



Longridge High School

Excellence and ambition from all, for all

YEAR 9 OPTIONS 2026





The next exciting part of your
school journey starts today

GCSE Options 2026

Your School Timeline



September 2026 the start of your Year 10 GCSE journey

....May and June 2028 GCSE Exams

....August 2028 GCSE Results and heading off to
College or an Apprenticeship

Options' 2025 Timeline



Today Monday 2nd March

- Initial Options' launch assembly

This week

- Subject Information presentations during form time
- Subject information during lessons
- Information Booklet sent home
- Thursday 5th March- Parent and Pupil Options' Evening
- Thursday 12th March Options' form goes live
- Thursday 19th March - 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 follow the Combined Award curriculum (F or H) also known as ‘Trilogy’ (two GCSEs)

1a will follow the Triple Award curriculum - also known as Separate Sciences (three GCSEs). (F or H)



All pupils must also take at least **ONE** of the following subjects.

You may take more than one if you wish.

- GCSE French *
- GCSE Geography *
- GCSE History *

Subjects available 2025



- History *
- French *
- Geography *
- 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 this week.



Option Block Summary

Block A	Block B	Block C
History*	History*	History*
Geography*	Geography*	Geography*
Design Technology Timbers	French*	French*
Design Technology Textiles	Religious Studies	Religious Studies
Design Technology Polymers	PE/Sports Studies	Business
Food Preparation & Nutrition	Art	Health & Social Care (v)
Drama	Creative iMedia (v)	Food Preparation & Nutrition
Music		



Year 9 Options' Choices 2026

Please complete the following Options' Choices form by Thursday 19th March

Pupils must select **one subject from each 'First choice block' A, B and C.**
Then select **two different reserve subjects** in order of priority.

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 French*
- GCSE Geography*
- GCSE History*

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

* Required

Option Block Summary (actual form to complete is below this table)

Select one subject from each block, **at least one of the subject choices must be marked with an ***
(v) = Vocation qualification equivalent to GCSE

Block A	Block B	Block C
History*	History*	History*
Geography*	Geography*	Geography*
Design Technology Timbers	French*	French*
Design Technology Textiles	Religious Studies	Religious Studies
Design Technology Polymers	PE/Sports Studies	Business
Food Preparation & Nutrition	Art	Health & Social Care (v)
Drama	Creative iMedia (v)	Food Preparation & Nutrition
Music		

Choice form link will be sent via Synergy and available on the website from **12th March**

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First name *

Enter your answer

2

Surname *

Enter your answer

3

Form *

- L (Mrs Fairhurst)
- O (Mr Rogers)
- N (Mr Nawaz)
- G (Mrs Mellor-Clark)
- R (Miss Eadington)
- D (Mrs Ward)

Select **one** choice from each block A, B & C

A

B

C

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Block A First Choice (select one)

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- History*
- Geography
- Design Technology Timbers
- Design Technology Textiles
- Design Technology Polymers
- Food Preparation & Nutrition
- Drama
- Music

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Block B First Choice (select one)

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- History*
- Geography*
- French*
- Religious Studies
- PE/Sports Studies (v)
- Art
- Creative iMedia (v)

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Block C First Choice (select one)

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- History*
- Geography*
- French
- Religious Studies
- Business
- Health & Social Care (v)
- Food Preparation & Nutrition

Select **two** reserve choices

You cannot choose subjects from this list if already selected in A, B, C block choices.

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First reserve choice (select one subject not already selected in choices 1-3 above)

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- French*
- History*
- Geography*
- Art
- Business
- Creative iMedia (v)
- Design Technology Polymers
- Design Technology Textiles
- Design Technology Timbers
- Drama
- Food Preparation & Nutrition
- Health & Social Care (v)
- Music
- Physical Education/Sports Studies (v)
- Religious Studies

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Second reserve choice (select one subject not already selected in choices 1-3 above)

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- French*
- History*
- Geography*
- Art
- Business
- Creative iMedia (v)
- Design Technology Polymers
- Design Technology Textiles
- Design Technology Timbers
- Drama
- Food Preparation & Nutrition
- Health & Social Care (v)
- Music
- Physical Education/Sports Studies (v)
- Religious Studies

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Any other comments (optional)

Enter your answer

- Submit by Thursday 19th March

Optional comments

In summary:

Select **FIVE** subjects

1. One subject from Block A
2. One subject from Block B
3. One subject from Block C
4. One reserve first choice
5. One reserve second choice
6. Add options additional comments if required

Submit by 10am Thursday 19th March

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 5th March**
5. Select **THREE** subjects and complete option form
6. Submit the option form (online reply) **Thursday 19th March**

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 Cross** (Head of Year 9) and **Mrs McCann** (Year 9 Pastoral Support Officer).
- **Form tutors**, know you well and have lots of valuable help and advice.
- Senior Leadership Team: **Mrs Green, Mr Sutcliffe, Mrs Flynn** and **Mrs Rogers, Mrs Place, Mr Wright** – all available to help and answer question's.
- If you have **careers questions**, then **Mr Wright** 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!