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YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

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“Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending”

Welcome to the Upper Campus

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Mr Roberts
Head of Upper School



Mrs Johnson
Assistant
Headteacher



Miss Cooper
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Collier
Assistant
Headteacher



Mr Neocleous
KS4 Pastoral Lead



Mr Cozens
Head of Year



Mrs Jenkins
Head of Year



Miss Hudson
KS4 Pastoral
Manager



Mr Daly
Head of Sixth
Form

Middle to Upper Transition

- New start
- Visits to the Upper Campus in July
- An opportunity to try out your options
- You will know your way around before September!

Attendance is Everybody's Business

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Your information packs include information regarding the importance of attendance, legal responsibility, when children can have time off, illness and unauthorised holiday.

- *As parents/carers, you are **legally responsible** to ensure your child attends at least 95% of the school year.*
- *There are over 100 days a year in which your child will not be in school due to public holiday.*
- *If your child is absent 5% of the school year they would miss **9.5** days of school which equals **57 lessons**.*
- *If your child is absent 10% of the school year, they would miss **114 lessons**.*

*Here at Barnwell, pupils with 95% attendance tend to achieve **above** their target grades. Pupils below 90% attendance significantly risk not achieving their target grades or achieving passes (grade 4) in Maths and English.*

We encourage our Barnwell parents/carers to regularly support, promote and praise high levels of attendance as this will significantly support your child's desired outcomes.

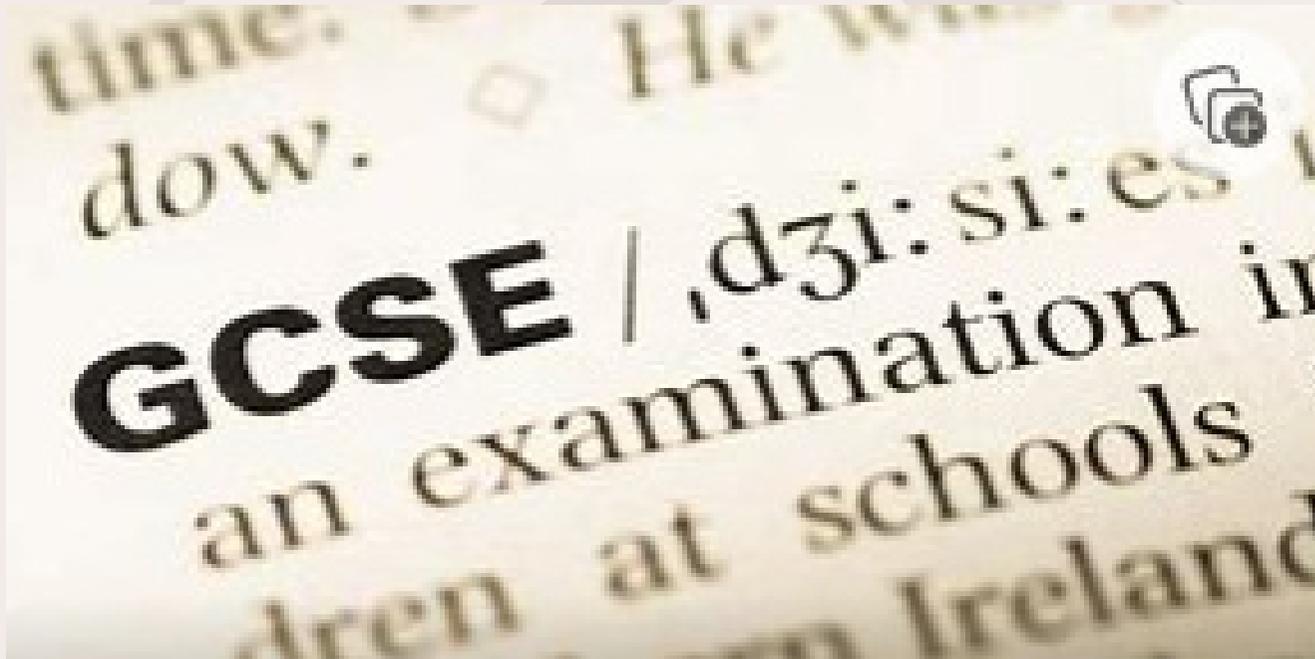
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The Options Process



What is the options process?

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Options Launch Event

Tuesday 30 January

Subject presentations about 14-16 courses available online from tomorrow morning.



Options Focus Week

Monday 5 February to Friday 9 February

Assemblies about new subjects, presented by the class teachers.



Year 9 Parents Evening

Wednesday 7 February and Thursday 15 February

An opportunity to discuss your progress and option choices with class teachers.



Options Conversations

Monday 12 February to Friday 1 March

All Year 9 Students will have a 1-1 conversation with a member of the senior team to ensure the choices made will allow the students to achieve success.



Deadline

Friday 8 March

All Year 9 Students will need to have completed and submitted the form by 8 March.

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Core Subjects

- Maths
- English
- Science
- RE
- Core PE
- Barnwell Pride



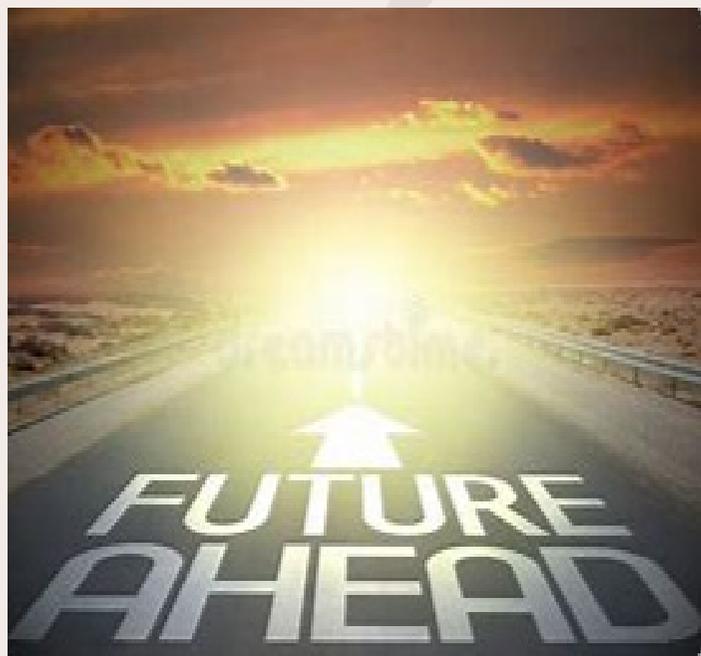
What should not determine your choice

- Friends
- Parents*
- Favourite teacher
- Fun factor
- “Easy” option



*Advice and support are encouraged

Where do your options lead?



University / Further Education

Modern Apprenticeships

College courses at Levels 2 & 3

Sixth-Form Courses at Level 3 – A Levels, BTEC/CTEC Nationals

Sixth-Form Courses at Level 2 – BTEC Firsts, GCSEs

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Are options first come, first served?

- No. We wait until after the options deadline before we start organising the Year 10 timetable and classes.
- We strongly recommend you take the time to research all of your options before submitting your final form.
- Do not hand your form in tonight.



Do I need to choose reserve options?

- Yes. We cannot guarantee you will receive your first-choice options and so you do need to choose 'back-up' options.
- We may need to use your reserve options if a course is undersubscribed and cancelled, if a course is oversubscribed or if the combination of subjects you have chosen cannot be coordinated on your Year 10 timetable.



Do I need to rank order my choices?

- Yes. The software we use to organise the option subjects for Year 10 prioritises your favourite subjects.
- We need you to rank your choices so we know which subjects you are most passionate about.



Can I change my options if I don't like them?

- The deadline for changing options at the start of Year 10 is mid-September.
- Even then, we cannot guarantee that any changes will be possible.
- It is very important to research your options thoroughly before you submit your choices on March 8, as you will be studying your Key Stage 4 options for two years.



When will I find out which options I have received?

- The options you have been allocated will be shared with you in June.
- If you have received a 'reserve' option, Mrs Collier will speak to you beforehand.



What happens if I don't choose any options?

- Mrs Collier chooses them for you.



What now...?

- Check your pack for your Options form.
- Remember it is **not** first come, first served. You need to take your time choosing your options.
- Speak to the subject teachers this evening. There is a notes page in your pack.
- Attend your parents evening appointments on 7 and 15 February.
- Attend your Options conversation.
- Complete the options form by 8 March and hand it in to reception.
- If you have any questions about the process after this evening, please contact me

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Subject Information

Below are links to information on all subjects on offer during Key Stage 4 at Barnwell School. Students and parents/carers will also have received information and guidance on the options process via Schoolcomms.

As all students are required to study GCSE English, Maths, Combined Science and R.E. Subject flyers have been included in the following table together with presentations.

<p>GCSE Business</p> <p>Presentation</p> <p>Flyer</p>	<p>GCSE Computer Science</p> <p>Presentation</p> <p>Flyer</p>	<p>BTEC Level 2 Tech Award in Construction and the Built Environment</p> <p>Presentation</p> <p>Flyer</p>
<p>GCSE Dance +</p> <p>Presentation</p> <p>Flyer</p>	<p>BTEC Level 2 Tech Award in Digital IT</p> <p>Presentation</p> <p>Flyer</p>	<p>GCSE Drama</p> <p>Presentation</p> <p>Flyer</p>