

Year 8 Options Assembly



Wadebridge School

Thursday 5th February 2026

KS4 Options: Which way now?



Some choices are easy and they don't have big consequences but others are more difficult and have greater influence on our future



Your career pathway at Wadebridge School



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!!

Year 8: Options Timeline 2026

Date	Event
Autumn term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tutor programme: Career Pilot and intro to options
16 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options booklet (intranet and website) Tutors advised of live link/ class charts notification to parents
15 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tutor meeting to share resources with tutors (Support from Careers team)
5 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options assembly to Year 8
6 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to parents about options process with link to Options information on Website
26 th Jan – 23 rd March fortnightly careers session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tutor programme: "Choosing your options" (Support from Careers team) Audio files available on website
4 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options evening 4pm-6pm
5 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 Progress checks home
16 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 parents evening
20 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online option form issued to parents and pupils
30 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online option form submission deadline (27th Business breakfast)

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

CORE - Compulsory

English Literature

English Language

Mathematics

Ethics, Philosophy and Religion

RSHE

Core PE

Combined Science

You will continue to study some subjects throughout key stage 4.

The core curriculum enables you to gain **6 GCSEs**

Core PE and RSHE do not enable you to gain qualifications, but they are important for your wider personal development and are compulsory



Key Stage 4 Curriculum

EBACC – Some Choice

Computer Science

Separate science

Geography

History

French

Spanish

The majority of students are encouraged to take a subject from this box to meet the Government's Ebacc requirement (English Baccalaureate)

This will make up **1** option choice however you can choose to take more subjects from this box up to a maximum of **3**



Key Stage 4 Curriculum

OPEN – Free Choice

Art and Design

Design and Technology

Drama

Enterprise and Marketing

Health and Fitness

Hospitality and catering

ICT- I media

Music

When you have made your choice/s from the Ebacc box you can then add up to **2** more subjects from the Open box

In total from the Ebacc and Open boxes you can select 3 qualifications and the majority of students will obtain 9 qualifications in year 11

Some students will be offered Further Maths in Y11 as an extracurricular qualification in addition to these qualifications



Enrichment activities

As well as your subjects you will also have time within the school day to try other activities for a half term these **might** include:

Crafts and creative activities
Community volunteering and projects
Musical activities
Sports and exercise activities
IT and computer skills
Outdoor pursuits





Welcome to Wadebridge School

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CALENDAR

HOME

OUR SCHOOL

CURRICULUM

SUBJECTS

OPTIONS

CAREERS

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

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INFORMATION

TERM DATES AND SCHOOL
TIMES

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Year 8

The Option process will be starting shortly - new documents will be uploaded from 3rd February 2025

Options Timeline 2025

Options Booklet 2025

Options Assembly 2025



Very important to remember

Your option forms show your **preference** and **can not** be guaranteed

However:

In 2025 NO students had to take a subject that was not on their form at all (3 had to take their reserve)



Reasons we can't guarantee your 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





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.**



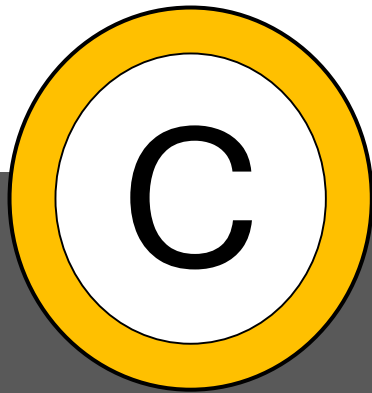
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Don't choose a subject



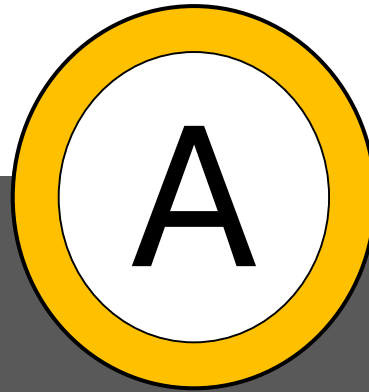
- x **Just because your friend does.**
- x **Just because you like the teacher.**
- x **Because you think it's easy.**





Community

Cooperation



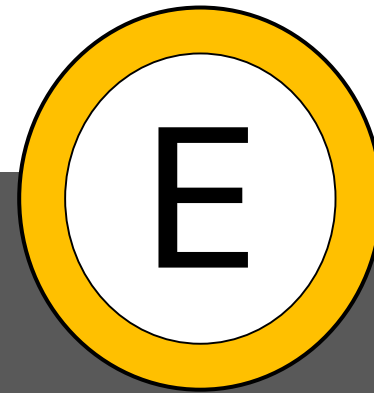
Ambition

Achievement



Respect

Responsibility



Endeavour

Enjoyment