

YEAR 9 OPTIONS CAREERS NEWSLETTER



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Making Decisions about Your Year 9 Options

It is important that you spend time researching your options. You want to be confident that you have made the right choices. This is not something you should rush!

- **What subjects are you good at?**
- **Do you have a particular talent or skills?**
- **It is important that you choose subjects that interest you, as you will be spending two years studying the subjects you choose.**

Making decisions about what you want to study during years 10 and 11 can be feel empowering and exciting. There are some subjects that you will have to continue, these are called the core subject which include GCSE Maths, English, and Science. But you will also be able to choose subjects that you want to study. This is a big decision, and you will have lots of help from your teachers.

However, there are things you can do to prepare yourself for making these choices. We want you to feel confident that the subjects you choose, are the right ones for you. Here are some things you can consider when making your choices

Do you have any career ideas?

If you have some careers in mind it is important to do your research, so you can find out what skills and subjects you will need. The information you gather will help you make decisions on what subjects are best suited for your career path.

Keeping your options open

If you have no idea what career you want and feel this is making choosing subjects difficult, you should aim to keep your options open. Studying a range of subjects will provide you with a good overview of different topics and different ways of studying. This can help you identify your strengths and interests, leading to possible career ideas.

It is important to talk to teachers and read all the information available, so you have a good understanding of the topics and commitment needed.

Support & Guidance

If you need advice and guidance or have any questions about your Year 9 Options you can email the careers advisor Irum Magre @ Irum.Magre@shoreham-academy.org

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Useful websites to help you make decisions about your Year 9 Options

Unifrog: Helps students explore their interests, compare apprenticeships, FE courses and universities. <https://www.unifrog.org>

Start profile: Create a personal profile to help identify jobs and training that would suit you. Explore jobs to find out what you could do. Explore different qualifications and training routes. <https://www.startprofile.com>

Career pilot: An online resource that helps you consider your options. This resource has a range of sections dedicated to job sectors, qualifications, identifying and recording skills and an online test. <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk>

Planitplus: Helps you match your subjects with careers, has a course matching page to aid you in identifying courses relevant to your career interests. <https://www.planitplus.net>

Successatschool: Careers guidance and careers zone focused on different jobs, what to study and how to get there. <https://successatschool.org>

Target Careers: A guide to potential career paths, choosing the most appropriate A levels subjects and which careers require specific degrees or A levels <https://targetcareers.co.uk>

Icould: Gives you the inside story of how careers work. The icould storytellers relate their real-life career journeys. There are over a thousand easy to search, varied and unique career videos as well as hundreds of written articles. There are also quizzes to support your search and provide career suggestions. www.icould.com

Amazing Apprenticeships: Explains what apprenticeships are, how they work, and the several types. It also provides resources for prospective apprentices and parents to help you understand everything you need to know to secure and succeed in an apprenticeship. <https://amazingapprenticeships.com>