

**‘I just had a dream, self-belief and a huge work ethic’**

## Welcome to Year 9 Options Fair

- Mr Dixon - Making the Right Choice/Performance Measures
- Mr Rayleigh (Head of Careers) Advice and Guidance - Careers
- Mrs Ryan (Assistant Headteacher) - Key times and Decision Day/Information
- Ms Cathcart (Assistant Headteacher) - Being Prepared for GCSEs
- Visits to Subject Stalls



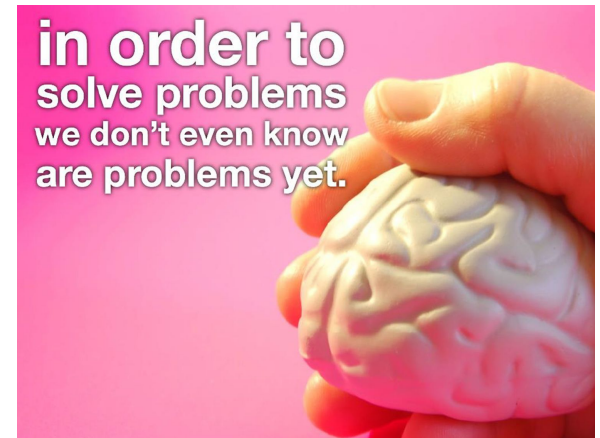
**Make an  
informed choice -  
for you!**

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## Mr Dixon - Making the Right Choice

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- Your children will have to remain in education or training until they are 18.
- Many students will be at least 22 years old before they embark upon a career.
- As adults, your children may change career multiple times during their adult lives and have 10-14 jobs by the age of 38.
- They may work to the age of 70+ before retirement.
- The days of a lifelong career with one company or within one industry have gone.

ACS ARE PREPARING YOUR CHILDREN FOR THIS!

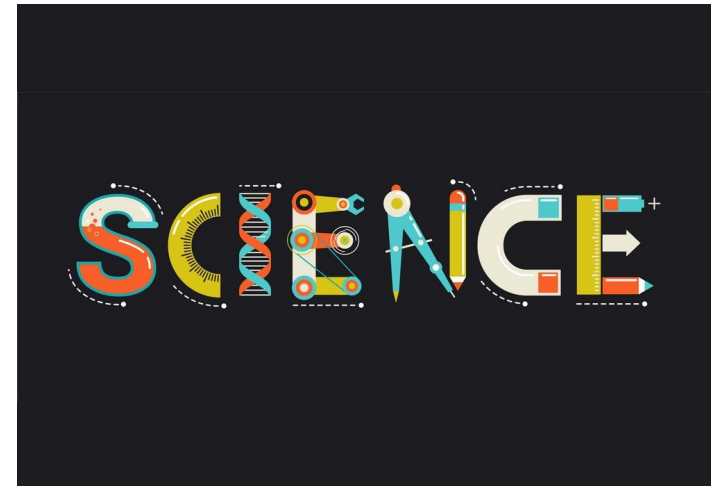
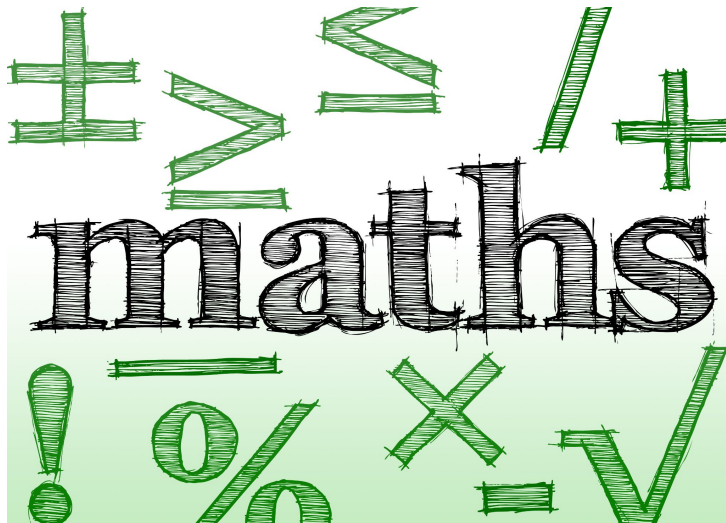
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# Compulsory subjects



## SPORTS & HEALTH



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## Option 1

You must choose either:

**Geography**

**and/or**

**History**



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# Choose 3 more Subjects .....and 2 Reserve Subjects

1. Art
2. Business
3. BTEC ICT
4. Computer Science
5. Drama
6. Food
7. French
8. Geography
9. Gujarati
10. Health & Social Care
11. History



12. BTEC Media
13. Music
14. BTEC PE
15. Product Design
16. Psychology
17. Religious Studies
18. Triple Science
19. Sociology
20. Spanish
21. Statistics
22. Textiles

**Optional** *adjective*  
available to be chosen

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# Universities want students who have the EBacc!

## English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

The subjects that make up the EBacc are:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Language
- History or Geography



**All students will choose History or Geography - remember you can choose both!**

**Most students will choose a language.**

To encourage a more rounded educational experience for all students the English Baccalaureate has been created to recognise those students, who succeed in achieving real breadth.

Department for Education

If you achieve **Grades 5 to 9** in the **EBacc subjects** you will receive an **EBacc Certificate**.

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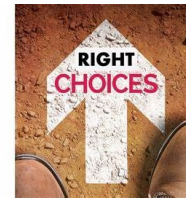
## Summary

- 1. Compulsory:**  
**English, Maths, Science, PE (games)**
- 2. Compulsory:**  
**History and/or Geography**
- 3. Three subject choices.....**
- 4. Languages are always a good choice:**  
**French and/or Spanish and/or Gujarati**





# Before Decision Day



## Do...

- **Read and** discuss the options available with your child.
- **Ask questions at the subject stalls.**
- **Research subjects and use the VIP Zone**
- Research the careers subjects can lead to.
- Ensure your child makes decisions based on **interests, strengths and enjoyment.**

## Remind your child not to...

- Choose because **they like the teacher.**
- Choose because **their friends are.**
- Choose because it **sounds good.**
- Not choose a subject because you **think it will be easy** (no such thing).



## Mr Rayleigh - Careers Advice and Guidance

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# Career Planning

Many of us don't know what we wish to do when we are 13 or 14 years old although, a few of us may have very clear ideas.

In Year 9, getting curious and exploring what is possible is probably the best thing you can do, to help yourself to develop some career ideas. You can do this in lots of different ways, from talking to people you know about their jobs and looking at different websites to help you explore your initial career ideas such as Unifrog. We also have a list of Career Quizzes, which can help develop your ideas:

<https://www.cxk.org/blog/career-quizzes>



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# Decision Making



## **Being good at subjects and/or enjoying them**

Take subjects you are good at and/or enjoy often means you will gain higher grades in these areas, increasing the range of options available to you at post-16. You may also have a more enjoyable time in school during your studies, thereby having a better quality of life and fewer concerns with regards to your mental health due to stress or worry.

## **Which 'build' skills you wish to develop**

Certain subjects are highly useful in developing transferable skills for the future, often being useful in more than one setting. For example, studying history allows you to learn about historical events but also enables you to develop your analytical, comprehension and essay skills; all of which are desirable in careers requiring these skills such as areas of law and business.



## **As a skill for life**

An alternative way to choose subjects, is to consider whether these are things you wish to take with you as a broader life skill or just for fun. For example, you may take Spanish because you plan to travel when you are older, rather than because you wish to work as a translator or within international business.

## **Career Foundation**

Lastly, you may choose a subject because it forms the foundation for a career, such as taking art for a career in architecture.

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## Summary



Your options may still feel a little bit daunting, but myself and our careers advisor, Mr Hussain, as well as your teachers are all here to support you if you have any questions or queries.

There is also a website called The National Careers Service helpline for teenagers: <https://www.gov.uk/careers-helpline-for-teenagers>

Your time at Alperton Community School are a whole series of transitions and transformations. Be curious and enjoy the discovery that comes with learning and taking your subjects further!

Good luck with your research and decision making.

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## Mrs Ryan - Key times and Decision Day/Information, Advice and Guidance

- ★ Ms Panchal is here to help with additional queries regarding students with English as an additional language
- ★ If you have any further queries, please go to E035 after visiting the subject stalls





Year 9 Options

Make an informed choice!



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- ACS Y9 Options webpage - a wealth of information!

Dedicated Year 9 Options Page



UPCOMING EVENTS

11 Year 10 Parents Evening

ACS TWEETS

Alperton CS

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we have put together the necessary the right choices for their future.

Below you can find some links to...

Year 9 Options - Parents

Year 9 Options - Making



#### SUBJECT NAME

Art	BTEC ICT	Business
Computing	Drama	English
Food Tech	French	Geography
Gujarati	Health & Social Care	History
Maths	Media	Psychology
Religious Studies	Science Combined	Science - Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Sociology	Spanish	Statistics
Sports & Health - BTEC PE	Textiles	

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**Form tutor**

**Internet research**

**Parents**

**Career Advisors**

**Subject  
teachers**



Your child should already  
know what they are  
choosing!

**Pastoral manager**

**Head of Year**

**Unifrog app**

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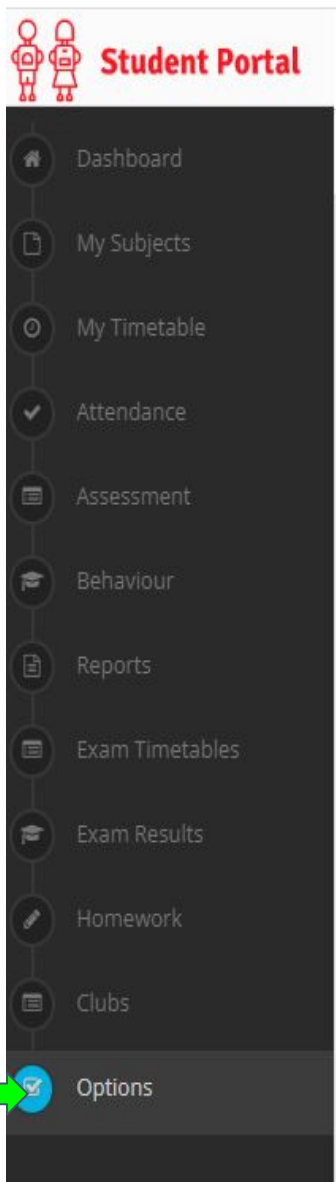
- The link will go live tomorrow!

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**STEP 1;**  
Login to  
student  
portal



**STEP 2;**  
Click on  
“Options”

**STEP 3;**  
Click on the subjects you  
have **chosen** & **Reserves**

<input type="radio"/> Art	<input type="radio"/> Reserved
<input type="radio"/> Biology	<input type="radio"/> Reserved
<input type="radio"/> Bus BTec Double	<input type="radio"/> Reserved
<input type="radio"/> Chemistry	<input type="radio"/> Reserved
<input type="radio"/> Economics	<input type="radio"/> Reserved
<input type="radio"/> Ethics	<input type="radio"/> Reserved
<input type="radio"/> Further Ma	<input type="radio"/> Reserved
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<input type="radio"/> English Literature	<input type="radio"/> Reserved
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Business Studies	<input type="radio"/> Reserved
<input type="radio"/> Health & Social Care	<input type="radio"/> Reserved

Choosing your  
Options -  
Student Portal

**STEP 4;**  
Click on either Geography or  
History

**LASTLY**  
Please **SUBMIT**



- You can view your child's choices, but cannot change them!

- Confirmation of option choices made in April
- Confirmation of final options in July
- No changes

A screenshot of the 'my child at school.com' login interface. The header features the logo 'my child at school.com' with a red checkmark. Below the logo is a blue button labeled 'PARENT LOGIN'. The login form includes three input fields: 'School ID' with a keypad icon, 'Username' with a person icon, and 'Password' with a lock icon. Below these fields is a checkbox labeled 'Remember School ID and Username'. To the right of the checkbox are two links: 'Forgotten Login Details?' and 'Redeem Invitation Code?'. At the bottom of the form is a large blue 'Login' button. The footer shows the version number 'v5.2021.8448.32505' and the text 'Powered by Bromcom'.

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## Ms Cathcart - Being Prepared for GCSEs



# Attendance is the Key to Success!

- ★ Great attendance leads to great achievement!
- ★ If your child has 90% attendance, this equates to your child missing  $\frac{1}{2}$  a school day each week.
- ★ Over a year this would mean your child would miss four weeks of school – at least 100 hours of their learning.
- ★ Research suggests that missing 17 school days a year results in students dropping at least one grade

**ACS expects all students to have at least 96% attendance.**

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# PUNCTUALITY



- Students should be at school by 8:20 AM
- They should be heading to their form class by 8:25 am
- Uniform is checked - if there is an issue, a note should be provided
- If students are not in form class at the beginning of form, they are marked as late
- A late detention will be given if necessary



# Reading at Home



The **more** that you read, the **more** things you will know. The **more** that you learn, the **more** places you'll go.

**Dr. Seuss**

Daily Quotes// talgroup.net

Makes a difference:

- Research shows that a child who reads/is read to for 5 minutes a day is exposed to around 400,000 words a year ...
- ...Increasing that to 21 minutes exposes them to 1,823,000 words a year.

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# APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

**13+**



Facebook



Snapchat



Instagram



Twitter



TikTok



Kik



YouNow



Yubo



House Party



Monkey

**16+**



WhatsApp

**17+**

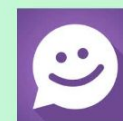


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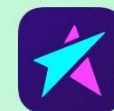


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**18+**



MeetMe



LiveMe



## Visits to Subject Stalls