

Year 8 Options Evening



Wadebridge School

Wednesday 4th March 2026

KS4 Options: Which way now?



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)



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.

Vocational qualifications and technical awards.

- 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.
- Offered by established accreditation boards, such as BTEC, OCR, AQA and NCFE.

Types of Qualification on Offer at Wadebridge

FORMER GRADING STRUCTURE	NEW GRADING SYSTEM
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
C	5
D	4
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

GCSE	Technical Award
9	L2 Distinction*
8	(8.5)
7	L2 Distinction
6	L2 Merit (5.5)
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

→ **AWARDING PASS:** Grade 4 / Level 2 Pass

Students who fail to achieve a grade 4 in English and/or Maths will need to continue to study Maths and English post 16

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

CORE – Compulsory subjects all students must undertake

English Literature

English Language

Mathematics

Ethics, Philosophy and Religion

RSHE (no qualification)

Core PE (no qualification)

Combined Science (2 GCSES)

Compulsory - lead to **6** GCSE qualifications

EBACC – a group of academic subjects identified by the Government

Computer Science

Separate science

Geography

History

French

Spanish

One Option choice - lead to **1** GCSE qualification

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

OPEN – Free Choice

Art and Design

Computer Science

Design and Technology

Drama

Enterprise and Marketing

French

Geography

Health and Fitness

History

Hospitality and Catering

ICT- I media

Music

Separate Sciences

Spanish

Two Option choices - lead to **2 GCSEs**
or Vocational qualifications



Do choose...



- * Subjects you like
- * Subjects you have done well in and gained good marks
- * Subjects you feel would help you to be successful in whatever you choose to do after the end of Year 11

Don't choose...



- * Subjects that your friends are choosing (they may not be in your class)
- * Subjects that your favourite teacher teaches (you may not be in their class)
- * Subjects that you think other people would like you to take



Useful
information
available on
the school
website



The screenshot shows the school's website header with the logo and contact information. A navigation menu on the left lists various categories, with 'CURRICULUM' selected. The main content area features a photo of a student in a lab and text regarding the 'Year 8' options process, including links to PDF documents.

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HOME

CALENDAR

CONTACT US

CURRICULUM -

OPTIONS -

SUBJECTS +

CAREERS +

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

OUR SCHOOL +

PARENTS +

SAFEGUARDING

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

STAFF +

STUDENTS +

TERM DATES AND SCHOOL TIMES +

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Year 8

The Option process has started. Please find information to support this process below:

- [Options Timeline 2026.pdf](#)
- [Options Booklet 2026](#)
- [Audio Options Files 2026](#)
- [Options Assembly 2026.pdf](#)

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



The Options form – Deadline 30th March

- 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

Year 8 Option Preferences 2026 - Final copy

- 1) You need to choose 3 preferred option subjects in Options A to C, plus 1 reserve subject.
- 2) You can only choose a subject once.
- 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

Very important to remember

Option forms show **preferences** and **can not** be guaranteed

However:

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

In any case where a reserve subject was required contact would be made with home.

All courses are confirmed in writing after the options forms have been processed.



Reasons we can't guarantee preferences

- Enough students
- Subject demand
- Clashes



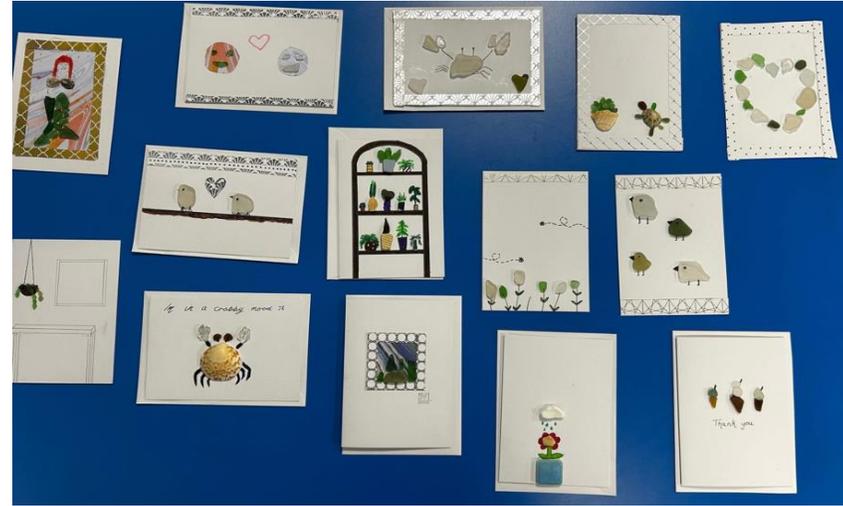
Can Options be changed ?

Deadline for changes to Option subjects is
October half term of Year 9

We take great care to make student choices
work within the timetable therefore it is very
important that you find out as much as possible
and take time making choices

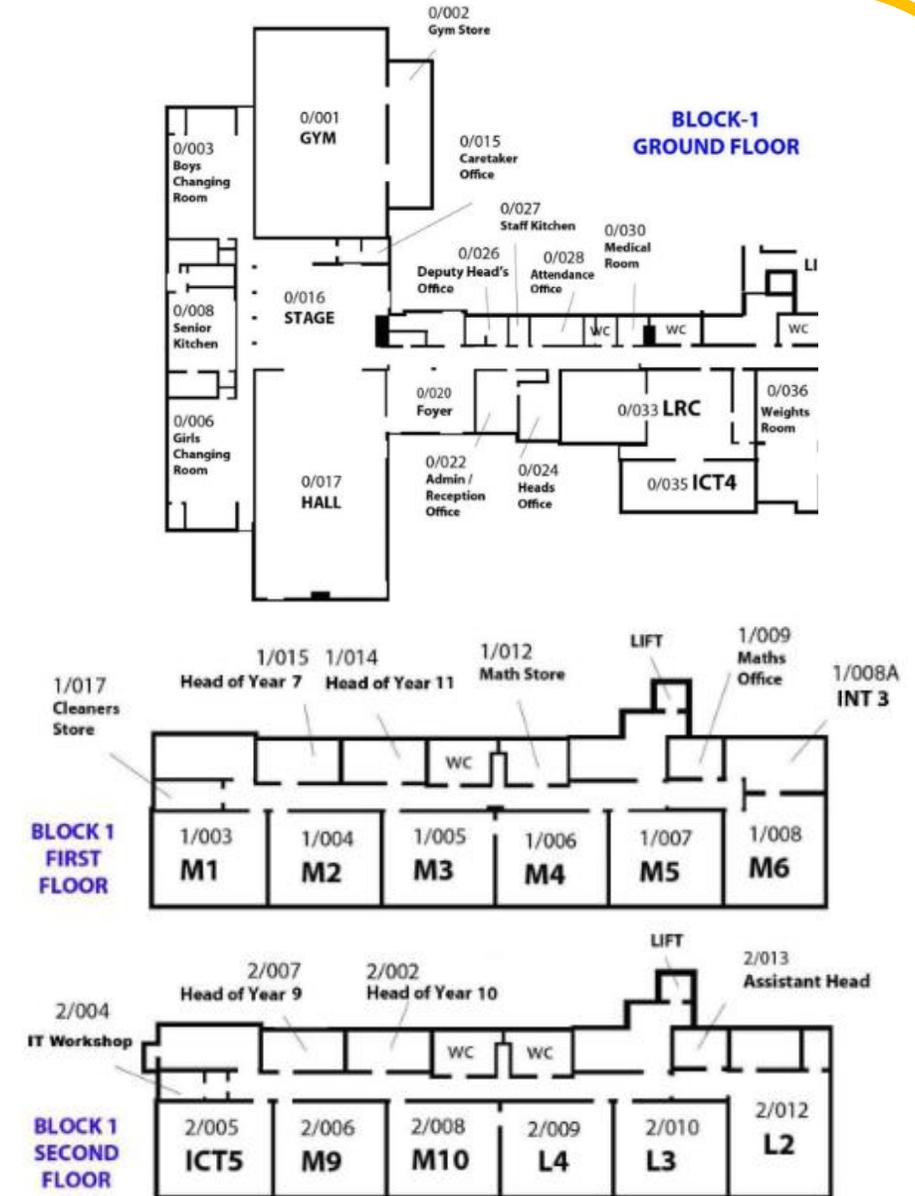


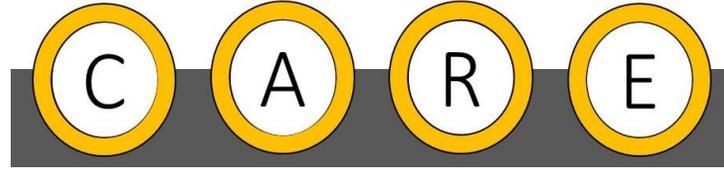
Curriculum Enrichment



Plan for options Evening

Hall	Presentation 4:15pm and 5:15pm
M1	Combined Science & Separate Sciences
M2	English Language, Literature and Drama
M3	History
M4	Geography
M5	French & Spanish
M6	EPR / Religious Studies
IT5	Enterprise and Marketing and Computer Science
M10	Design and Technology & Hospitality and Catering
M9	Health and Fitness & PE
L4	Maths
L3	Music
L2	Art
LRC	RSHE, Careers and Enrichment
IT4	ICT I-media



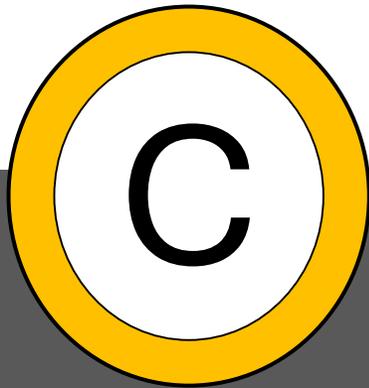


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Scan this QR code to download a copy of the
Year 8 Options Booklet

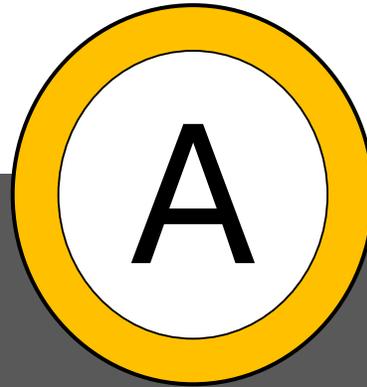


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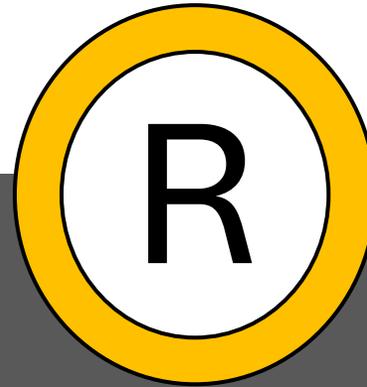
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Cooperation



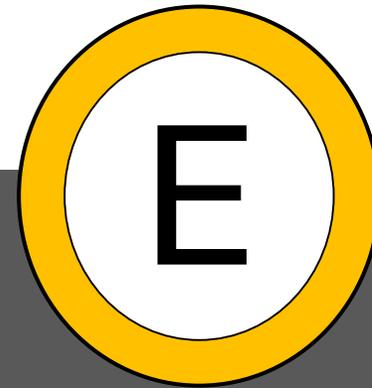
Ambition

Achievement



Respect

Responsibility



Endeavour

Enjoyment