

Year 9 Options Assembly

4.12.23



Mission and Vision

At Co-op Academy Leeds we are ambitious for ourselves and our diverse communities - we will endeavour to make the world a better place through our actions.

We will be determined to succeed and show respect, kindness and integrity to everyone, everyday.

*How many choices have
you made that directly
affect your future?*



The reality is...

For lots of you, making GCSE options choices is one of the first “adult” decisions you have had to make...

...for some of you this decision can be overwhelming!



The Options Process 2023

Web page launched (including booklet) - 4.12.23

Assembly - 4.12.23

Booklet and options forms - 9.12.23

Options evening and form deadline - 11.1.24



What do GCSEs do?

GCSEs prepare you for life in one of several pathways:

- Sixth Form
- Further Education at college
- Apprenticeship / Traineeship
- Employment with training

Most of you won't have considered which pathway is best for you yet, and even if you have, may even change your mind at a later stage.



Y9 Options

What choices do you have?

Compulsory GCSEs

Optional GCSEs

Optional Level 2 Qualifications



Compulsory GCSEs

- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths
- Science

Compulsory but not always examined:

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PE



Compulsory GCSEs

English Baccalaureate:

- 5+ in English, Maths, Science

PLUS:-

- Humanities – History or Geography
- MFL - French, Spanish or Urdu



And remember...

If you don't gain a 4 you will have to resit Maths and English at college.

Most colleges will want at least grade 5s if you want to go on to study level 3 courses.



Reasons for choosing a subject

- You enjoy the content
- You find it interesting
- You want to be successful in it
- You have some skill in the subject
- It's right learning style for you
- It is something you might want to study in 6th Form
- It relates to a career you are interested in
- English Baccalaureate (Humanities and Language)
- It's a good reserve choices in case your preferred choice does not run



Reasons for NOT choosing a subject

You want to be with your friends - this is your future not theirs

You like the teacher - there is no guarantee your current teacher will be teaching the GCSE in Y10



Making the right choices

- Talk to your Tutor, Teachers, and Progress Leader
- Talk to your parents / carers and older students
- Think about what careers you might be interested in
- Request a Careers Advice Meeting
- Read the Options Booklet you will be given
- Carry out your own career research on the internet
www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk
- Attend Options Evening



Optional Subjects

GCSEs		Vocational Level 2 Qualifications	
History	Geography	Sport	Health and Social Care
Spanish	French	Business and Enterprise	Product Design
Urdu	Art	Hospitality and Catering	Performing Arts - Music
RE	Citizenship	IT	Performing Arts - Drama
Computer Science	Arabic	Performing Arts - Dance	

Next Steps

- Now - talk to your teachers
- Begin researching careers
- Look of the website at the options section
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