

Year 9 Options 2023



Information on Key Stage 4 Courses

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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

PSHE & Citizenship

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The English Baccalaureate

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

All at 5 grade or above =





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 5 in English and Maths GCSEs are likely to be required to continue to study these subjects post 16

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Points to Consider

CONTROLLED OR NON-EXAM ASSESSMENT

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

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)

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Options Pathways

There are four option pathways:

Ebacc plus Triple Science and STEM enrichment – This option is tailored to support breadth and academic success for students with a particular interest and aptitude in the Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)

EBacc – This option is tailored to students who want to secure the EBacc with the flexibility to study a wide range of subjects. It is suited to students who have a secure grounding across the range of subjects in Key Stage 3

EBacc Plus – This option is tailored to offer additional support to help students to secure the EBacc. Students opt for one subject less, which provides time for additional support in the EBacc subjects. It is suited to students who have a developing grasp of the subjects studied in Key Stage 3.

Non-EBacc with additional English and/or Maths – This pathway offers support to students who may prefer a less traditional route through Key Stage 4. It offers greater flexibility in subject choice alongside additional support in English and/or Maths.

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

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Options Pathways

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

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Options Pathways

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 school's progress and other data for each student, they will be guided to consider the appropriate pathway(s)
- These are included on each student's profile in 'SIMS Options', the online platform used in the options process.

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Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School Choice 2 Choice 1 Choice 3 Choice 4 Pathway Reserve EBacc with French Geography Triple Science & Triple Science STEM* History Spanish Enrichment French Geography **EBacc** Spanish History French Geography **EBacc Plus** EBacc Plus Spanish History Additional French Geography English Non EBacc History and/or Spanish Maths

Students following the EBacc, EBacc Plus and Non EBacc pathways will study Combined Science which is

equivalent to two GCSEs.



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Arts Subjects

- Art
- Drama
- Music
- PEMedia

Humanities Subjects

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

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

Economics is only available to students secure in English and Maths and cannot be taken with Business.

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

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

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Next steps

- Families will receive an email tomorrow to register to use SIMS Options Online
- · Families can either
 - Complete option choices online by Wednesday 1st March
 - ii. Request an options interview and complete the option choices online straight afterwards
- Individual interviews will begin during week commencing Monday 6th March
- Individual interviews are not necessary where there is accord regarding the guided pathway



Next steps

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

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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

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Information available on the school website

- KS4 Options Handbook 2023-2025
- 'How to use SIMS Options Online' helpsheet
- SIMS Options Online Demonstration Video
- For each subject
 - Subject overview video
 - Subject information sheet
 - Subject FAQs



Using SIMS Options Online

- 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

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Using SIMS Options Online

- 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

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Using SIMS Options Online

- 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

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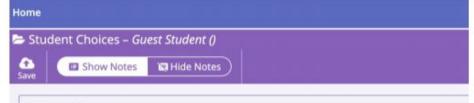
Using SIMS Options Online

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



Using SIMS Options Online

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



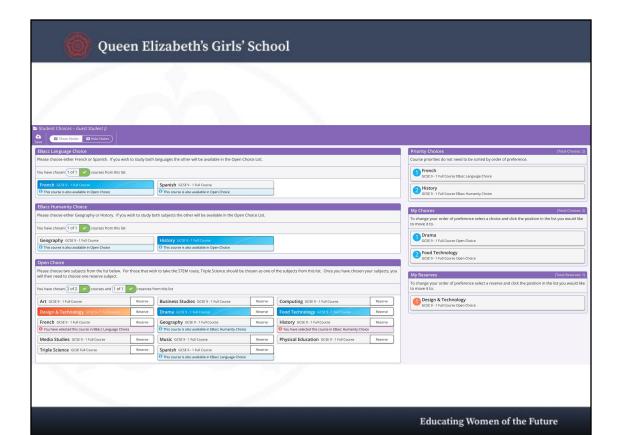
Pathway: Ebacc

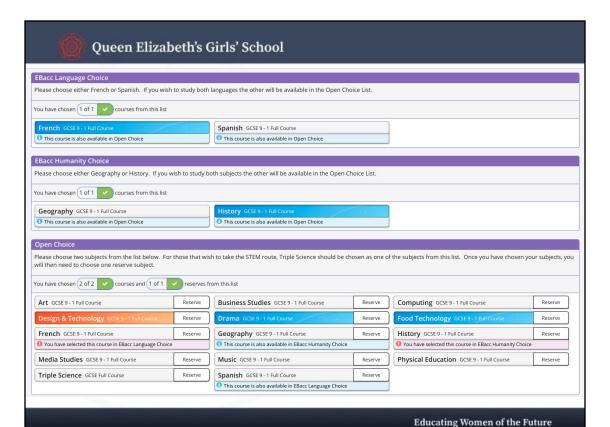
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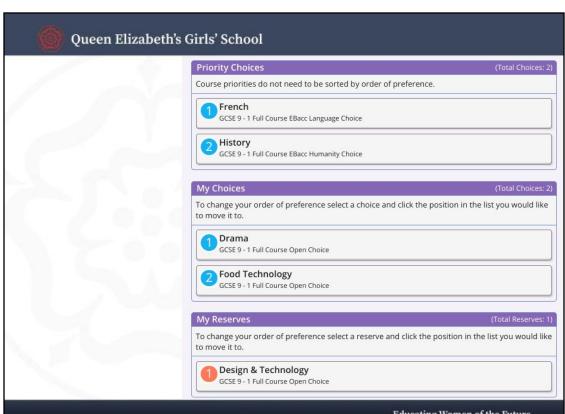
Students on the EBacc pathway will have the opportunity to study a language (French or Spanish)

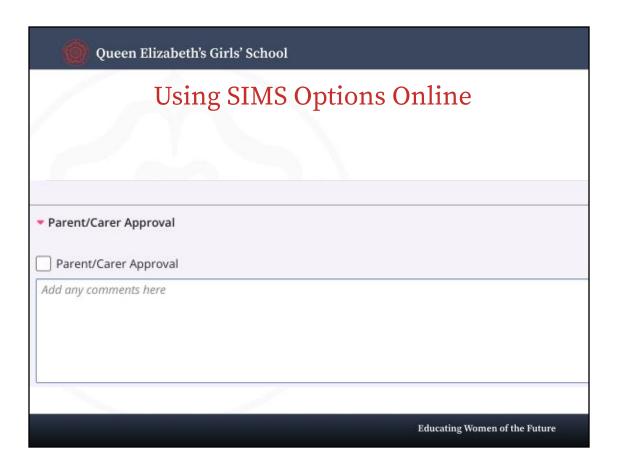
For more information about subjects please look at the Key Stage 4 Options page of the school w

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Opportunities to ask questions

- Any general questions about the options process can be asked at 7pm in the hall
- 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

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