

These are some of the frequently asked questions that we often get during our Year 8 into 9 programme of study assemblies:

***What should I consider when choosing my programme of study?***

Firstly, it is important to choose subjects that you enjoy and ones that you will get the best outcomes for. Look at your data capture information and your report; use this to inform your choices.

Secondly, don't choose a subject because your friends are doing it. There is no guarantee that you will be in the same class with them and you may find that you don't actually enjoy studying it.

Finally, do not take a subject just because you like a certain teacher. You might not have them next year!

***Will I be in the same classes as my form?***

9.1 to 9.8 only exists as registration classes. Due to your programme of study choices, all of the form groups get muddled up (X/Y split) and so we can't guarantee that you will be with your friends. This X and Y split will also get mixed up again in Year 10.

***What subjects must I choose?***

You must study the following subjects at GCSE:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Mathematics (Numeracy)
- Double Science
- Welsh
- Ethics and Philosophy

Plus

- Games (PE - non examined)

***How many programme of study subjects must I choose?***

You must choose 5 subjects in Year 9. You will then drop two of these subjects in Year 10, so you will eventually end up with three option subjects at GCSE.

***Can I take new subjects in Year 10?***

You are unable to take new subjects in Year 10 as you will already be some way into your GCSE courses. It is really important that you choose your five subjects for Year 9 wisely.

***Do I have to take a subject to carry it on to A Level?***

Some subjects do require you to have studied the subject at GCSE to continue it into A Level e.g. French, PE, History, Art.

Some subjects at A Level do not require a GCSE as a prerequisite e.g. Psychology, Geology, Business.

Look at your Programme of Study Booklet and the Sixth Form Option Booklet for more information per subject. Please note the change in requirement for PE at A Level.

***Can I take Biology as a separate subject?***

A single science cannot be taken - you have to take a balanced science (compulsory double award science).

However, if you want to take Chemistry, Physics and Biology as three separate subjects you must choose 'triple science' as one of your programme of study subjects.

***If I have a clash, where there are two subjects I want to take in the same programme of study column, can anything be done?***

Programme of Study columns are **provisional**. If you have a clash, write it down on your google form and we will try our best to sort it.

***Will a subject still run if only a small number of pupils take it?***

If numbers opting for subjects are insufficient to provide a viable group, then the subject will not run.