



“ Learning to make a difference together ”

**Level 1 Plus: Futures
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L1P Futures 2025

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The Process and KS4 Programme

What is the Futures Programme?

- Start students thinking about the choices that they have ahead of them
- Learn about the different options post Key Stage Three
- 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.



What can
I choose?

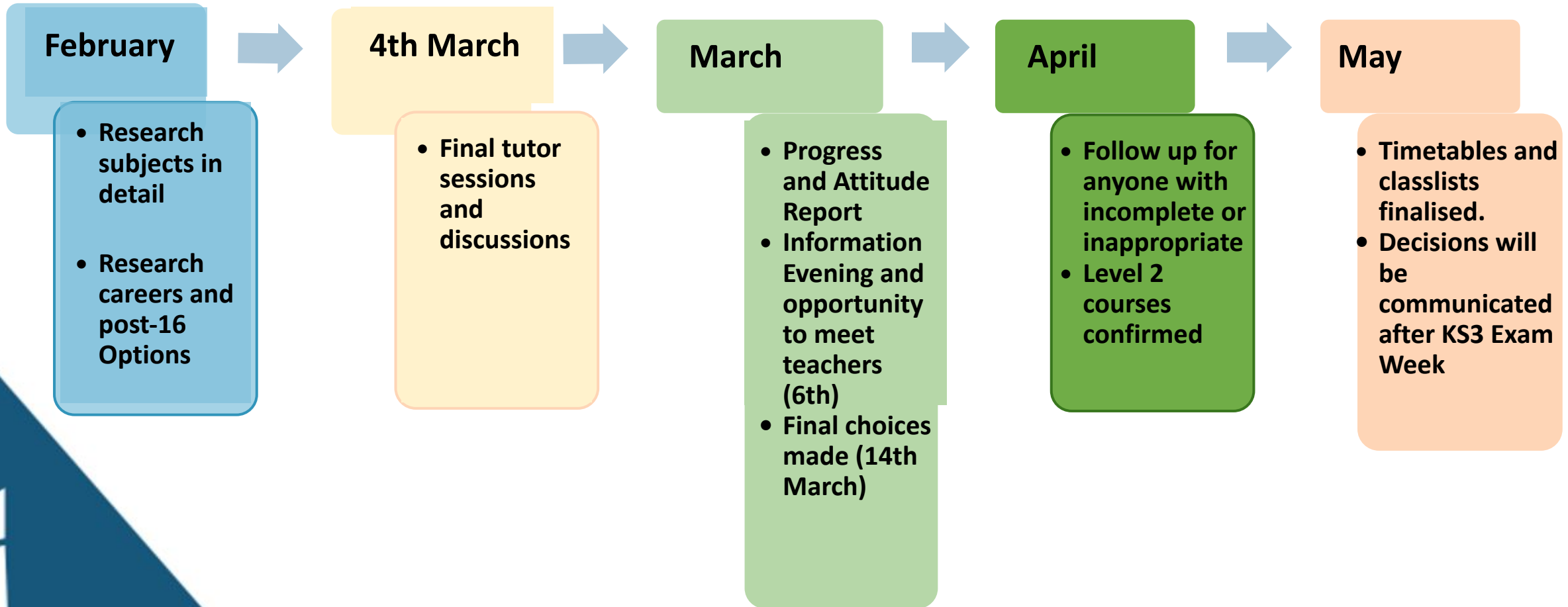
When
do I
choose?

How do I
choose?

How do I
make up
my mind?

Who will
help me?

The Process



What is Key Stage 4 like?

- You have 6 English lessons.
- You have 6 Science Lessons.
- You have 5 Maths lessons.
- You have 2 Core PE lessons.
- You have 1 PHSCE lesson.
- The rest is Options: 12 lessons a week are Options lessons (3 per subject)



What courses do we offer?



What can you choose?

1 from Option 1	+ 3 other subjects + 2 reserves	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GCSE History ● GCSE Geography ● GCSE MFL (German, Spanish or Mandarin) ● GCSE Art ● GCSE Drama 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GCSE History ● GCSE Geography ● GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition ● GCSE Physical Education ● Cambridge National Health and Social Care ● GCSE Economics ● GCSE Business Studies ● GCSE Engineering ● GCSE Design & Technology ● GCSE MFL (German, Spanish, or Mandarin) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GCSE Art ● GCSE Photography ● GCSE Drama ● GCSE Music ● GCSE Religious Studies ● GCSE Sociology ● GCSE Computer Science ● Level 2 ICT ● GCSE Psychology ● King's Trust Achieve Qualification

Subjects in red have entry requirements and not all students will be able to select these options

You must choose **ONE** of the following Subjects.

This is Option 1

- GCSE History
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE German
- GCSE Spanish
- GCSE Mandarin
- GCSE Art
- GCSE Drama

The you choose 3 from this list

This is Option 2:

+ 3 from the Open Choice list + 2 reserves

- GCSE History
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition
- GCSE Physical Education
- Cambridge National Health and Social Care
- **GCSE Economics**
- GCSE Business Studies
- **GCSE Engineering**
- GCSE Design & Technology
- GCSE MFL (German, Spanish or Mandarin)
- GCSE Art
- GCSE Photography
- GCSE Drama
- GCSE Music
- GCSE Religious Studies
- GCSE Sociology
- **GCSE Computer Science**
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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

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 GCSE Engineering as a main choice and GCSE Design & Technology as a reserve choice. They cannot both be chosen as main choices.
- The same applies to GCSE Economics and Business Studies.
- The same applies to GCSE Art and Photography.
- To maximise choices available Post 16 we recommend choosing a range of subjects from different disciplines.

Languages

- You can only select one language (German, Mandarin or Spanish) and that should be the one you are studying at the Academy now.
- You cannot select one of these languages if you are not studying it at the Academy now. If you want to discuss this, then please speak to the Faculty Leader for Languages, Mr Hillage.
- GCSE exams in community languages can be sat at the Academy. The Faculty Leader for Languages will advertise this to parents and students next Academic year.

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**
- We will always seek to give students their first choice (Option 1) and their second and third choice (Option 2).

How do students make their choices?



Invitation email from “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

After you register, this button will no longer work

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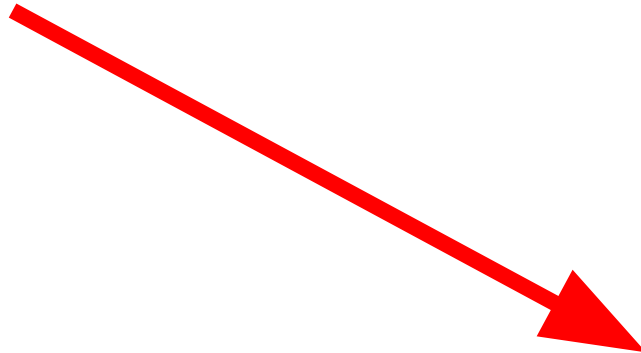
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Should you need to enter it, your personal invite code is: **C8HHPHP6DC**

You will need your invite code later on

Click on “Register with an External Account”

Click here



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

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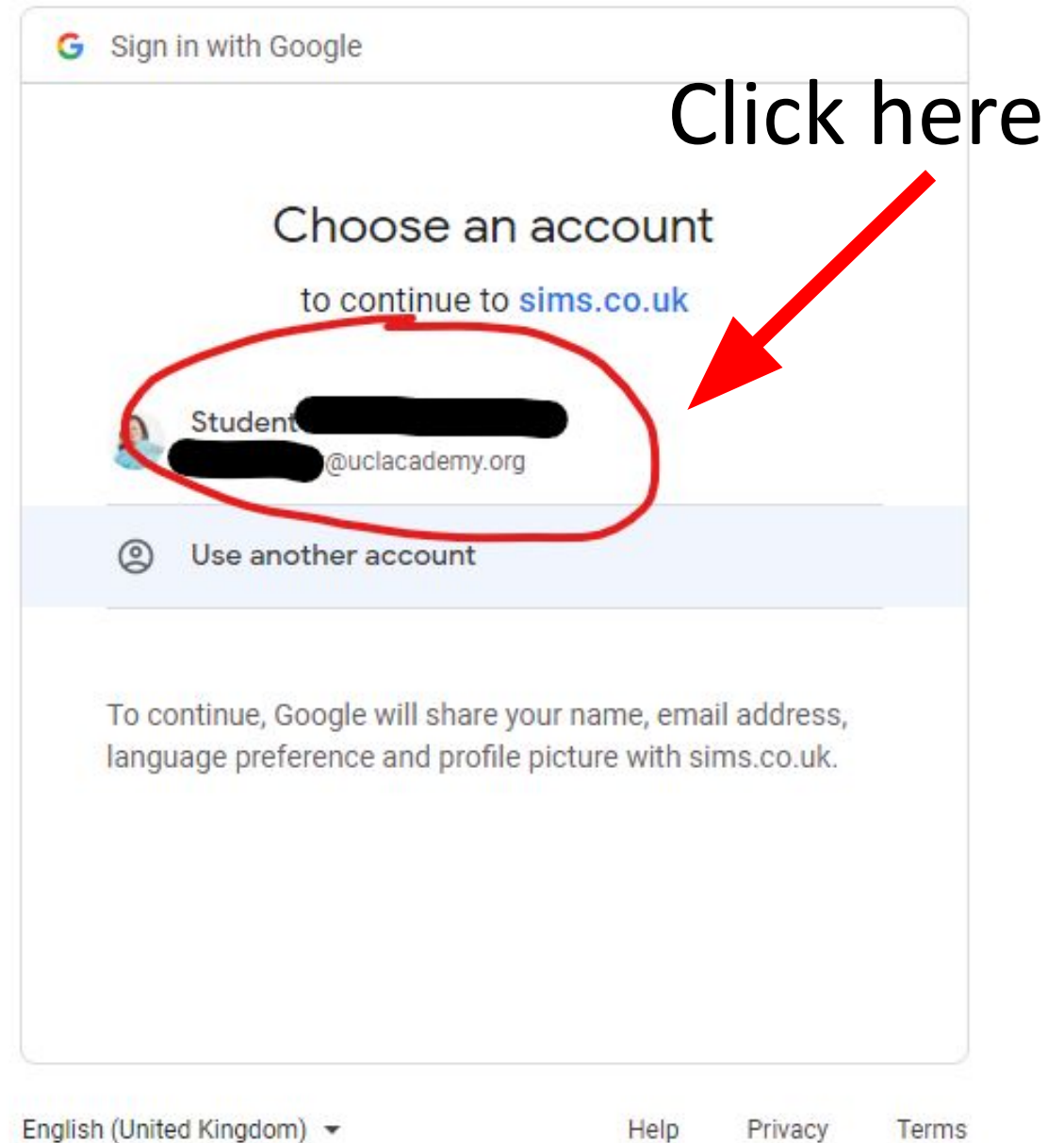
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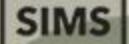
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Otherwise sign in with your Academy .org email address



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

Student Choices - Ezzat ABDELRAHMAN (003467)

Plan Status: Design

Next Student: Ridwan ABUBAKAR

Enrollment Number: 003467

Enrollment/Admission Status: Main

SEN Status: K

Pathway: Developing Maths

Option 1

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Open Choice</small>	Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Open Choice</small>	Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Open Choice</small>
German GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Open Choice</small>	Mandarin GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
Spanish 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 by clicking on the subject.

Open Choice

You have chosen 0 of 3 courses and 0 of 2 reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Option 1</small>	Business Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Digital Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Option 1</small>	Design and Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Food Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Option 1</small>	German GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Option 1</small>	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Option 1</small>
Health & Social Care GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Mandarin GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Option 1</small>	Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
PE GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Psychology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Religious Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
Sociology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Option 1</small>	

And choose 3 from here. Then choose 2 reserves from here by clicking on the reserve button next to the subject.

Option 1

You have chosen 1 of 1 ✓ courses from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course You have selected this course in Open Choice	Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course This course is also available in Open Choice	Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course You have selected this course in Open Choice
German GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course This course is also available in Open Choice	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course This course is also available in Open Choice	Mandarin GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course This course is also available in Open Choice
Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course This course is also available in Open Choice		

Open Choice

You have chosen 3 of 3 ✓ courses and 2 of 2 ✓ reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course This course is also available in Option 1	Business Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Digital Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course This course is also available in Option 1	Design and Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Food Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course This course is also available in Option 1	German GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course You have selected this course in Option 1	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course This course is also available in Option 1
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My Choices in Order of Preference (Total Choices: 4)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 German GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option 1
- 2 Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open Choice
- 3 Food Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open Choice
- 4 Sociology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open Choice

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 2)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open Choice
- 2 Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open Choice

A completed Options choice will look like this

Firm choices are blue

Reserve choices are orange

Save, save, save!!

Option 1

You have chosen 1 of 1 courses from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>You have selected this course in Open Choice</small>	Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Open Choice</small>	Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>You have selected this course in Open Choice</small>
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Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Open Choice</small>		

Open Choice

You have chosen 3 of 3 courses and 2 of 2 reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Option 1</small>	Business Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Digital Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Option 1</small>	Design and Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Food Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
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My Choices in Order of Preference

(Total Choices: 4)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- German**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option 1
- Art**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open Choice
- Food Technology**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open Choice
- Sociology**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open Choice

My Reserves in Order of Preference

(Total Reserves: 2)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- Geography**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open Choice
- Music**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open Choice

The order of your list is VERY important. We will prioritise 1st and 2nd choices

You can make your selection from the Option 1 list after you make any from the Open Choice list

Change your order by deselecting subjects and reselecting in the correct order

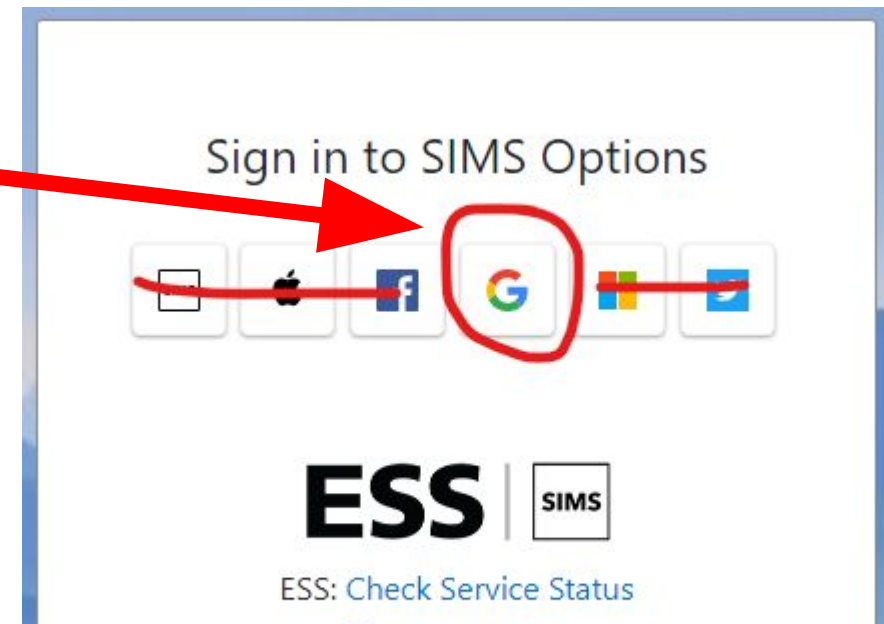
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It will not work!)

Click on the Google icon
and log in using your
Academy .org email
address.



Key Date 5: Friday 14th March

- Options Online closes for students.
- You will need to have made your choices.
- You will need to have checked your choices.
- You will need to have listed your options in order of preference.



The Core Subjects

What can you choose?

1 from Option 1	+ 3 other subjects + 2 reserves	
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What are the core subjects?

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



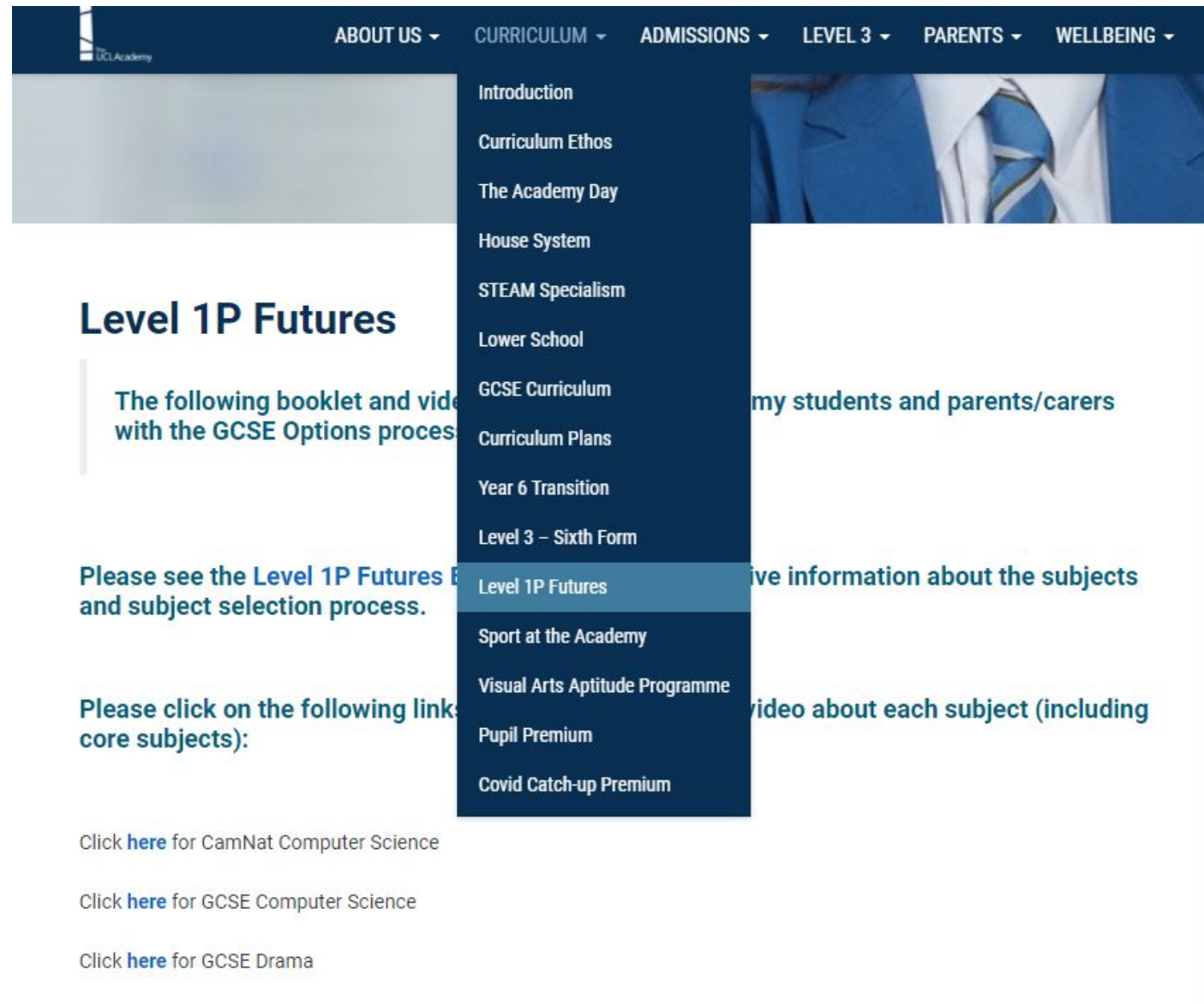
Can a student pick Separate Sciences?

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

Guidance and Support

L1P Futures section on website



The screenshot displays 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, showing 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.

The main content area features the heading "Level 1P Futures" and a text block stating: "The following booklet and video are available to help you with the GCSE Options process." Below this, it says: "Please see the Level 1P Futures booklet and subject selection process." and "Please click on the following links for more information about the subjects (including core subjects):".

At the bottom, there are three links: "Click [here](#) for CamNat Computer Science", "Click [here](#) for GCSE Computer Science", and "Click [here](#) for GCSE Drama".

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

Support for students and parents

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



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

Questions?

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