Year 9 Options 2025



Information on Key Stage 4
Courses

Things to Consider

Do consider:

- What do I enjoy?
- What am I good at?
- What do I want to do post-16
 - a) Sixth form?
 - b) Vocational course?
 - c) Apprenticeship?
- Choose a good range of subjects

Do not consider:

- Choosing subjects just to be with friends
- Choosing subjects because "I like/don't like the teacher"

What do I have to study in Year 10/11?

English

GCSE English Language

GCSE English Literature

Mathematics

GCSE Mathematics

Science

One of the following

- Combined Science
- Triple Science

Religious Studies

GCSE Philosophy and Ethics

Core PE

The English Baccalaureate

- English GCSE
- Maths GCSE
- 2 x Science GCSE
- 1 x GCSE French or Spanish
- 1 x GCSE Geography or History



English and Maths

- It is essential that every student gets the highest grade they can in GCSE English and Maths
- Students who do not achieve at least a grade 4 in English and Maths GCSEs are required to continue to study these subjects post 16

Languages

- Languages are hugely important in broadening pupils' horizons and improving their employment opportunities (Department for Education)
- Languages are an 'integral part of the curriculum' and they 'equip pupils with the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life' (Amanda Spielman)

Points to Consider

CONTROLLED OR NON-EXAM ASSESSMENT

None Examinations only	Computer Science, Economics, English Language, English Literature, Geography, History, Maths, Religious Studies, Combined and Triple Sciences, Sociology		
25%	French, Spanish (Languages have Speaking Assessments)		
30%	Media		
40%	Physical Education		
50%	Design and Technology, Food Preparation and Nutrition		
60%	Drama, Music, Health and Social Care		
100%	Art (40% is under controlled conditions)		

There are four options pathways, which are designed to suit and meet each individual student's needs. All students must follow one of,

- EBacc plus Triple Science and STEM enrichment
- EBacc (includes Combined Science)
- EBacc Plus (includes Combined Science)
- Non-EBacc (includes Combined Science)

Ebacc plus Triple Science and STEM enrichment

- French or Spanish (or another approved language)
- Geography or History
- Triple Science/STEM enrichment
- One further subject choice

EBacc

- French or Spanish (or another approved language)
- Geography or History
- Two further subject choices

EBacc Plus

- French or Spanish (or another approved language)
- Geography or History
- EBacc subject support sessions
- One further subject choice

Non-EBacc with additional English and/or Maths

- French or Geography or History or Spanish
- Additional support sessions in English and/or Maths
- Two further subject choices

- Based on the progress and other data for each student, they will be guided to consider the appropriate pathway(s)
- Suggested pathway(s) will be shared with families by email on Thurs 13 Feb 2025

Pathway	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4	Reserve
EBacc with Triple Science & STEM* Enrichment	French Spanish	Geography History	Triple Science		o.
EBacc	French Spanish	Geography History			
EBacc Plus	French Spanish	Geography History	EBacc Plus		
Non EBacc	French Geography History Spanish	Additional English and/or Maths			

Students following the EBacc, EBacc Plus and Non EBacc pathways will study Combined Science which is equivalent to two GCSEs.

Arts Subjects

- Art
- Drama
- Music
- PE
- Media

Humanities Subjects

- BTEC Health and Social Care
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Sociology

BTEC Health and Social Care not available to EBacc with Triple Sci pathway.

Economics is only available to students secure in English and Maths

Languages

- French
- Spanish

If you have, or intend to, take a GCSE exam in a community language please see the next page.

Where it has been agreed that a community language is being taken, students may also study a language in school or may choose another subject instead.

Technology Subjects

- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Food
 Preparation and
 Nutrition

Computer Science is only available to students secure in Maths.

 Design and Technology students will need to express a preference for either Textiles or Product Design

Next steps

- Students and families will receive details of their suggested pathway(s) by email on Thurs 13th Feb 2025
- Families will receive an email after half-term to register to use SIMS Options Online
- Families can either
 - i. Complete option choices online by Tues 4th March 2025
 - ii. Request an options interview and complete the option choices online straight afterwards
- Individual interviews will begin during week commencing Mon 10th March 2025
- Individual interviews are not necessary where there is accord regarding the guided pathway

Next steps

- To request an options interview email options@qegschool.org.uk
- To enquire about community languages email options@qegschool.org.uk
- To enquire regarding recommended pathways email options@gegschool.org.uk

Option Choice Follow-Up

- Timetabling constraints may force minor changes
- Families will be contacted if first preferences cannot be accommodated
 - this is to agree alternative choices.

OPTION CHOICE CONFIRMATION

- Final letters issued to students with their options offer after Easter
- No changes in September

Information available on the school website

- KS4 Options Handbook 2025-2027
- 'How to use SIMS Options Online' helpsheet
- SIMS Options Online Demonstration Video
- For each subject
 - Subject overview video
 - Subject information sheet
 - Subject FAQs

- You will receive an invitation email from <u>noreply@sims.co.uk</u>. If you cannot find this email, please check your SPAM/junk folder before contacting the school.
- Best to sign out of all accounts first
- Click the Accept Invitation button

You're invited to start using SIMS Parent to manage your child's personal details at GreenAb. If enabled by the school, you can also view child's attendance, school reports, homework assignments and more.

Simply accept this invitation and register within 90 days.

Accept Invitation

If the button above doesn't work, copy and paste the following link into your browser.

https://registration.sims.co.uk

Should you need to enter it, your personal invite code is: XVG9BTMRXT

- The Activate Your Account screen is displayed. The Invitation Code field is already filled with the unique code from your email.
- Enter your email address as
 Username and click the Next button

 Do not use the 'external account' option

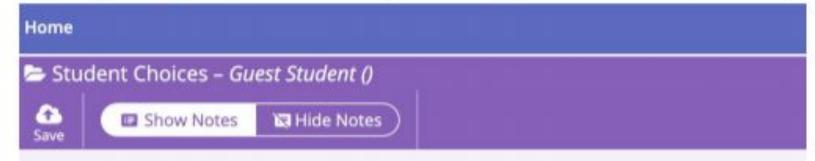
Activate Your Account So that we can confirm your identity, please enter your email address and personal invitation code. Username AdeleAbimbola@myexampledomain.co.uk Invitation Code XVG9BTMRXT Next Alternatively you may complete the registration using an External Account.

Register with an External Account

- You will be asked to Create a Strong Password
- Once your account has been registered, you will need to validate it. Check your email account for an email from SIMS ID Registration
- Click on Verify My Email in the SIMS ID Registration email
- Click the Sign In button on the screen confirming your email address has been validated

- Once the registration process is complete, users can sign in via the following URLs.
 - https://www.sims-options.co.uk (for Options Online)
 - https://www.sims-parent.co.uk (for checking and updating personal data)

When you log in you will see your daughter's recommended pathway.

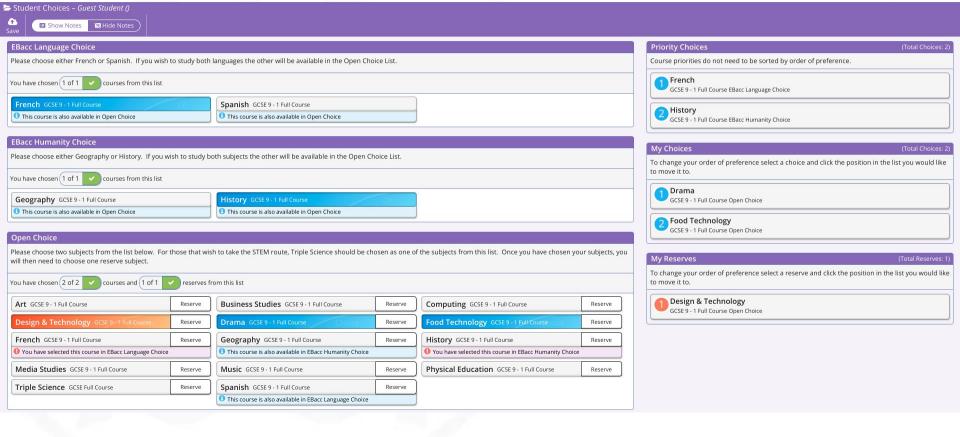


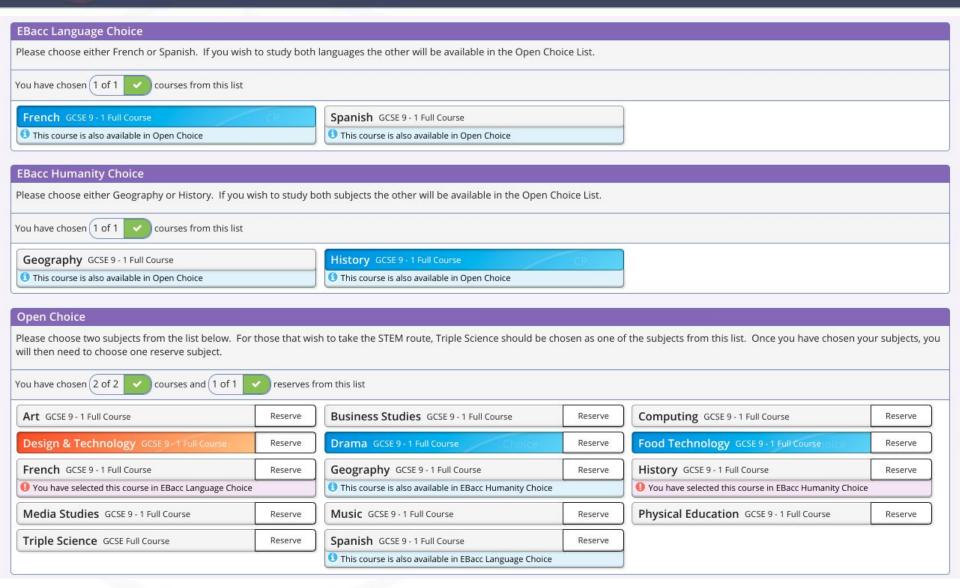
Pathway: Ebacc

This pathway is tailored to students who want to secure the EBacc with the flexibility to study a w in Key Stage 3.

Students on the EBacc pathway will have the opportunity to study a language (French or Spanish)

For more information about subjects please look at the Key Stage 4 Options page of the school w





Priority Choices

(Total Choices: 2)

Course priorities do not need to be sorted by order of preference.

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French

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course EBacc Language Choice



History

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course EBacc Humanity Choice

My Choices

(Total Choices: 2)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.



Drama

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open Choice



Food Technology

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open Choice

My Reserves

(Total Reserves: 1)

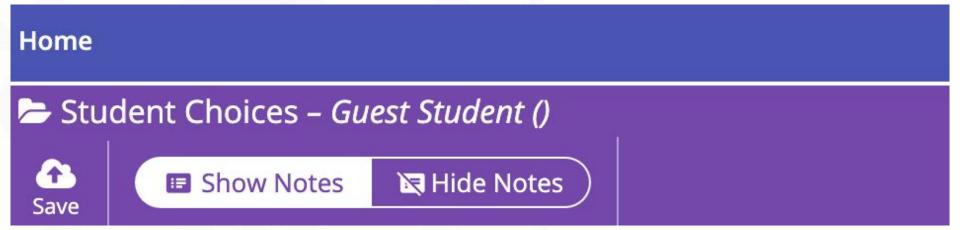
To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.



Design & Technology

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open Choice





Opportunities to ask questions

- Questions relating to individual subjects should be directed to the relevant subject lead
- FAQs and video overviews are available for each subject on the school website