



Longridge High School

Excellence and ambition from all, for all

YEAR 9 OPTIONS 2024





The next exciting part of your
school journey starts today

GCSE Options 2024



Your School Timeline



September 2024 the start of your GCSE journey

....May and June 2026 GCSE Exams

....August 2026 GCSE Results and heading off to
College or an Apprenticeship



This is less time than the gestation period of an Asian elephant!

Options' 2024 Timeline



Today - 24th January

- Initial Options launch assembly

Next week

- Subject Information Presentations during form time.
- Class teacher information
- Information Booklet sent home

Half the half term holiday (12th – 16th Feb)

- Thursday 22nd Feb - Parent and pupil Options' Evening
- Friday 29th Feb - Choices deadline/return the option form (online reply)

REMEMBER



- **All** our option choices enable further study at **any** college.
- Even if you do not know what career path you want to take, **your option choices will not stop you.**
- Only **the quality of final grades** will have an impact on your next journey.



Compulsory Subjects

All pupils must study and complete terminal exams in the three CORE subjects of English, Mathematics and Science. The pathway is as follows:

- GCSE English Language (1 entry level)
- GCSE English Literature (1 entry level)
- GCSE Mathematics (Foundation or Higher)
- GCSE Science – the majority of pupils will take the Combined Award (F or H) also known as ‘Trilogy’ (two GCSEs)

A small group of pupils (usually one class) will be able to take Triple Award - also known as Separate Sciences (three GCSEs). (F or H)

Triple or Combined Science: Who decides?



1. The majority of our Year 9 pupils will follow a '**Combined Science**' route.

This route will not stop any pupil from studying individual Science A level subjects post 16. All colleges accept this qualification for entry. The deciding factor is the **GRADE** achieved.

2. A small number of pupils will follow a '**Triple Science**' route.

This will be based on past Science attainment and achievement in KS3. The Science Department will identify pupils who are suitable for this route. Further information in the Options' Booklet.

This means that pupils following the Triple route will achieve an extra GCSE subject in comparison to the rest of the year group.



Ebacc Subjects – this is a Government requirement

All pupils must also take at least **ONE** of the following subjects.
You may take more than one if you wish.

- GCSE Computer Science *
- GCSE French *
- GCSE Geography *
- GCSE History *

Subjects available 2024



- History *
- French *
- Geography *
- Computer Science *
- Drama
- Music
- Art
- Business
- Design Technology (Timbers or Polymers or Textiles)
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- Physical Education^^
- Religious Studies
- Creative iMedia (Vocational)
- Health and Social Care (Vocational)
- Sport Studies (Vocational)^^

All subjects are GCSE or Vocational (which are equivalent to GCSE)

Vocational qualification - what does this mean?

Vocational qualifications are designed to be more **practical** and develop knowledge related to certain jobs or employment areas.

You will learn through theory work, completing a **terminal exam (40%)** plus you will relate this theory to practical examples through **coursework (60%)**

Vocational subject we offer include:

- **Creative iMedia** (Vocational)
- **Health and Social Care** (Vocational)
- **Sport Studies** (Vocational)

It is **recommended** that you only **study ONE** vocational course.

Subject staff will speak to you during the week of **xxxxxx**



Year 9 Options' Choices 2022

Please complete the following Options' Choices form.

Pupils must select one subject from each 'First Choice' block and one subject from each 'Reserve choice' block.

However, as part of these choices all pupils must also take at least ONE of the following subjects. (You may take more than one if you wish)

- GCSE Computer Science*
- GCSE French*
- GCSE Geography*
- GCSE History*

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* Required

Option Block Summary

Select at least one 'First Choice' subject marked with an *
Vocational qualification = (v)

Block A	Block B	Block C
History *	Geography *	History *
Computer Science *	French *	Geography *
Religious Studies	DT Timbers	Music
Art	DT Textiles	Food Preparation & Nutrition
Drama	Food Preparation & Nutrition	Enterprise & Marketing (v)
PE	iMedia (v)	Health & Social Care (v)
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Pupil First name *

Enter your answer

2

Pupil Surname *

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Form *

- L (Mr Ball)
- O (Mr Coates)
- N (Mr Kershaw)
- G (Mrs Dyson-Knight)
- R (Miss Hudson)
- D (Mrs Graves)

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Block A First Choice *

- History*
- Computer Science*
- Religious Studies
- Art
- Drama
- Physical Education

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Block A Reserve Choice *

- History*
- Computer Science*
- Religious Studies
- Art
- Drama
- Physical Education

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Block B First Choice *

- Geography*
- French*
- Design Technology Timbers
- Design Technology Textiles
- Food Preparation & Nutrition
- iMedia (v)
- Health & Social Care (v)

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Block B Reserve Choice *

- Geography*
- French*
- Design Technology Timbers
- Design Technology Textiles
- Food Preparation & Nutrition
- iMedia (v)
- Health & Social Care (v)

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Block C First Choice *

- History*
- Geography*
- Music
- Food Preparation & Nutrition
- Enterprise & Marketing (v)
- Health & Social Care (v)

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Block C Reserve Choice *

- History*
- Geography*
- Music
- Food Preparation & Nutrition
- Enterprise & Marketing (v)
- Health & Social Care (v)

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Any other comments (optional)

Enter your answer

Submit

What next?



1. Listen in form to the Subject Information Presentations
2. Speak to your class teachers if you have any specific questions
3. Take the Options' Information Booklet home and talk about your thoughts with your family
4. Parent and pupil Options' Evening Thursday 22nd Feb
5. Select THREE subjects and complete option form
6. Return the option form (online reply) Fri 29th Feb



Who is here help?

- **Miss Mason** leads the Options' process and is here to answer questions.
- All your **subject teachers** will be happy to talk about their subject at GCSE.
- **Mr Mochan** Head of Year 9 and our **form tutors**, know you well and have lots of valuable help and advice.
- Senior Leadership Team **Mrs Green, Mrs Gibson, Mr Sutcliffe, Mrs Flynn** and **Mrs Rogers** – all available to help and answer questions.
- If you have **careers questions**, then **Mrs Rogers** and **Miss Lovatt** are the careers' experts. If you are unsure who they are, please ask your form tutor who can email them if necessary.
- **Teaching Assistants** and other **Support Staff**.

Make sure you ask questions!!!

Thank
you!