

Shirebrook Academy Y9 Options 2022



What are options?

In Y10 and 11 you will study a set of qualifications

ALL study the Core subjects -

- GCSE English Language/ English Literature – 5 lessons per week
- GCSE Maths – 4 lessons per week in Y10 and 5 in Y11
- GCSE Combined Science - 6 lessons per week
- Core PE – 2 lessons per week – no qualification
- Personal Development – 1 lesson per week in Y10 – no qualification

In addition you will choose UP TO 4 additional GCSE or Vocational qualifications – these are your option choices.

You will have 3 lessons of each option subject per week.

Options at Shirebrook Academy

There are 3 distinct pathways for Options at Shirebrook -

Navy pathway (Ebacc)

Blue pathway (Core)

White pathway (Foundation Learning)

You will be guided onto the pathway most appropriate for you

English Baccalaureate 'award'

- Ebacc stands for English Baccalaureate.
- A broad & balanced range of Ebacc subjects allows more flexibility for future pathways.
- Ebacc subjects help to develop better critical thinking & writing skills.
- The Ebacc is awarded only to students who have studied all 5 of the following:
 - English Language & Literature
 - Mathematics
 - Science – Combined or Triple
 - 1 or more Humanities subject – History or Geography
 - 1 or more Modern Foreign Language – French or Spanish

Which pathway?

Navy pathway (Ebacc)

Suited to you if you have mainly been studying 2 languages in Year 9,
Essentially MfL set 1.

Blue pathway (Core)

Suited to you if you have been studying 2 or 1 languages in Year 9,
Essentially MfL sets 2 & 3.

White pathway (Foundation Learning)

Suited to you if you need a more personalised approach and will benefit from
additional support in English & Maths

Subjects Overview

Option subjects on offer in 2022 at Shirebrook are:

GCSEs

ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN

DT: PAPERS AND BOARDS

DRAMA

FRENCH

HISTORY

PHOTOGRAPHY

SEPARATE SCIENCES (*eligible students only*)

DT: TEXTILES DESIGN

COMPUTER SCIENCE

DT: TIMBERS

DT: FOOD PREPARATION & NUTRITION

GEOGRAPHY

PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SPANISH

BTECs

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

SPORT

DIGITAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

MUSIC

Limitations

- *Can't do Art and Textiles*
- *Can't do Art and Photography*
- *Can't do Sport and PE*
- *Can't do Papers & Boards and Timbers*

Courses will only run if there are enough students that have picked it

Students must have studied the Foreign Language chosen in Year 9

Navy pathway (Ebacc) Option Choices

Core curriculum – 5 GCSEs

English
Language &
Literature (2)

Maths (1)

Combined
Science (2)

PD &
PE

Option choices – 4 GCSEs or BTECs

Option 1
Geography
or History

Option 2
French or
Spanish

Option 3
Subject
choice 1

Option 4
Subject
choice 2

Blue pathway (Core) Option Choices

Core curriculum – 5 GCSEs

English
Language &
Literature (2)

Maths (1)

Combined
Science (2)

PD
& PE

Option choices – 4 GCSEs or BTECs

Option 1
Geography, History,
French, Spanish or
Separate Sciences (Triple)

Option 2
Subject
choice 1

Option 3
Subject
choice 2

Option 4
Subject
choice 3

White pathway (Foundation Learning) Option Choices

Core curriculum – 5 GCSEs

English
Language &
Literature (2)

Maths (1)

Combined
Science (2)

PD &
PE

Option choices – up to 3 GCSEs or BTECs

Option 1
Geography, History,
French or Spanish

Option 2
Foundation
Learning

Option 3
Subject
choice 1

Option 4
Subject
choice 2

GCSE v VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Vocational courses include qualifications such as BTEC Tech Awards and BTEC Firsts
- Vocational courses mimic and directly develop workplace skills.
- Vocational courses usually involve more practical work than most traditional GCSEs. They recognise skills that are valuable in the workplace.
- GCSEs have exams at the end of the course to assess you.
- With vocational courses assessment is continuous throughout the course with more of the final mark based on the continuous assessment and less of the final mark based on exams.
- Vocational courses require a high level of independence to be successful.
- GCSEs are assessed on a 1-9 grading scale
- Vocational courses are assessed on a L1 PASS, L2 PASS, L2 MERIT L2 DISTINCTION & L2 DISTINCTION* scale
- Both are recognised equally

Where do the courses lead?

Progression routes available will depend on the level reached at 16.

When you leave school you will progress to either -

- School 6th Form
- College
- Employment with Training (Apprenticeship)

If you who achieve a Level 2 qualification can move on to a Level 3 course, i.e. A Level, AS Level, BTEC National

What next?

25th January,

8th February,

25th January

2nd February

18th February

w/c 28th February

} PD online lessons used to introduce and explain the options process to you

} Option books, Guidance & option forms distributed to your parents and you

} Parents evening including Options information

} Deadline for options forms to be completed using Google forms

} Consultation with those who have mis-completed forms.

} Consultation with those who need to choose alternative option choices.

Support

All staff

- Subject teachers
- Form Tutors
- Ms Wakefield
- Mr Moran
- Mr Booker
- Mrs Horton
- Mr Smith
- Miss Evans

The School Website

- Curriculum pages
- Options page

External links

- Exam boards – specifications etc

Current Y10 and Y11 students!!

Our advice

MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE

✓	X
Relevant	<i>'My mate's doing it'</i>
Gives Breadth	<i>'I like the teacher'</i>
Suits my learning style	<i>'A good laugh'</i>
Assessment method is right for ME	<i>'Easy'</i>
Progression routes – which qualifications do I need?	

