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Achieving Excellence

Welcome to Year 9 Options Evening
March 14th 2023



The County High School Leftwich

- *'This is a friendly and welcoming school'*
- *'staff have very high expectations'*
- *'a broad, ambitious and exciting curriculum'*
- Students *'achieve highly*, fulfilling their academic potential' and are
- *'exceptionally well prepared for the next phase.'*



Outstanding (Ofsted, April 2022)



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Achieving Excellence

Achieving Excellence through providing the **highest quality education** in a caring environment to secure **outstanding outcomes** for all.



Achieving Excellence



- **Aspiration** - *Aim high, dream big*



- **Kindness** - *caring for yourself and others*



- **Pride** - *in who you are and the success of others*





'Teachers use their expert subject knowledge to help pupils.'





Enrichment Provision and Celebrating Success

Opportunities for educational visits





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Ofsted Outstanding

“Leaders, together with members of the local governing body, trustees and staff, are committed to ensuring that every pupil is given every possible opportunity to succeed both academically and personally.” Ofsted (April 2022)

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Year 9 Options Information

Mr A Carter

Assistant Headteacher

The 'Core' (for everybody)



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- English – (2 GCSEs - Language and Literature)
- Maths (GCSE)
- Science - at least 2 GCSEs for all students

Science



Combined Science (Trilogy)

- **Worth 2 GCSEs**
- 6 exam papers: 2 Biology, 2 Chemistry and 2 Physics

Separate Sciences

- Three separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- 6 exam papers: 2 Biology, 2 Chemistry and 2 Physics

Both courses are designed to allow students to progress onto A level Sciences

Separate Science

So all students can study separate Science (if they wish to) we have two pathways

Pathway	Hours per fortnight	Hours per Science GCSE a fortnight	Number of option choices	Total number of qualifications
Express	10 + 1 After school and 1 in Core PE = 12 lessons	4	2	10
Option	10 + 5 in Option block = 15 lessons	5	1	9

Students in the express pathway have already received their invitations from Miss Thomas (Learning Leader of Science)

The 'Core' (for everybody)



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- English – (2 GCSEs - Language and Literature)
- Maths (GCSE)
- Science – (at least 2 GCSEs for all students)
- EfL including core RS (non-exam)
- French/Spanish (GCSE)
- Geography/History (GCSE)
- Core PE (non-exam)

A Year 10 'Core' Timetable



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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1					
Period 2				<i>English</i>	
Period 3			<i>English</i>	<i>English</i>	
Period 4					
Period 5		<i>English</i>			

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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1					
Period 2		<i>Maths</i>		<i>English</i>	
Period 3		<i>Maths</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>English</i>	
Period 4	<i>Maths</i>			<i>Maths</i>	
Period 5		<i>English</i>			

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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1				<i>Science</i>	
Period 2		<i>Maths</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>English</i>	
Period 3		<i>Maths</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Science</i>
Period 4	<i>Maths</i>	<i>Science</i>		<i>Maths</i>	
Period 5	<i>Science</i>	<i>English</i>			

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Period 1				<i>Science</i>	
Period 2		<i>Maths</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>English</i>	
Period 3	<i>EFL</i>	<i>Maths</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Science</i>
Period 4	<i>Maths</i>	<i>Science</i>		<i>Maths</i>	
Period 5	<i>Science</i>	<i>English</i>			

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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1		<i>MFL</i>		<i>Science</i>	
Period 2	<i>MFL</i>	<i>Maths</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>English</i>	
Period 3	<i>EFL</i>	<i>Maths</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Science</i>
Period 4	<i>Maths</i>	<i>Science</i>		<i>Maths</i>	
Period 5	<i>Science</i>	<i>English</i>		<i>MFL</i>	

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Period 1		<i>MFL</i>		<i>Science</i>	<i>Geo/Hist</i>
Period 2	<i>MFL</i>	<i>Maths</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>English</i>	
Period 3	<i>EFL</i>	<i>Maths</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Science</i>
Period 4	<i>Maths</i>	<i>Science</i>		<i>Maths</i>	
Period 5	<i>Science</i>	<i>English</i>		<i>MFL</i>	

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Period 1		<i>MFL</i>	<i>PE</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Geo/Hist</i>
Period 2	<i>MFL</i>	<i>Maths</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>English</i>	
Period 3	<i>EFL</i>	<i>Maths</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Science</i>
Period 4	<i>Maths</i>	<i>Science</i>		<i>Maths</i>	
Period 5	<i>Science</i>	<i>English</i>		<i>MFL</i>	

Options choices – 2 from the following list



Art & Design

Computer Science

Design & Technology

Food Preparation and Nutrition

French or Spanish

Geography or History

Separate Science

BTEC Digital Information
Technology

BTEC Media

Music

PE

Photography

RS

Drama

Vocational Qualifications



Media

Pearson BTEC Level 2 Tech Award Creative Media
Production

ICT

Pearson BTEC Level 2 Tech Award in Digital Information
Technology

Department for Education judges these qualifications to
be high quality and of the same standard as GCSE
subjects

PE Courses



- The PE department offer two PE qualifications
 - GCSE PE (AQA)
 - Cambridge National Sports Studies Level 2 (OCR).
- Both qualifications are judged by the DfE to be high quality and of the same standard
- *Note students can only choose one PE course as one of their two options*

9 GCSEs or Qualifications



- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths
- Science (2 GCSEs)
- French or Spanish
- Geography or History
- Options (2 GCSEs/Vocational Qualifications)

Students who are in the Separate Science express group will achieve 10 GCSEs or qualifications (due to number of option choices)

Vocational Qualifications



The three vocational courses that are offered to students are

Cambridge National Sports Studies Level 2 (OCR)

Pearson BTEC Level 2 Tech Award in Creative Media Production

Pearson BTEC Level 2 Tech Award in Digital Information Technology

Some colleges currently only count GCSEs in their entry requirement.

It is important to note, the curriculum the vast majority of students will follow provide them with a minimum of 7 GCSEs. This is currently more than most colleges' entry requirements. Therefore, selecting one or two vocational qualifications still means that all post-16 pathways remain open.

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Period 1	<i>Option 1</i>	<i>MFL</i>	<i>PE</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Geo/Hist</i>
Period 2	<i>MFL</i>	<i>Maths</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>English</i>	
Period 3	<i>EFL</i>	<i>Maths</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Science</i>
Period 4	<i>Maths</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Option 1</i>	<i>Maths</i>	<i>Option 2</i>
Period 5	<i>Science</i>	<i>English</i>		<i>MFL</i>	

Completing your option requests online



- Option choices will be completed online via *Options online (which can be accessed via SIMS Parent (App or browser))*
- www.sims-parent.co.uk

Not registered for SIMS Parent



- If you are not already registered for SIMS Parent please contact


options@leftwichhigh.com

An invitation for SIMS Parent will then be sent to your email address with instructions on how to register

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admin@leftwichhigh.com
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Safeguarding and Student Support



 Messages 17 New

Form Tutor change for 8J 3 Mar 2022
Ukraine Unicef Fundraising Event - Friday 4th March 3 Mar 2022
Ukraine Unicef Fundraising Event - Friday 4th March 3 Mar 2022
SENECA sign up 3 Mar 2022
Homework Student Reminder 1 Mar 2022

 Calendar 4

0 Today
0 Tomorrow

 Activities

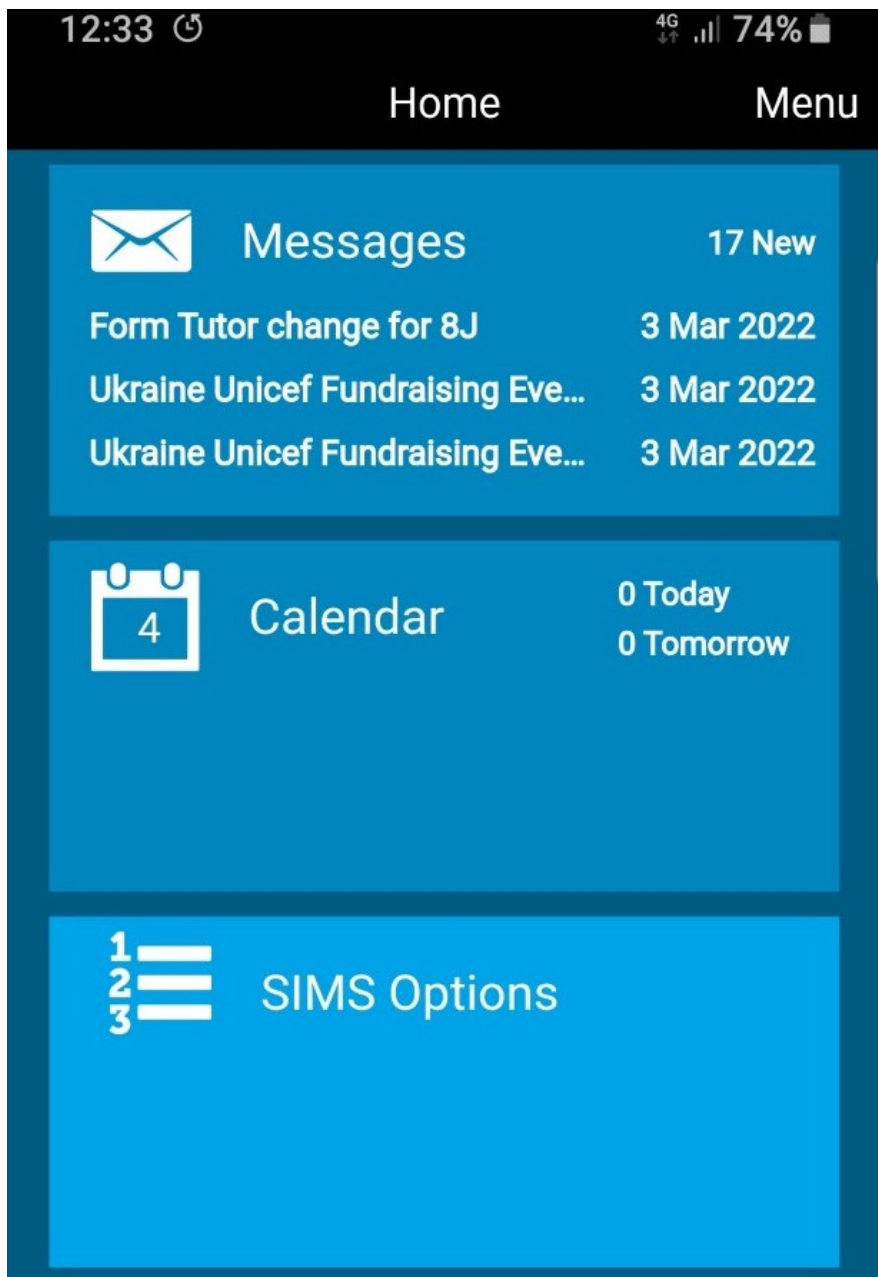
 **SIMS Options**

(Browser view)

Click on ***SIMS Options***

To begin your child's options process.

This link will become live by Friday March 17th



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(App view)

Click on ***SIMS***
Options

To begin your child's
options process

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Year 9 Options 2022-23

French Pathway

Students following the French pathway will study a '**core**' of subjects in Years 10 and 11:

- > English (2 GCSEs - English Language and English Literature)
- > Mathematics (GCSE)
- > Science (2 **or** 3 GCSEs for all students)
- > Geography **or** History (GCSE)
- > EFL (non-exam)
- > Religious Studies
- > French (GCSE)
- > Core PE (non-exam)

Students are placed into a pathway dependent upon the language they have studied

The website will then guide you through each of the steps in the Options process and ask you to select your child's options choices.

Humanities

Year 9 Options 2022-23

Step 1 of 2


Students must decide to study *Geography* **or** *History* as part of their 'core' timetable.

Please note that if students wish to study both Geography and History then they may select the other course in the later option block.


For information about the syllabus' studied in both subjects please [click on this link](#) then Curriculum at the top of the page before clicking on each subject.

You have chosen 0 of 1  courses from this list

Geography GCSE Full Course

 This course is also available in Options for French Pathway

History GCSE Full Course

 This course is also available in Options for French Pathway

Initially students are asked to select a Humanities subject.

Clicking on the link will take you to the curriculum pages for extra information.

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You have chosen 1 of 1  courses from this list

Geography GCSE Full Course Choice

 This course is also available in Options for French Pathway

History GCSE Full Course

 This course is also available in Options for French Pathway

To select the requested option click on the subject name.

The box turns blue to indicate the choice has been made. Simply click on the subject again if it was selected in error.

Options for French Pathway

Step 2 of 2



Students must pick **two** courses as main choices from the subjects below that they wish to study.

A third subject must be chosen as a **reserve** choice.


For information about the syllabus' studied in each subject [click on this link](#) and then Curriculum at the top of the page before selecting the subject.


Note

Students that wish to study Geography **and** History can do so by selecting the subject not chosen in the Humanities section.

You have chosen 2 of 2  courses and 1 of 1  reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Computer Science GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Drama GCSE Full Course	Reserve
D&T GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Geography GCSE Full Course	Reserve
GCSE PE GCSE Full Course <i>Choice</i>	Reserve	BTEC Digital Information Tech BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve	History GCSE Full Course	Reserve
BTEC Creative Media Production BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve	Music GCSE Full Course <i>Choice</i>	Reserve	PE Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Photography GCSE Full Course	Reserve	RS GCSE Full Course <i>Reserve</i>	Reserve	Separate Science GCSE Full Course	Reserve
Spanish GCSE Full Course	Reserve				

Geography GCSE Full Course
 You have selected this course in Humanities

History GCSE Full Course
 This course is also available in Humanities

Chosen subjects are shown in blue.

One reserve choice must be made also, shown in red here.

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Spanish GCSE Full Course	Reserve			Separate Science GCSE Full Course	Reserve

Students can choose to do both Geography and History.
Students cannot pick to study both GCSE PE and Cambridge National PE .

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Separate Science GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Spanish GCSE Full Course	Reserve		

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History GCSE Full Course
This course is also available in Humanities

▼ School Approval

☐ School Approval

▼ School Comments

Add any comments here

▼ Student Comments

Add any comments here

▼ Parent/Carer Approval

☐ Parent/Carer Approval

Once options have been selected click the ***Parent/Carer Approval box*** to confirm that you, as a parent/carers, have agreed for your child to study the selected subjects.

Deadline for option requests



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The deadline for requests is **Wednesday 29th March**

After this date you will be able to view the options selected but not change them.

It is important to note that option requests are not on a first come first served basis, but they do need to be made by **Wednesday 29th March**

Recap



By 17th March – Options online will be live. If you have not already registered for SIMS parent please contact

options@leftwichhigh.com

Discuss the options available then select them online making sure to include a reserve choice

Options online will close on **Wednesday 29th March.**

Students' options requests will be confirmed with them in July.




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Year 9 Options Information

Mrs K Berry

Year Leader



YEAR 9 INFORMATION EVENING

BE YOURSELF; EVERYONE ELSE IS
ALREADY TAKEN -
OSCAR WILDE

ADVICE

Read

Seek

Think

Avoid



TIMELINE


This week:

- Teachers will talk in lessons about their GCSE subjects
- Yesterday, all students attended a presentation to explain the options process.
- Time was then given for them to discuss this with form tutors.
- This evening, the same information has been shared.
- By the end of the week, the options selection will be open via Sims

Wednesday 29th March:

Deadline for the completion of the options process.





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**A perspective from Year 10
students**