

Y8 into Y9 Choices FAQ

### **What will students be studying/what is the Y9 curriculum for Engineering and Hospitality?**

You can find out more about all of the subject choices in the Year 8 into Year 9 Choices booklet. You can also email the Head of Faculty/Subject to ask specific questions.

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### **Why is Business not a choice option in Y9?**

There will be some taster sessions for other subjects in Y9, including Business. Students can still choose Business for GCSE or BTEC in Y10/Y11.

### **What if I want to study more than 2 subjects from the choices section?**

Students need to choose 2 but could later in Y10/Y11 pick the third as one of their GCSE/BTEC options for Y10/11. If this is the case we would expect the student to have also continued one of their choices if not both. Should they really not enjoy their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices they could elect from February to do a third choice as long as there are spaces available.

### **What if students want to study two or more subjects from one preference in the choices section but not from the other?**

Students can study two subjects in each choice section – this is to support their ‘broad and balanced’ education.

### **When exactly do students make this choice?**

Ideally by the 20<sup>th</sup> April. Although given the current difficulties I can extend this for some students so long as I am aware that they need longer and that we agree a deadline date. This will allow myself or Louisa Wilkinson to contact you to support the decision making process.

### **Am I right in thinking that this is about what Y8 students will study in Y9? So does this then determine/limit their GCSE choices?**

Yes it is about the subjects students will follow in Y9 and this will not limit their options going into Y10 and Y11. There will be an options process in Y9 which will open up a greater range of choice for students. It is advisable that if a student wishes to choose a subject such as Art that they have shown an interest in this by choosing it in Y9. Where a student wishes to study all three creative arts subjects I would expect to see a commitment to the third subject through extra-curricular engagement in order to assure us that this is a good choice for the student at KS4.

**Which are the 'Core' subjects required to be continued into Years 10 and 11?**

Core subjects in Y10 and Y11 are: English, Mathematics, Science, PE and RE.

**After Y9 do students get two options? Or still four?**

Students in Y10 and Y11 will be able to follow a number of options pathways which will enable them to make up to four option choices.

**Is there still Triple Science?**

Triple Science will continue to be available to those students most suited to this route. The science team will guide students and parents on this in KS4.

**What is the difference between DT and Engineering?**

In DT students research and develop and understanding of the design process and use this to create and produce their own products. In Engineering students follow the processes and instructions to make a set product.

**Will there be more information about this?**

The Year 8 into Year 9 Choices booklet should answer most of your questions. Should you want a call to help you with the process please email your request to:

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We will then endeavour to contact you to discuss this. Please therefore include a contact number, Student name as well as suitable times for us to call you.