address and personal invitation code.

Username

*Email address*

Invitation Code

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Next

Alternatively you may complete the registration using an External Account.

**Register with an External Account**

Secured by SIMS ID

ESS Hosted Services: [Check Service Status](#)



# Click on the Google icon

Click here

Register your account for SIMS products






Username  
*This is usually an email address*

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*Password*

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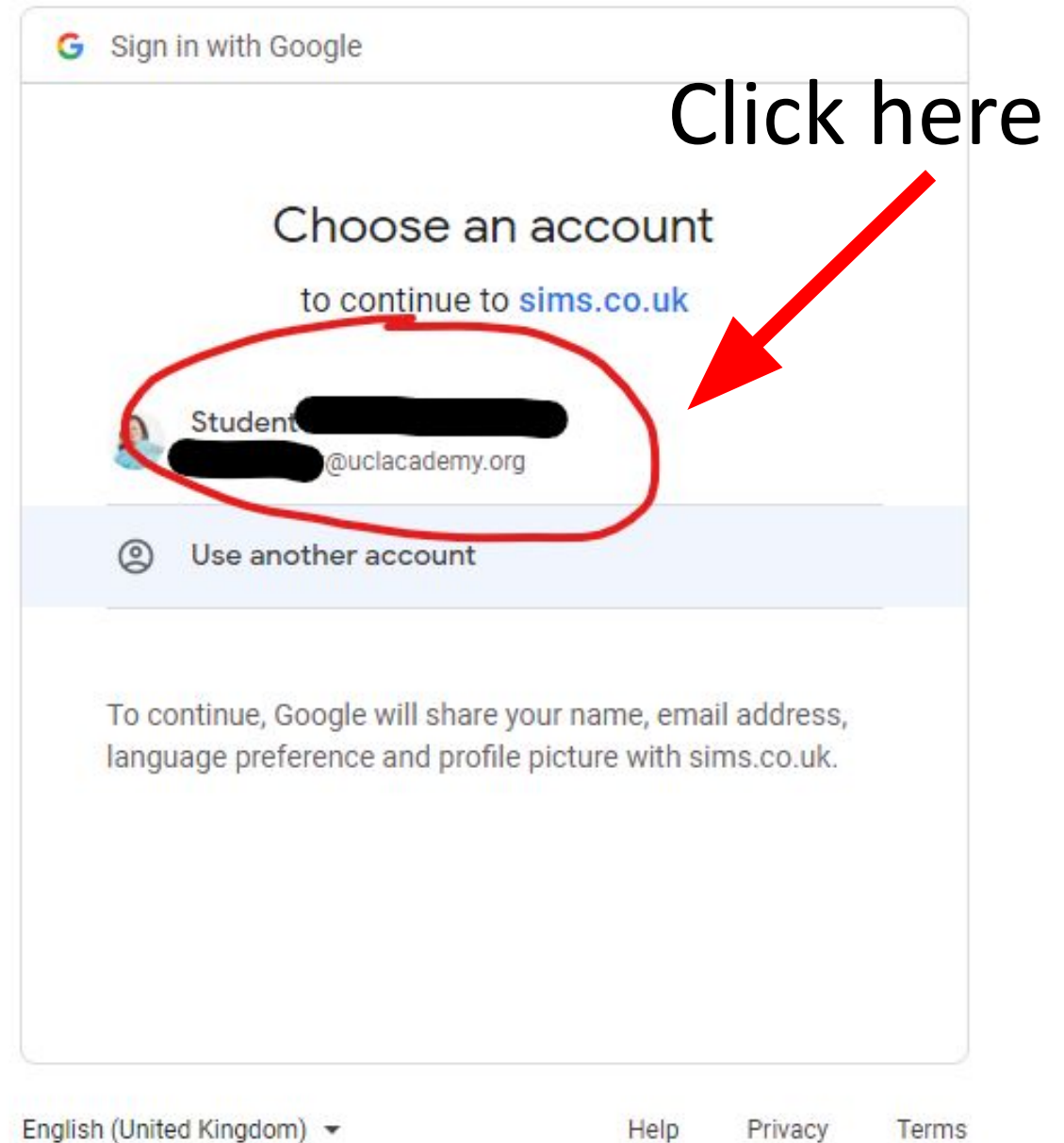
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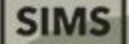
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# Type in the invite code from your invitation email



Registration

You will have received a new service invite code from either SIMS or from your school administrator.

Please enter the code below and tap or click Register.

Name  [\(not you?\)](#)

Signed in with

**Invitation Code**

# Type in your date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

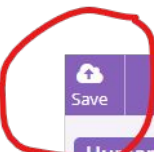


## Registration - Answer Security Questions

You are required to provide a second piece of information to confirm your identity.

**What is your date of birth? (dd/mm/yyyy)**

Verify



**Humanities and Arts**  
You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

<b>Art</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Open Choice</small>	<b>Business Studies</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Open Choice</small>	<b>Drama</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Open Choice</small>
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<b>Religious Studies</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Open Choice</small>		

**Open Choice**  
Select 2 courses and 2 reserves. Make sure these are in order of preference.

You have chosen 0 of 2 courses and 0 of 2 reserves from this list

<b>Art</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Humanities and Arts</small>	<b>Business Studies</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Humanities and Arts</small>	<b>Computer Science</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
<b>Core Plus</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in MFL</small>	<b>Drama</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Humanities and Arts</small>	<b>Economics</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
<b>Engineering GCSE</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	<b>Engineering Cambridge Nat</b>	<b>Food Technology</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

**My Choices in Order of Preference** (Total Choices: 0)  
To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.  
No courses selected.

**My Reserves in Order of Preference** (Total Reserves: 0)  
To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.  
No reserves selected.

Choose 1 from here

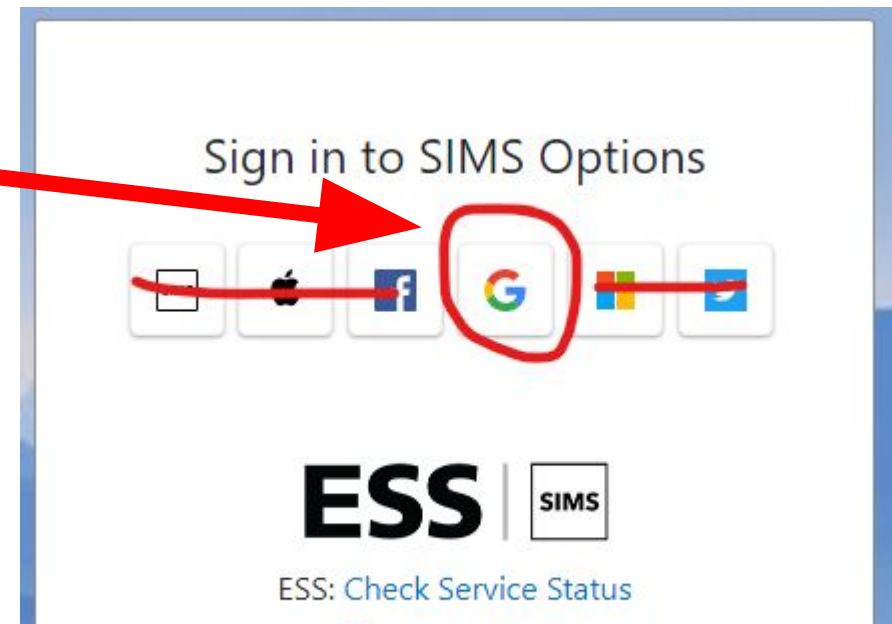
Choose 2 from here.  
Then choose 2 reserves  
from here, all in order  
of preference.

Save, save, save!!

To log back in, go to

<https://www.sims-options.co.uk>

Click on the Google icon  
and log in using your  
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# What are Core Subjects? How is Level 2 Different?

**Ms Gruz**



# What are the core subjects?

- Maths
- English language
- English literature
- Science (Combined or Separate)
- Mandarin or German or Spanish
- Core PE
- PSHCE





# Can a student pick Separate Sciences?

No. The Faculty Leader for Science decides which students are able to achieve well doing the Separate Science qualifications

- Separate Science is high challenge
- Combined Science has increased significantly in challenge
- Both are excellent preparation for A Level
- Key assessments will determine a student's suitability for Separate Sciences at GCSE

# Can a student change the language?

- no, students must continue with the language they studied at KS3
- you can do community languages

# Guidance and Support

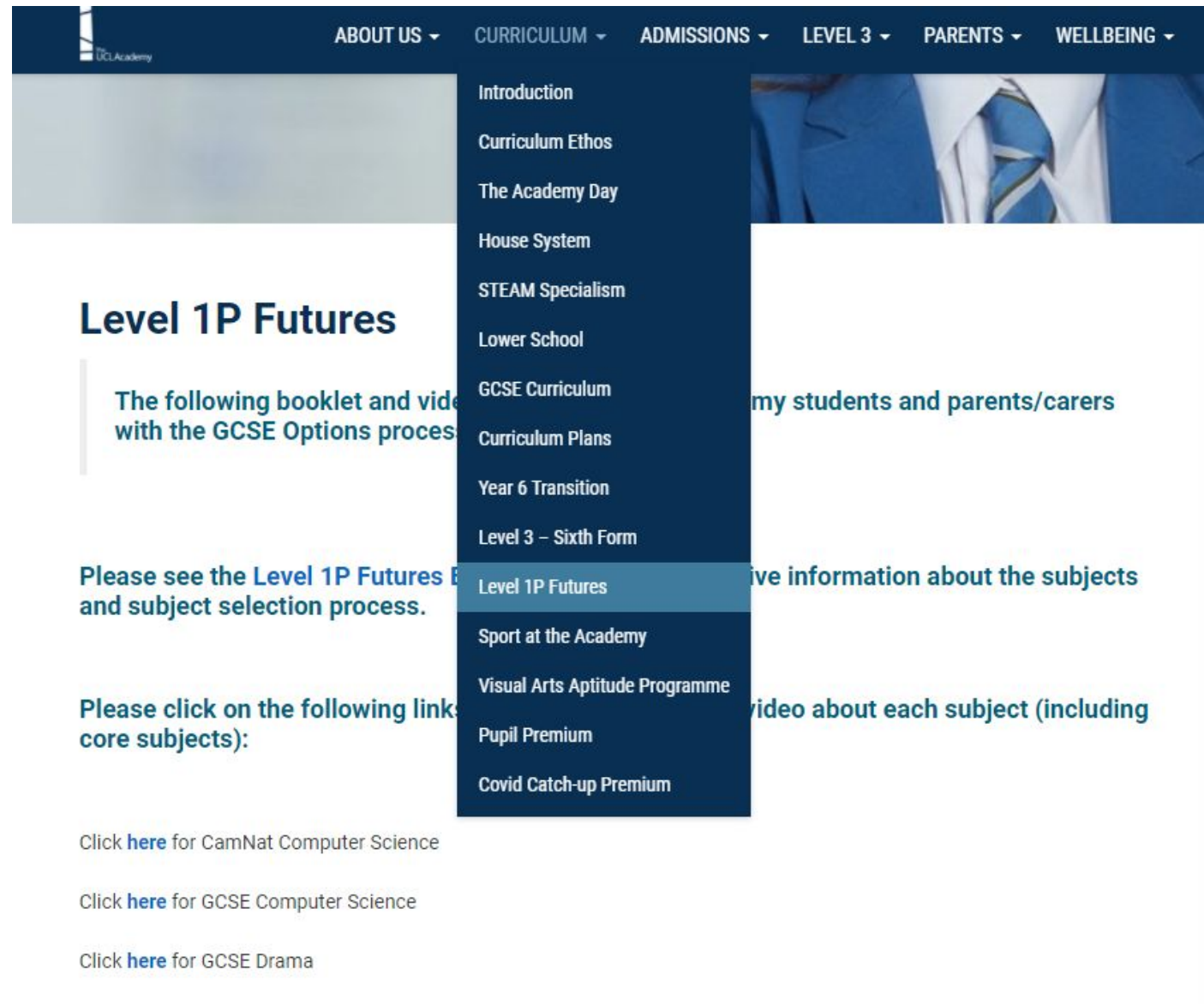
## Mr Asare

# Support for students and parents

- Futures booklet
- Personal guidance and careers meetings
- Tutor time activities around options and what different careers require



# L1P Futures section on website



The screenshot shows the website of The UCL Academy. The top navigation bar includes links for ABOUT US, CURRICULUM, ADMISSIONS, LEVEL 3, PARENTS, and WELLBEING. The CURRICULUM dropdown menu is open, displaying a list of options: Introduction, Curriculum Ethos, The Academy Day, House System, STEAM Specialism, Lower School, GCSE Curriculum, Curriculum Plans, Year 6 Transition, Level 3 – Sixth Form, Level 1P Futures (highlighted), Sport at the Academy, Visual Arts Aptitude Programme, Pupil Premium, and Covid Catch-up Premium.

**Level 1P Futures**

The following booklet and video are available to help you with the GCSE Options process.

Please see the [Level 1P Futures booklet](#) and subject selection process.

Please click on the following links for more information about the subjects (including core subjects):

- Click [here](#) for CamNat Computer Science
- Click [here](#) for GCSE Computer Science
- Click [here](#) for GCSE Drama

The UCL Academy logo is visible in the bottom left corner.

# How can you help your child decide?

- What subjects do they want to study and what do they enjoy?
- What do they have an aptitude for? Grades determine next stage.
- Make sure they are not choosing the same options as their friends.
- All subjects are valued and a balanced set of qualifications is best
- Discuss their ideas about their career/future and watch the subject videos so you know what each course involves.
- Make sure they are talking to staff

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