

'It's not what you do once in a while, it's what you do day in day out which makes a difference'.



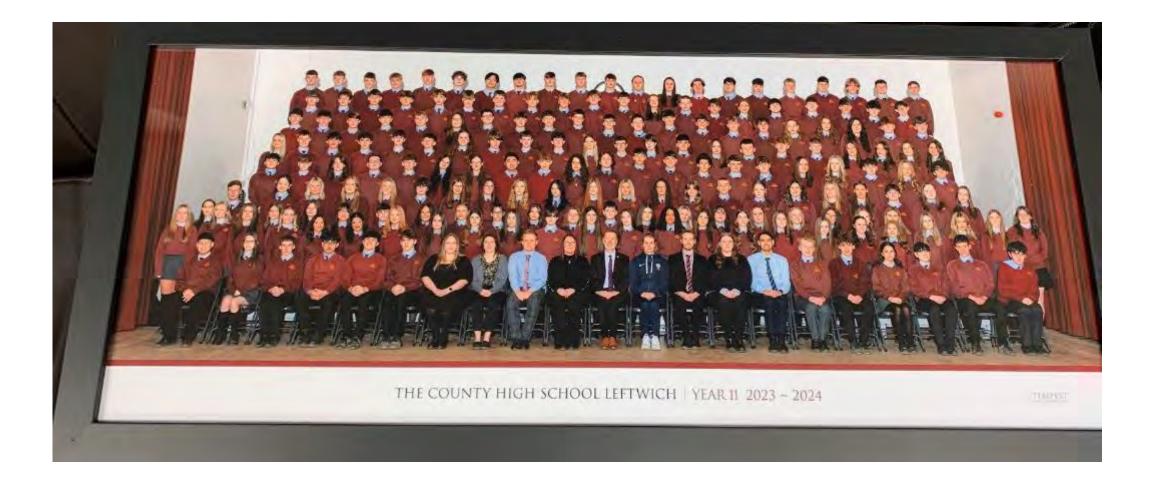




Achieving Excellence

Year 9 Options Evening - March 12th 2024





Achieving Excellence for all

Aspiration, Kindness and Pride





Celebrate like the class of 2023!













Year 9 Options Information

Mrs L Measures

Assistant Headteacher





- 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 (Assistant Headteacher: Learning Leader of Science)

The 'Core' (for everybody)



- 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)



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1					
Period 2				English	
Period 3			English	English	
Period 4					
Period 5		English			



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1					
Period 2		Maths		English	
Period 3		Maths	English	English	
Period 4	Maths			Maths	
Period 5		English			



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1				Science	
Period 2		Maths	Science	English	
Period 3		Maths	English	English	Science
Period 4	Maths	Science		Maths	
Period 5	Science	English			



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1				Science	
Period 2		Maths	Science	English	
Period 3	EFL	Maths	English	English	Science
Period 4	Maths	Science		Maths	
Period 5	Science	English			



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



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1		MFL		Science	Geo/Hist
Period 2	MFL	Maths	Science	English	GEU/HISI
Period 3	EFL	Maths	English	English	Science
Period 4	Maths	Science		Maths	
Period 5	Science	English		MFL	



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Period 1		MFL	PE	Science	Geo/Hist
Period 2	MFL	Maths	Science	English	Ge0/Hist
Period 3	EFL	Maths	English	English	Science
Period 4	Maths	Science		Maths	
Period 5	Science	English		MFL	

Options choices – 2 from the following list



Art & Design BTEC Digital Information

Technology

Computer Science BTEC Media

BTEC Health and Social

Care

Design & Technology Music

Food Preparation and Nutrition PE

French or Spanish

Geography or History

Separate Science

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

Health and Social Care

Pearson BTEC Level 2 Tech Award in Health and Social Care

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 four 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

Pearson BTEC Level 2 Tech Award in Health and Social Care

Some colleges currently only count GCSEs in their entry requirement.

It is important to note, the curriculum that the vast majority of students will follow, provides 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.

A Year 10 Timetable



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1	Option 1	MFL	PE	Science	Geo/Hist
Period 2	MFL	Maths	Science	English	GEU/HISI
Period 3	EFL	Maths	English	English	Science
Period 4	Maths	Science		Maths	
Period 5	Science	English	Option 1	MFL	Option 2

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

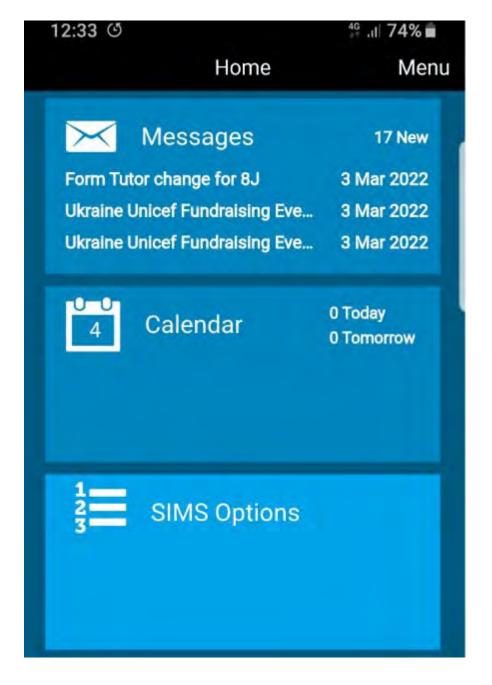


(Browser view)

Click on SIMS Options

To begin your child's options process.

This link will become live by Friday March 15th





(App view)

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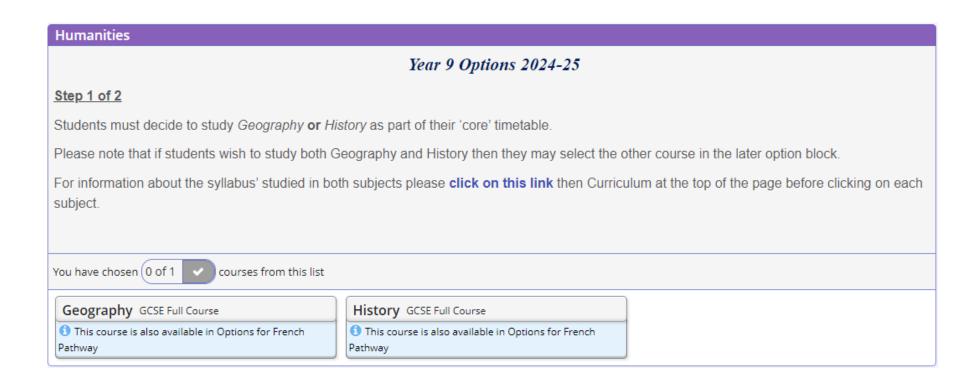
French Pathway

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.



Initially students are asked to select a Humanities subject.

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

MY TOOLS VACANCIES



ABOUT US

KEY INFORMATION

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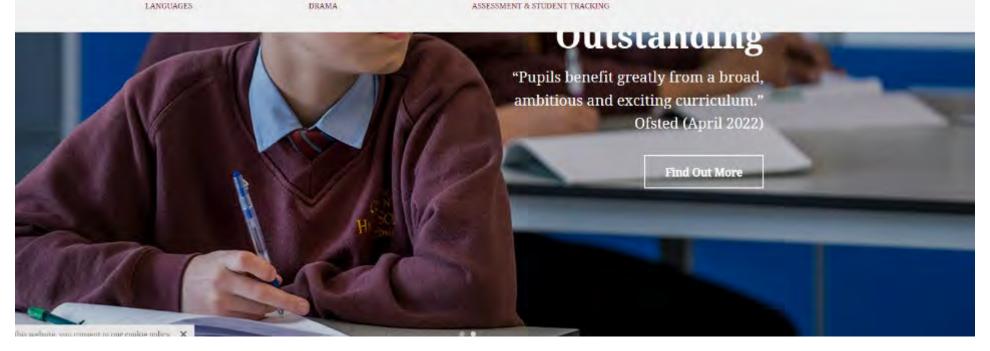
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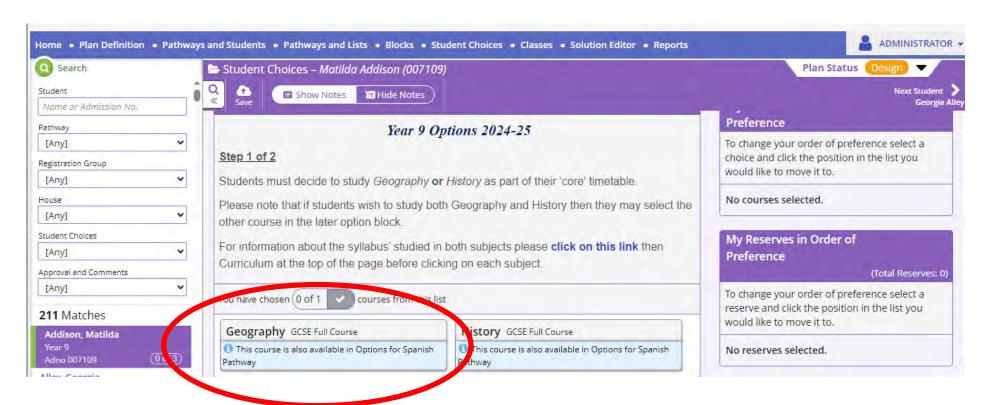
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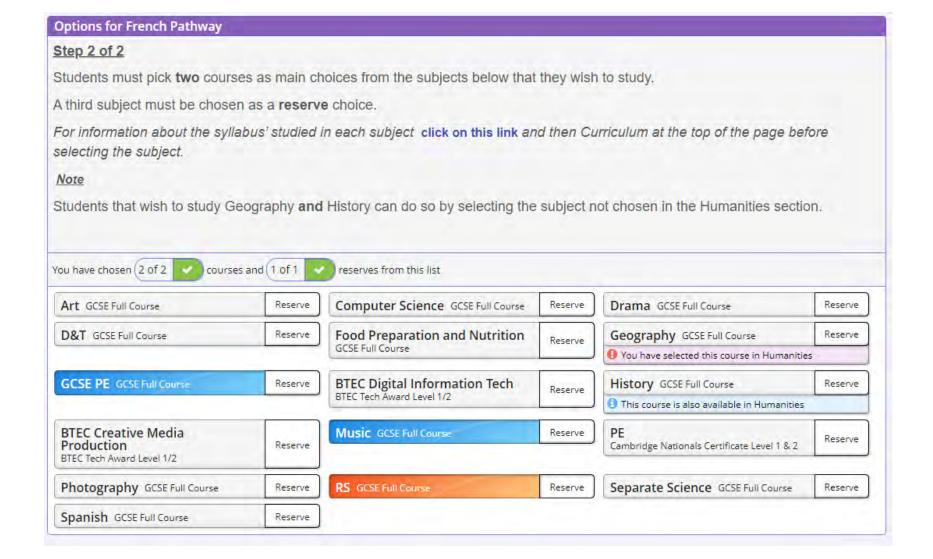
ASSESSMENT & STUDENT TRACKING





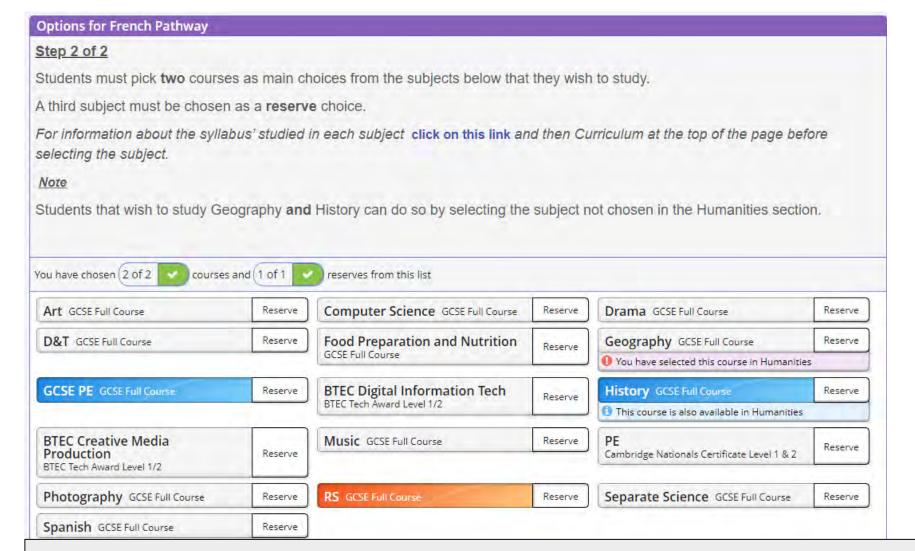
To select the requested option click on the subject name.

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



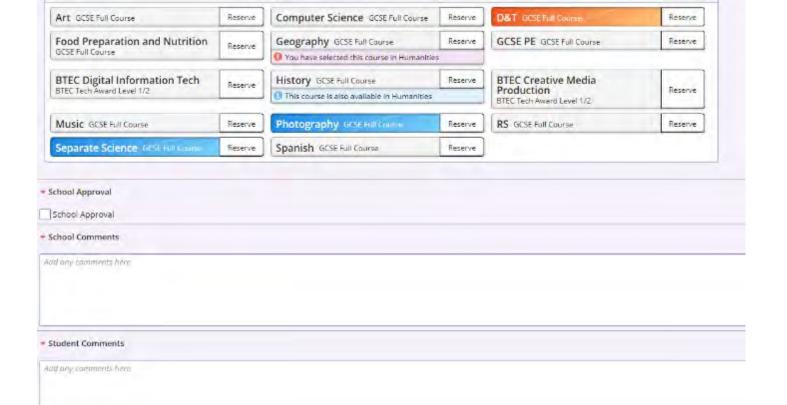
Chosen subjects are shown in blue.

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



Students can choose to do both Geography and History.

Students cannot pick to study both GCSE PE and Cambridge National PE.



Parent/Carer Approval

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

Deadline for option requests



The deadline for requests is Wednesday 27th 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**27th March

Recap



By 15th 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 27th March.

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



Year 9 Options Information

Mrs J Towers

Year Leader





YEAR 9 INFORMATION EVENING

BE YOURSELF; EVERYONE ELSE IS ALREADY TAKEN -

OSCAR WILDE

ADVICE

Read

Seek

Think

Avoid



TIMELINE

Next two weeks:

- Teachers will talk in lessons about their GCSE subjects
- Students will have time to discuss their options with form tutors.
- By the end of the week, the options selection will be open via SIMs.

Wednesday 27th March:

Deadline for the completion of the options process.







Year 9 Options Information

A perspective from Year 10 students