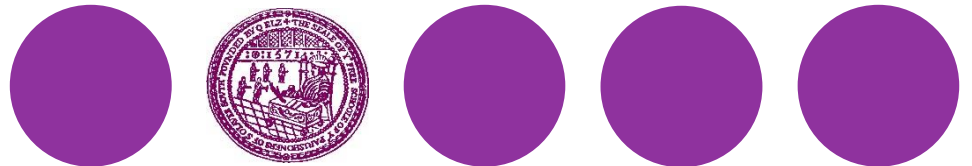


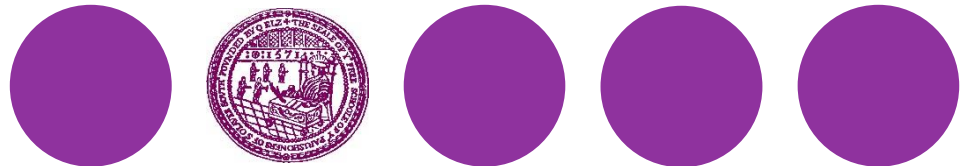
Year 8

GCSE Options Evening



Welcome

- **Options Booklet and Options Online**
- Choice should be based on interest, enjoyment and ability **not** by what your friends are choosing
- Think carefully about your selection
- Ask if unsure



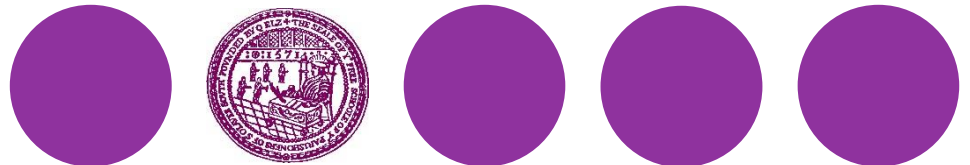
Education Reform

- All GCSEs have been reformed
- **You** will sit the new GCSE exams in all your subjects
- A **new** grading system will be used (9 to 1)



How many subjects do I study?

- Students take 10 ½ GCSEs
 - There are **6 ½ compulsory** GCSEs
 - Students choose **4 options** subjects
 - **RS** (short course) is taken in Year 10
 - All other exams are taken in Year 11



Which subjects are compulsory?

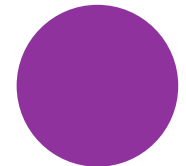
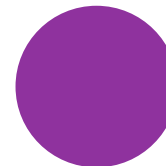
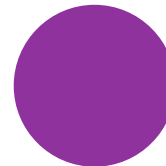
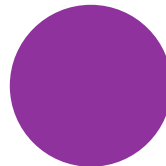
- Examined courses

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- RS (half-GCSE)

- Non-examined courses

- PSHE and Citizenship
- PE and Games



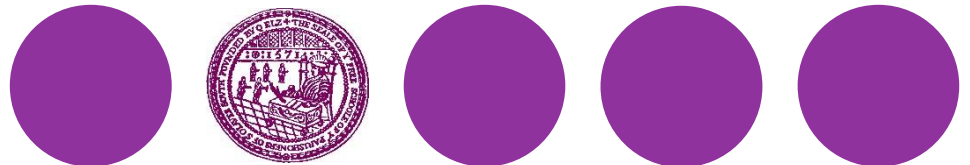
How do I choose my subjects?

- You must choose **at least** one from (A)
 - **History**
 - **Geography**
- You must choose **at least** one from (B)
 - **French**
 - **German**
 - **Latin**
 - **Spanish**
- You may choose **more than one** from either (A) or (B)



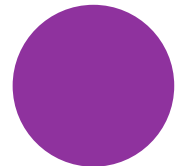
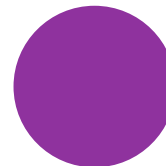
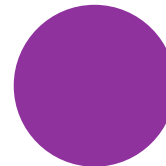
How do I choose my subjects?

- All remaining choices are taken from:
 - Art
 - Computing
 - Design and Technology
 - Music
- There are no other restrictions on the combinations that you can request
- GCSE **PE** is not available as an additional GCSE



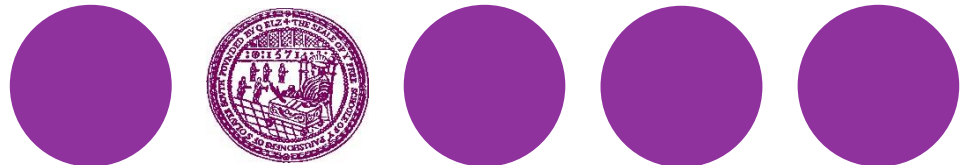
The small print...

- Try to match everyone's preferences.
- Not all combinations will be possible to timetable.
- Possibly too many or too few will wish to do a particular course.
- E.g. DT likely to be limited to 3 classes & Computing limited to 3 classes. Languages limits.
- **Some compromise is inevitable.**
- Three reserve choices are required in rank order.



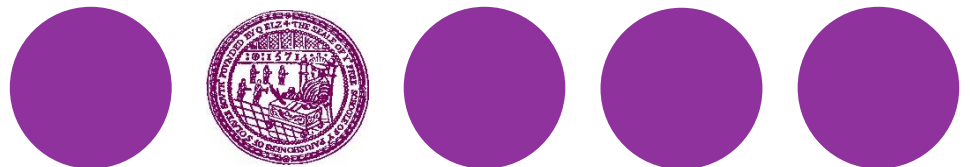
What next?

- Booklet Curriculum>GCSE Options
- Videos for each option subject
- IPM Reports will be issued on **Friday, 26 February**
- Year 8 Parents' Evening is **Thursday, 4 March**
- You must submit your Options Form by **Monday, 8 March**



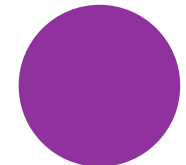
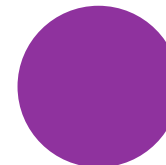
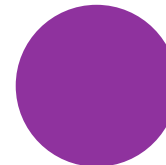
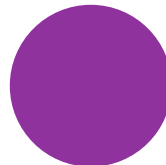
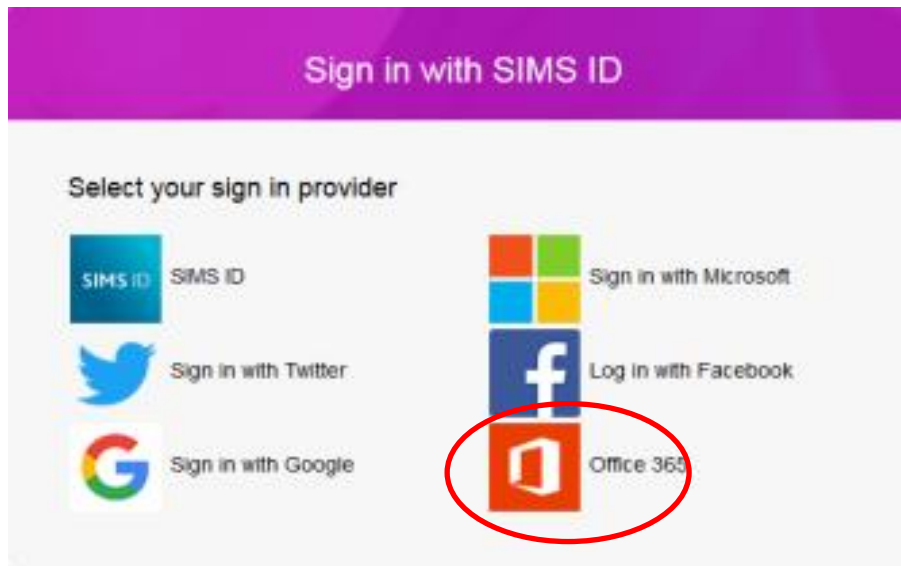
Options Online

- 1. Students will receive a registration email from noreply@sims.co.uk tomorrow containing a unique invitation code. From this they will set up a SIMS Online Services account, using their school Office 365 account details. For verification purposes, students are required to enter their Date of Birth.
- Once the registration process is complete and the Options process begins, students will be able to sign in via the following URL for SIMS Options Online <https://www.sims-options.co.uk> to submit their GCSE Option choices for Year 9



Options Online

- 2. Once the registration process. Students will be able to sign in via the following URL for SIMS Options Online
<https://www.sims-options.co.uk>
- Sign in with Office 365, then enter their school account details



Options Online

- 3. Students will need to select their four Subject Choices and then ensure to put them into their order of preference

Choice 1 Humanities

Every student must choose either Geography or History

You have chosen 1 of 1 courses from this list

Geography GCSE Full Course <small>You have selected this course in Choices 3 & 4</small>	History GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in Choices 3 & 4</small>
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Choice 2 Languages

Every student must choose a language from the list below

You have chosen 1 of 1 courses from this list

French GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in Choices 3 & 4</small>	German GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in Choices 3 & 4</small>	Latin GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in Choices 3 & 4</small>
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Choices 3 & 4

Please choose any 2 subjects from the list below. Please also choose 2 reserve choices. Please rank these choices (and reserve choices) in order of preference.

You have chosen 2 of 2 courses and 2 of 2 reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course <small>You have selected this course in Choice 2 Languages</small>	Computing GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in Choice 1 Humanities</small>	Des & Tech GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in Choice 2 Languages</small>
French GCSE Full Course <small>You have selected this course in Choice 2 Languages</small>	Geography GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in Choice 1 Humanities</small>	German GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in Choice 2 Languages</small>
History GCSE Full Course <small>You have selected this course in Choice 1 Humanities</small>	Latin GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in Choice 2 Languages</small>	Music GCSE Full Course

My Choices in Order of Preference

(Total Choices: 4)

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

- 1 History**
GCSE Full Course Choice 1 Humanities
- 2 French**
GCSE Full Course Choice 2 Languages
- 3 Geography**
GCSE Full Course Choices 3 & 4
- 4 Art**
GCSE Full Course Choices 3 & 4

My Reserves in Order of Preference

(Total Reserves: 2)

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

- 1 Computing**
GCSE Full Course Choices 3 & 4
- 2 Des & Tech**
GCSE Full Course Choices 3 & 4

Student Comments



Options Online

- 3. Students will need to select their four Subject Choices and then ensure to put them into their order of preference

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Please choose any 2 subjects from the list below. Please also choose 2 reserve choices. Please rank these choices (and reserve choices) in order of preference.

You have chosen 2 of 2 courses and 2 of 2 reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course <small>Choice</small> Reserve	Computing GCSE Full Course <small>Choice</small> Reserve	Des & Tech GCSE Full Course <small>Choice</small> Reserve
French GCSE Full Course Reserve <small>You have selected this course in Choice 2 Languages</small>	Geography GCSE Full Course <small>Choice</small> Reserve <small>This course is also available in Choice 1 Humanities</small>	German GCSE Full Course Reserve <small>This course is also available in Choice 2 Languages</small>
History GCSE Full Course Reserve <small>You have selected this course in Choice 1 Humanities</small>	Latin GCSE Full Course Reserve <small>This course is also available in Choice 2 Languages</small>	Music GCSE Full Course Reserve

My Choices in Order

To change your order of preference you would like to move

- 1 **History**
GCSE Full Course C
- 2 **French**
GCSE Full Course C
- 3 **Geography**
GCSE Full Course C
- 4 **Art**
GCSE Full Course C

My Reserves in Order

To change your order of preference you would like to move

- 1 **Computing**
GCSE Full Course C
- 2 **Des & Tech**
GCSE Full Course C

Options Online

- 4. They will also need to select two Reserves and put them into their order of preference.

The screenshot displays a user interface for selecting GCSE options. It is divided into two main sections: 'My Choices in Order of Preference' and 'My Reserves in Order of Preference'.

My Choices in Order of Preference (Total Choices: 4)

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

- 1 History**
GCSE Full Course Choice 1 Humanities
- 2 French**
GCSE Full Course Choice 2 Languages
- 3 Geography**
GCSE Full Course Choices 3 & 4
- 4 Art**
GCSE Full Course Choices 3 & 4

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 2)

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

- 1 Computing**
GCSE Full Course Choices 3 & 4
- 2 Des & Tech**
GCSE Full Course Choices 3 & 4

On the left side of the interface, there are sections for individual course details. One section shows 'Latin GCSE Full Course' with a note: 'This course is also available in Choices 3 & 4'. Another section shows 'Des & Tech GCSE Full Course Reserve' and 'German GCSE Full Course Reserve', both with 'Reserve' buttons and a note: 'This course is also available in Choice 2 Languages'.

Q&A

