

Dear Parents & Carers of Year 9 students

The deadline for Year 9 students to choose their Options subjects is fast approaching. Please ensure that your child has completed and submitted their form by Friday 11th March (tomorrow). The information from our original letter is shown below for your information. Should you have any queries please contact admin@wreake.bepschools.org

For students in Year 9, choosing the subjects that will form the curriculum they study through until the end of Year 11 is a key decision.

There are some myths about the choices made at Year 9 and some potential misconceptions too. I would strongly encourage students and parents to discuss these decisions thoroughly, but I would also strongly counsel you to select courses that you are genuinely excited about studying.

Everyone will study:

- Maths
- English (language and literature, 2 GCSEs)
- Combined science (2 GCSEs) - unless a student opts for triple science
- Personal development (non-examination)
- Core PE (non-examination)

Each student also has a completely open choice of four subjects from those available. We believe all of the subjects we offer will be of value to our students, so you should pick the ones you really want to study for GCSE (or BTEC) so you are motivated to thrive.

To be as clear as possible and to dispel any myths, the following statements are true about progression to most sixth forms, including Bradgate Sixth Form:

- Triple science is an excellent choice for talented scientists and anyone looking to study science at A Level. However, you do not need to have studied triple science to study sciences at A level; a grade 6 in combined science will allow access to A Level science in most academic sixth forms.
- History or geography and a modern foreign language may be looked for by sixth forms to indicate the academic rigour of the GCSE curriculum studied by a student, but are not compulsory.
- A grade 5/6 or higher in any of the subjects available to you will be a better indicator of your potential to study A Level than a grade 4 in a traditionally academic subject.

· When Oxford University look at A Level results of applicants, they look at the subjects that link directly to the degree they are offering but they also strongly recommend that one of the three A Levels is something that the student simply loves to study and has thrived in. For example, a medical student might need an A Level in chemistry and biology but the third A Level is just as likely to be drama or art (especially if these subjects are something that the student can excel in).

The point I am trying to make is that whilst the choices you make are important and your futures should be considered, the most important thing is that you select subjects you are going to love studying.

How to make your Option choices

- You will need the login details (Username and Password) that we have given you to log-on to the TOOLS Options form online and make your Options selection. Use the link below to go to the TOOLS Options Form online.
- Students who attended the Options Evening were given their Username and Password in an envelope.
- Students who did not attend the Options Evening will be given their Username and Password to bring home on Monday 28th February.
- **Here is the link for the TOOLS Options Form Online** (<https://www.studentoptions.co/WREAKE>).
- You will be asked to choose the four subjects you would like to study. In addition to the four choices you make, we also ask you to make one reserve choice. We will aim to accommodate all of your choices, but we cannot guarantee this, which is why we ask you to select a reserve choice.
When more students choose a subject than we can accommodate, we will refer to the overall Attitude to Learning for individuals to allocate places.
- Before you make your final choices, please read the information provided by each subject about their course which can be found on our website; there is an information sheet and a narrated PowerPoint for each subject.
- This link will take you to our website (<https://www.wreake.bepschools.org/our-academy/curriculum/key-stage-4-curriculum/>).
- Take your time and consider the choices available to you; **this is not a first come, first served process**. You have until **Friday 11th March 2022** to complete the choices form online.

Students will be informed of the final decisions regarding their choices in June 2022. We will be in touch before then if we need to consider using the reserve choice.

If you have any questions about subject choices, please contact any one of the following:
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If you have any problems with your Online Options Choices please email admin@wreake.bepschools.org

Kind regards

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