

We want you to make an informed choice about the subjects you will study in Year 10 and 11.

**We want students to make the best choices for them.**

### WHAT can you choose?

The curriculum you will study has been designed to make sure you leave CAB with a broad range of qualifications, knowledge, skills and experiences to prepare you for further study and any job & career you choose.

#### All students will study 9 GCSEs in total.

The core subjects are **Maths, English** (2 GCSEs) and **Science** (2 GCSEs). They will have core **PE** lessons and **PSHE & careers education** as part of drop-down days throughout the year.

**For the remaining 4 subjects there is an element of choice:**

**Humanities Option:** Choose one between Geography, History and RE

**Languages & RE Option:** Choose one between Spanish and RE, or a community language (Bengali, Punjabi and Urdu) if students already speak this as a language.

**Free Options A & B:** Choose two of the following subjects –

Art	Health & Social Care	Psychology
Business Studies	History	Religious Studies (RS)
Computer Science	Hospitality & Catering	Separate Science (Invitation only)
Design & Technology – Product Design	Music	Sports Science
Drama	Performing Arts	Statistics
Geography	Photography	Dance (with PE)

### HOW to choose your options:



**Fact Check:** If you don't know about a particular subject ask your subject teacher. No subjects are 'easy' and they all present different challenges.



**Enjoyment:** Choose subjects you think you will enjoy. This means reading all the information in the options booklet researching content closely and asking teachers and others who know you well for advice.



**Aptitude:** Choose subjects you think you will be good at. Why do you enjoy particular subjects and how committed are you e.g. drama: have you enjoyed performing previously? Do you like working collaboratively? Are you committed to rehearse for GCSE performance work after school?



**Prospects:** Think seriously about your future ambitions. You may have a career path in mind. If you do then you should check entry requirements for specific courses at college or university and work back from there.



**Balance:** If you have no idea what you want to do in the future make sure that the subjects you choose provide a broad and balanced programme.



**Independence:** Think about what subjects suit you and that you'll get the most out of.



**Beware of the traps:** Please do not pick a subject because that's what your friends are doing or because you think you'll get your favourite teacher... there is no guarantee you'll get this teacher again next year.

## Timeline of the Options Process

- Year 9 Assembly – 8.40am on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January
- Parents Virtual Options Meeting – 6pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January
- MS options choice form sent to students' email addresses after students have received all the information about the process and the subjects.
- Deadline for submitting options choice forms – **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

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## FAQs

### Where can I find the information about the subjects?

The options booklet is available on the website and a paper copy will be available. There are also short videos on each of the options subject on the website for more in-depth information. Please read all of this information to make sure you understand the option choices you are making.

### How do I make my choices and when is the deadline?

Options choices need to be made via the Microsoft form that will be sent to their school email address. There is no benefit to getting your form in early. Places are NOT allocated on a first come first serve basis. Please take your time to read all of the info. The deadline is the **Friday 11th February**

### Can I really choose any combination of subjects from the options e.g., 3 humanities subjects?

Yes, the options are designed that whatever students choose their curriculum is fairly broad and balanced. We would encourage though that students follow the advice they are given and choose as broader range of subjects as possible.

### Can I take separate science?

Only certain students are eligible to choose separate science as one of their options. These students will be currently in the top set for science and will be invited to consider the subject by Ms Malik – Head of Science.

### Can I change my options once I have chosen them?

We really need students to make their choices and stick to them but there will undoubtedly some who will have made a mistake. Students wanting to change their options before the summer need to contact Mrs Pugh – [emma.pugh@clf.uk](mailto:emma.pugh@clf.uk)

In September there will be a clear policy and procedure for students changing options.

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## Need further help?

### Who can you speak to for more information?

**Subject specific questions** Subject Teachers or Heads of Faculty

**Careers guidance** Our careers co-ordinator - Rachel Martin – [rachel.martin@clf.uk](mailto:rachel.martin@clf.uk)

**General questions** Emma Pugh (Associate Assistant Principal & Yr 9 options lead) – [emma.pugh@clf.uk](mailto:emma.pugh@clf.uk)  
Kelly Jefferies (Interim Vice-Principal) – [kelly.jefferies@clf.uk](mailto:kelly.jefferies@clf.uk)