



Year 9 Options 2021

You're guide to making the right choices



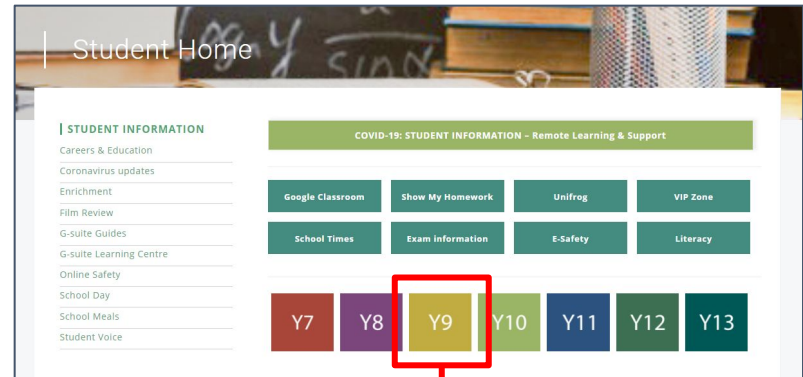
Year 9 Options | What you need to know

- **Important documents**
Where they are and what do I do?
- **Making informed choices**
Having all the info you need ...
- **Discussions and ask questions**
Teachers and taster lessons ...



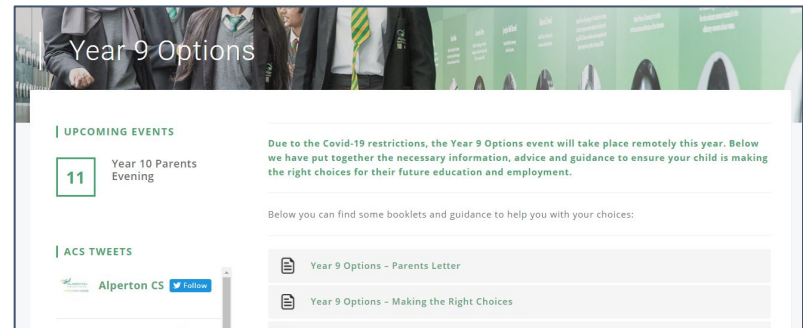
Year 9 Options | Important documents

- **Key dates** - when do you need to do things by?
- **Subject information** - what will I study in each subject?
- **Making your choices** - the online form for your Option choices.



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Year 9 Options | Making the right choice

Key questions to ask yourself ... and if you don't know finding out the answers.

- What are **you good at**?
- What are your **current levels of attainment**?
- Which **subjects do you enjoy** the most?
- Which **career interests** you?
- Which qualifications will you need for **college or university** (use Unifrog to help)?
- Are you good at **exams or coursework**?

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Do (it's **red and bold** so you take notice)

- **Read all the information** carefully and discuss the options available to you.
- **Ask your teachers questions** about the courses offered.
- **Research subjects** and the careers they lead to.
- Continue to **work hard in Year 9**.
- Make decisions based on your **interest, strengths and enjoyment**.

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Don't (it's **red and bold** so you take notice)

- Choose because **you like the teacher** (may be a different teacher in Year 10).
- Choose because **your friends are** (may be in different groups in Year 10).
- Choose because it **sounds good** – find out exactly what is involved (research)
- Don't choose a subject because you **think it will be easy** (no such thing).

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Year 9 Options | Where can I get help?

- **Form tutor** - you can ask questions each day.
- **Subject teachers** - you can ask questions in lessons.
- **Pastoral manager** - you can email with questions.
- **Career Advisors** - you can ask for information.
- **Parents** - ask for help and advice.
- **Internet research** - see links on the Year 9 Home.
- **Unifrog app** - log in and do some research.



Year 9 Options | What is EBacc?

English Baccalaureate (EBacc) is a combination of subjects which are a good foundation for choices for further study and/or future careers.

The subjects that make up the EBacc are:

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



Year 9 Options | What is EBacc?

English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

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

However, to ensure that all students have a broad and balanced curriculum from Year 10 :

- We expect **all students** to study either History or Geography (or both).
- We expect **most students** to study a language.



Year 9 Options | Compulsory subjects

You will continue to study the following subjects - these are not optional ...

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Core Sport & Health

Compulsory *adjective*
required by law; obligatory.

(Oxford English Dictionary)

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Year 9 Options | Optional 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. BTEC Music
14. BTEC PE
15. Psychology
16. Religious Studies
17. Triple Science
18. Sociology
19. Spanish
20. Statistics
21. Textiles

Optional *adjective*
available to be chosen

(Oxford English Dictionary)

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Year 9 Options | Optional subjects

How do I find out about what each subject is all about and what I will learn?

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, C
Sociology	Spanish	Statistics
Sports & Health – BTEC PE	Textiles	

KS4 GCSE Sociology

Course Specifications

Exam board: AQA

Course type: GCSE

Course Description

Sociology is exciting, interesting and relevant to students' lives! How we are influenced by society, controversial social issues within society, and how society might change in the future are examined. You will develop an excellent critical knowledge and understanding of this society, and the interactions between different social and cultural groups within society.

You will learn about society through a range of different topics:

During year 10, you will be introduced to the subject focus of Sociology and sociological theories, concepts and research methods used to study and analyse society; examine the

Click on a subject to see
the full curriculum info ...

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Year 9 Options | Optional subjects

What about subjects I have not taken in Year 9?

Over the 4 week options period we will be running taster lessons in the following subjects:

- Business
- Health & Social Care
- Psychology
- Sociology

Taster sessions will be w/c 15th March now that you are in school...

The detailed information is available to see on your Options Page.

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Year 9 Options | Timeline

Your 4 week timeline to option choices:

Week 1 : Start of options w/c 22nd February

Information published on your Year 9 Options page for you to look at and do some research into the subjects you want to take.

Week 2 : Options advice w/c 1st March

Information, advice and guidance on selecting your options. Making an informed choice.

Week 3 : Careers week w/c 8th March

A look at careers and career paths. Using Unifrog and looking at your career choices and options.

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Your 4 week timeline to option choices:

Week 4 : Decision week w/c 15th March

During this week you will be able to submit your final option choices. This will be online and will go live on Monday 15th March.

Deadline for your option choices is:

Friday 19th March

If you miss the deadline you may not be able to get the options you have chosen.

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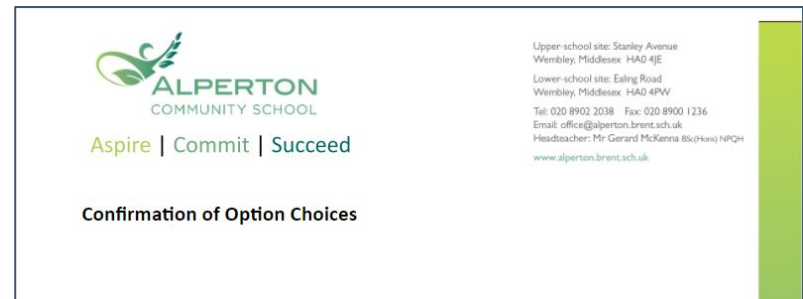


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Confirmation of option choices ...

Once we have received and sorted everyone's option choices then you will receive a letter confirming which options you have been allocated.

You will receive your letter in **late June / early July.**



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Year 9 Options | Next steps for you...

Ask your teacher about options in their subject.

Sign-up for the taster lessons.

Do your research - find out about what you want to do and what subjects you should / could choose.

Take part in all the online activities leading up to Decision Week.

Keep to the deadline of **Friday 19th March**

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