

KS4 Options: Which way now?



Options Evening Information
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The career pathway at Wadebridge School



YEAR 8

OPTIONS PROCESS



END OF YEAR 11.....
NEXT DESTINATIONS



WHAT IS THE INTENTION OF CAREERS AT WADEBRIDGE SCHOOL

Young people who are fully informed and possess the skills to give themselves a chance to achieve their potential!!

Types of Qualification on Offer at Wadebridge

GCSE: General Certificate of Education.

- Graded 1 to 9, with 9 being the top grade.
- 100% written examination, apart from in practical subjects, like Art and Drama, where there is an element of controlled assessment (tasks completed under the supervision of the teacher).
- Exams take place at the end of the course (no modules).
- No exam tiers e.g. Higher/Foundation, except in Maths, Science and Modern Foreign Languages.

Technical Awards. Technical awards are an alternative national qualification to GCSEs.

- Equivalent in standard to one GCSE.
- Graded from Level 1 pass to Level 2 Distinction *
- Offer a more applied, skills-based learning route, with a greater emphasis on assessment through controlled assessment (up to 70%), although there will still be some external assessments, for example online tests.
- In most cases there are two opportunities to sit the external assessments (exams) with the best result counting in the final grade.
- Offered by established accreditation boards, such as BTEC, OCR, AQA and NCFE.

Qualification grades

<i>GCSE</i>	<i>Technical Award</i>
9	L2 Distinction*
8	(8.5)
7	L2 Distinction
6	
5	L2 Merit (5.5)
4	L2 Pass
3	L1 Distinction
2	L1 Merit
1	L1 Pass (1.25)
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Department for Education Grade Classification



GOOD PASS: Grade 5 / Level 2 Merit and above



AWARDED PASS: Grade 4 / Level 2 Pass

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

CORE - Compulsory subjects all students must undertake

English Literature

English Language

Mathematics

Ethics, Philosophy and religion

RSHE

Core PE

Combined Science

No choice

EBACC - a group of academic subjects identified by the Government

Computer Science

Separate science

Geography

History

French

Spanish

One Option choice

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

OPEN – broad group of both academic and more applied subjects

Art and Design

Business Studies

Computer Science

Design and Technology

Drama

Enterprise and Marketing

Film studies

French

Further Maths

Geography

Health and Fitness

History

Hospitality and catering

ICT- I media

Music

Separate Sciences

Spanish

Vocational pathways -

Work placement

Three Option choices

Can you guarantee students will get what they want?

Options forms show preference and **can not** be guaranteed

However:

In 2022 only **3** students had to take their reserve subject

No students had to take a subject that was not on their form at all

Reasons we can't guarantee preferences

- To run a subject it needs to have enough students
- Some subjects have large numbers of students and are available on every block so every student can have a place in these
- Some subjects have smaller numbers and we can only offer one class in one block
- If you choose 2 subjects which only have one class in the same block they clash and you will have to choose which you prefer

WHY CAN'T YOU GUARANTEE MY OPTION PREFERENCES

- You pick your option preferences in four blocks, A, B, C and D.
- Each block has two hours in Week 1 and two hours in Week 2 on the timetable.

Week One					
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	Option A				
2				Option C	Option D
3		Option B			
4		Option D	Option B		
5	Option C			Option A	

- You can only take one subject in each block or time slot.
- This is because you cannot be in two subjects at the same time!

Can Options be changed ?

- Deadline for changes to Option subjects is October half term of Year 9
- We have to be strict about this deadline to be fair to all students and staff
- We take great care to make student choices work
- Therefore it is very important that you find out as much as possible and take time making choices



Do choose a subject



- ✓ You enjoy.
- ✓ You are good at.
- ✓ After talking to your teachers.
- ✓ After talking to your parents.
- ✓ That may help you in the future.

X Don't choose a subject



- x **Just because your friend does.**
- x **Just because you like the teacher.**
- x **Because you think it's easy.**

Date	Event
Autumn term 2	Tutor programme: Career Pilot
W/E 27 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options booklet & subject video links online (intranet and website) Tutors advised of live link/ class charts notification to parents
7 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options assembly to Year 8
W/E 10 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to parents about options process
20 th February to 17 th March (4 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tutor programme: "Choosing your options" (Support from Careers team)
23 rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options evening 4pm-6pm – face to face
3 rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 Progress checks home
9 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 parents evening - online
13 th – 17 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online Option meetings between parents, students and senior staff
17 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online option form issued to parents and pupils
24 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online option form submission deadline



NOTICES

HOME

OUR SCHOOL +

CURRICULUM -

SUBJECTS +

OPTIONS

CAREERS +

LEARNING JOURNEYS

OFSTED, DFE & RESULTS

NEWS & EVENTS +

STAFF +

STUDENTS +

PARENTS +

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CONTACT US

COMMUNITY



Year 8

[Options booklet 2023](#)

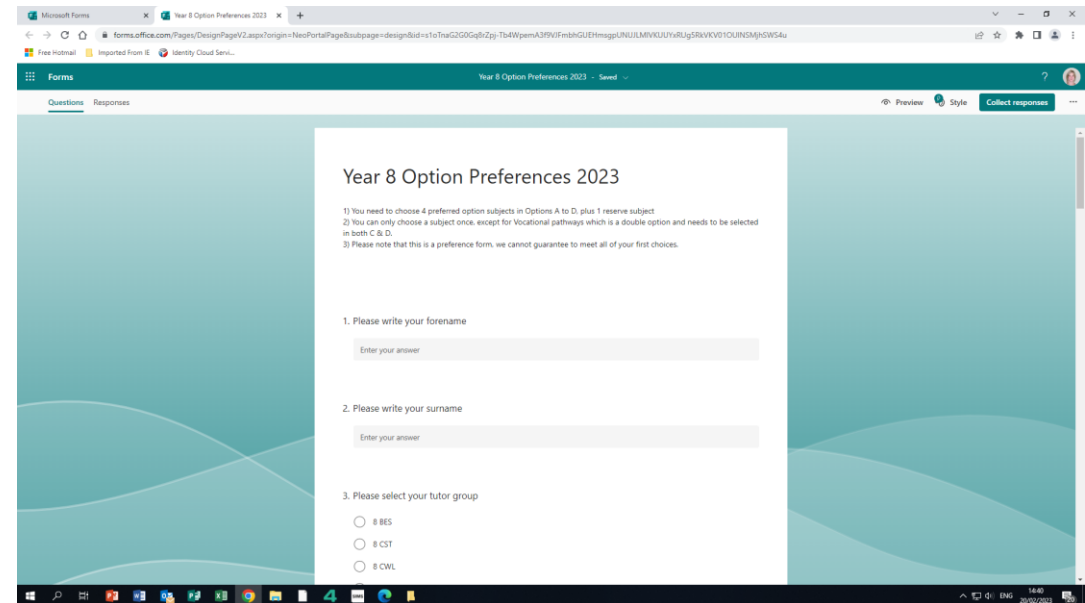
[Option videos 2023](#)

[Options timeline 2023](#)

<https://www.wadebridge.cornwall.sch.uk/curriculum/options>

Completing the form

- The form will be sent to the students email - wsnumber@wadebridge.cornwall.sch.uk
- The student must complete it using their login
- It will be a Microsoft form



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Form titled "Year 8 Option Preferences 2023". The form is displayed in a browser window with the URL "forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPageV2.aspx?origin=NesPortalPage&subpage=design&id=s1toTnaG2G0qGzjyTb4WpemA3RfVfmbhGUeHmssgUNULMVKUJvUyLg5SRVVKV010UNKMj9SW54u". The form content includes instructions and three questions:

Year 8 Option Preferences 2023

1) You need to choose 4 preferred option subjects in Options A to D, plus 1 reserve subject
2) You can only choose a subject once, except for Vocational pathways which is a double option and needs to be selected in both C & D.
3) Please note that this is a preference form, we cannot guarantee to meet all of your first choices.

1. Please write your forename

Enter your answer

2. Please write your surname

Enter your answer

3. Please select your tutor group

8 BES
 8 CST
 8 CWL