

Class of 2028 Choices Evening

Thursday 29th February 2024



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Welcome to one of the most important evenings of the year

Tonight we will be covering:

- What to expect this evening
- What choices are available
- The importance of making the right choices
- What you need to do next



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What has already happened

- Students have received their Choices Booklet and an introduction to the choices process
- Students have had a taster assembly for all new subjects

What to expect this evening

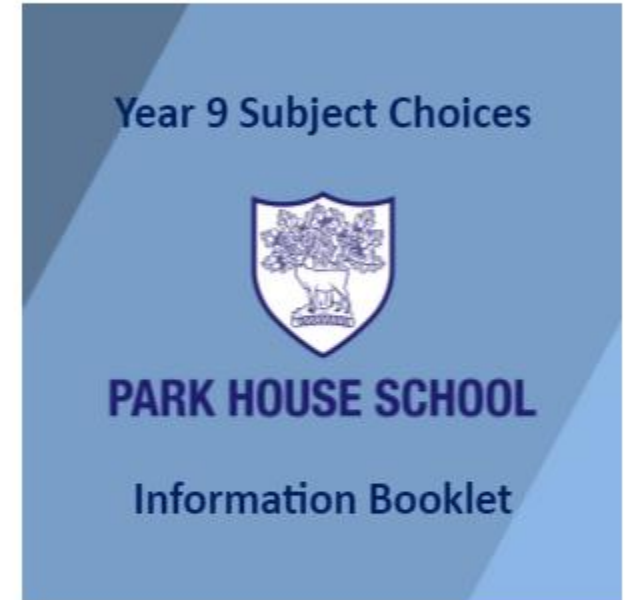
- A chance to look at the subjects and talk to staff about the available courses.
- A chance to talk to Subject leaders and SLT for any required guidance

Next Week

- You will be able to go on the website to look at;
 - The choices booklet
 - A short video from each subject
- The choices will open on Applicaa

Later

- Help available throughout the process from all staff
- **Friday 15th March** - The deadline for final options



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What options are available?

Our curriculum

- In Year 10, all students study **core subjects**, and choose 4 additional subject choices
- We have a wide range of subjects – both GCSEs and a Vocational course



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What are the core subjects?

All students will continue to study the core subjects of:

English Language

English Literature

Maths

Combined Science Trilogy

As well as:

Core PE (non examined)

PSHE (non examined)



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Core

Maths, English, Science, PE (non examined)

Baccalaureate

History, Geography, Spanish or French

Open

GCSEs	GCSEs	Vocational
Business studies	Spanish	Health & Social Care
Drama***	French	
Music***	Triple science*	
Art**	Physical Education	
Photography**	Psychology	
Dance***	Textiles**	
Media Studies	Design technology	
History	Computer science	
Geography		



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What is the difference between GCSE and a Vocational subject?

Both GCSEs and vocational qualifications are equally rigorous qualifications with external academic elements.

GCSEs

Academic qualification

External assessment

Terminal exams

Grading system 9 to 1

Vocational

External exams taken throughout the course

Coursework element externally verified

Grading system of Distinction* to Pass



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Making the right choices?



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How should I choose the subjects that I want to study?

- 1) Choose subjects that you enjoy
- 2) Choose subjects that you are good at
- 3) Talk to your current subject teachers – do your research!
- 4) Think about what you would like to do in Year 12 and beyond
- 5) Think about how the courses are marked/assessed
- 6) Check it gives you a broad curriculum



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What not to do?

- 1) Choose a subject because your friends are taking it
- 2) Choose a subject because you like the teacher
- 3) If you think the course is easy
- 4) Think it's a boys' or girls' subject
- 5) Shiny and new



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What to do next; Choices booklet

- Each subject has written a 'subject guide'
- Each page includes a 'subject video' by the Teacher in charge of the subject to give you more information
- Their email is also on their subject page if you wish to find out more information



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Choices booklet



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Subject:

OCR Syllabus A

Why is this course important and what is in the course?

GCSE geography is an interesting and varied course that gives students a broad awareness of how our modern world works and an understanding of the changes occurring in human and physical environments in the UK and globally. We try to incorporate recent examples into our teaching and make the course relevant to our students. If students have an interest in the topics outlined and are aware of geographical events in the news it is much easier to engage with the course content. The GCSE course develops a wide range of transferrable skills and enables students to talk confidently about geographical issues that affect us all.

How will I be assessed in Geography?

The OCR A GCSE consists of three exam papers.

Paper 1 (1 hour) – Living in the UK today focuses on geographical issues in our home environment and we study:

How our landscape in the UK has formed and continues to develop

How the UK population changes in time and a focus on the way we live and where we live. We also study economic change and inequality in our country

How we are impacted by our weather in the UK; how we are having an impact on our environment and how we are trying to ensure a sustainable future with our energy sources.

Paper 2 (1 hour) - The world around us focuses on more global issues:

How different ecosystems and biomes exist in different areas of the planet and how humans are having an impact on them

How people live in different parts of the world and why these differences exist. How we try to reduce inequality between different places.

How climate change happens and how it will impact on our lives; how it could cause weather extremes and finally how we are attempting to reduce its impact or adapt to the changes.

Paper 3 (1 hour 30 minutes) – Skills and fieldwork

This assessment focuses on using geographical skills such as using sources of evidence effectively and interpreting data represented in map or graph form. It also demands that students are able to understand what they learned from their two pieces of fieldwork that they will undertake during their course. We visit an urban area and a coastal area for this and the students will need to confidently collect, present, analyse and notice patterns with the data collected.

What can it lead to?

Geographers can move forward and specialise in a wide range of professions including: town planning, environmental management, river management, marketing, building and engineering and a variety social sciences.

For further information please contact geography@parkhouseschool.org

[Geography-Options-Presentation 1 with commentary.mp4](#)

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FAQs

- Will I get my first choices?
- Are there any subjects I cannot do together?
- What support and advice is available over the next fortnight?
- When do I need to make my decisions by?
- How do I make contact if I have any questions?



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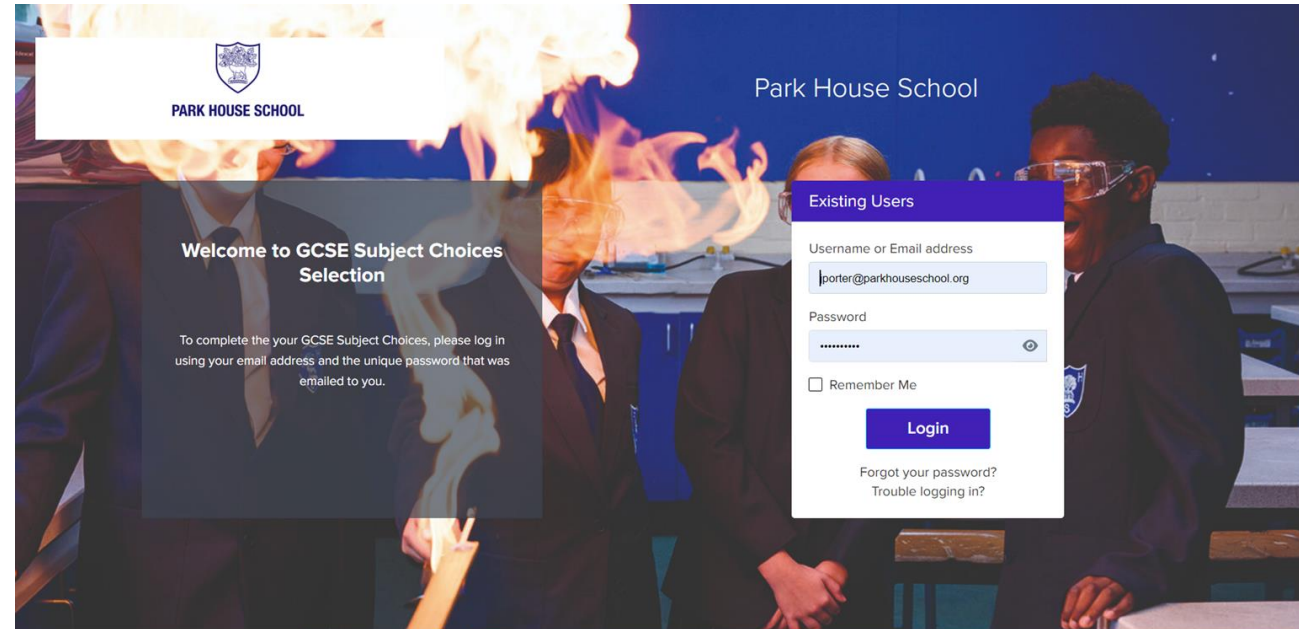


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Making your choices

“Choices form” goes live on
Monday 4th March

Your child will receive an email
to your parkhouse email account
with your login details for
Applicaa and a link to Applicca.



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Jo Porter Student Code: U-55A8

Form Status
Incomplete

GCSE Choices


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School Message

Dear Students,



Welcome to Year 9 Choices.

As you know choosing what you wish to study is an extremely important decision. Please refer to the 'Year 9 Subject Choices' information booklet you have been given at school and in consultation with your parents please confirm your choices here by **Friday 15th March**. If you need help using the system a guide can be found [Student Guide to Applicaa](#)

When you make your choices you will be asked to choose:

- One Subject** from the **English Baccalaureate Choice**;
- Three Subjects** from the **Open choices**;
- Two Reserve Subjects**.

[Show full message](#)

Upcoming Events

No event



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Making your choices

English Baccalaureate Choice	Open Choice	Reserve Choices	Your choices
You can select maximum 1 subject from this list	You can select maximum 3 subjects from this list	You can select maximum 2 subjects from this list	
<input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Geography <input type="checkbox"/> History <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science <input type="checkbox"/> Dance <input type="checkbox"/> Design & Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Geography <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Social Care <input type="checkbox"/> History <input type="checkbox"/> Media Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Music <input type="checkbox"/> Photography <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Textiles and Fashion <input type="checkbox"/> Triple Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Business Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science <input type="checkbox"/> Dance <input type="checkbox"/> Design & Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Drama <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Geography <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Social Care <input type="checkbox"/> History <input type="checkbox"/> Media Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Music <input type="checkbox"/> Photography <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Textiles and Fashion <input type="checkbox"/> Triple Science	All criteria <input type="radio"/> You have made 0 choices. You'll need to select 6 more subjects. <input type="radio"/> You must select at least 1 subject from the list below: French / Geography / History / Spanish <input type="radio"/> You must select at least 5 subjects from the list below: Art / Business Studies / Computer Science / Dance / Design & Technology / Drama / French / Geography / Health & Social Care / History / Media Studies / Music / Photography / Physical Education / Psychology / Spanish / Textiles and Fashion
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Choose 1

Choose 3

Choose 2

Rank to show your order of preference



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Can I make any changes?

You can change your choices via Applicaa before the deadline on **Friday 15th March**

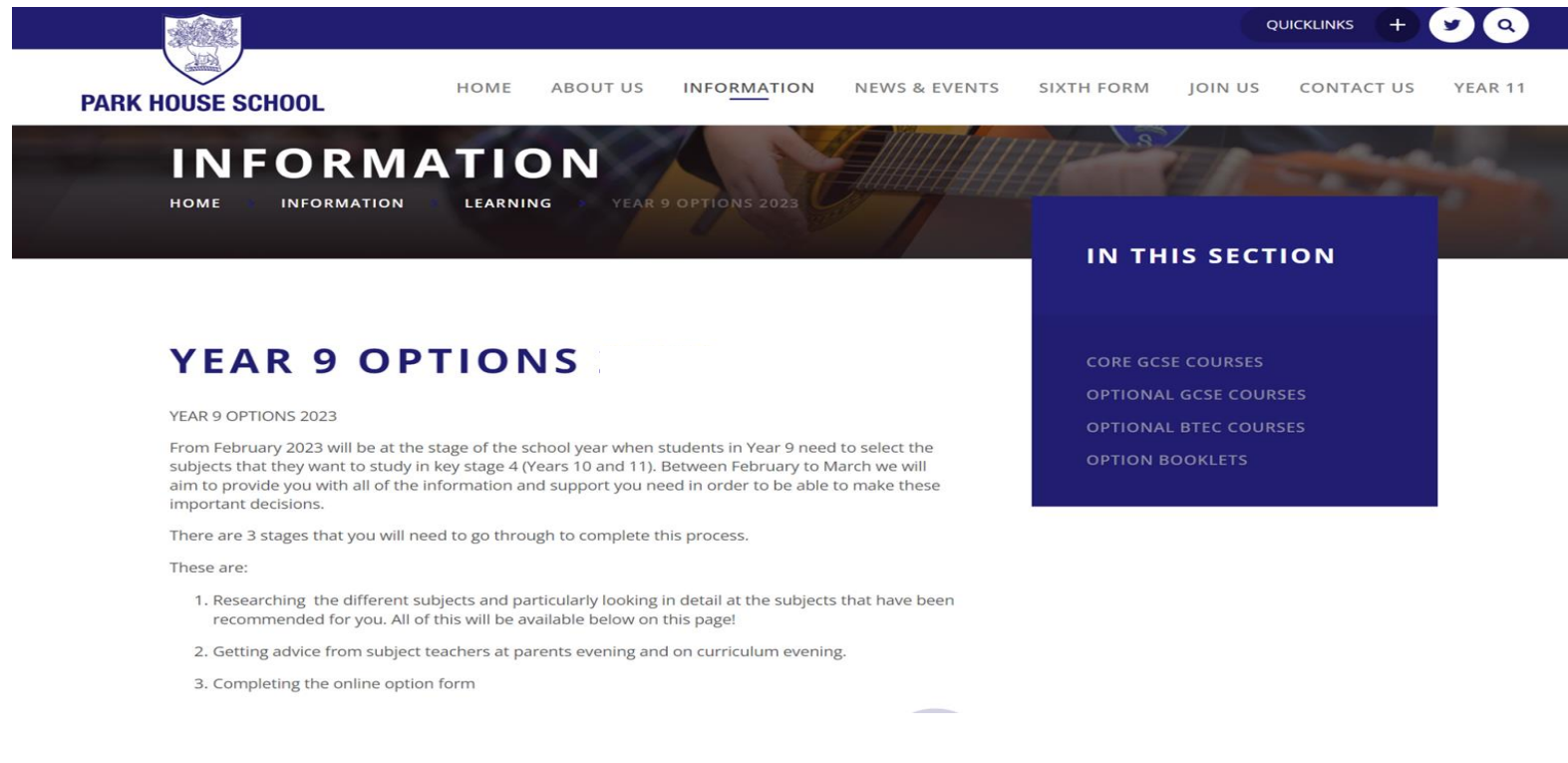
After this date, no changes will be allowed.



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Any questions with the process?

1) Visit our school website (Information>Learning>Year 9 choices 2024)



The screenshot shows the Park House School website. The top navigation bar includes the school crest, 'PARK HOUSE SCHOOL', and links for HOME, ABOUT US, INFORMATION, NEWS & EVENTS, SIXTH FORM, JOIN US, CONTACT US, and YEAR 11. A secondary navigation bar under 'INFORMATION' includes HOME, INFORMATION, LEARNING, and YEAR 9 OPTIONS 2023. The main content area features a large heading 'YEAR 9 OPTIONS' and a sub-heading 'YEAR 9 OPTIONS 2023'. The text explains that from February 2023, students in Year 9 will need to select subjects for Years 10 and 11. It lists three stages: researching subjects, getting advice from teachers and parents, and completing the online option form. A sidebar on the right titled 'IN THIS SECTION' lists: CORE GCSE COURSES, OPTIONAL GCSE COURSES, OPTIONAL BTEC COURSES, and OPTION BOOKLETS.



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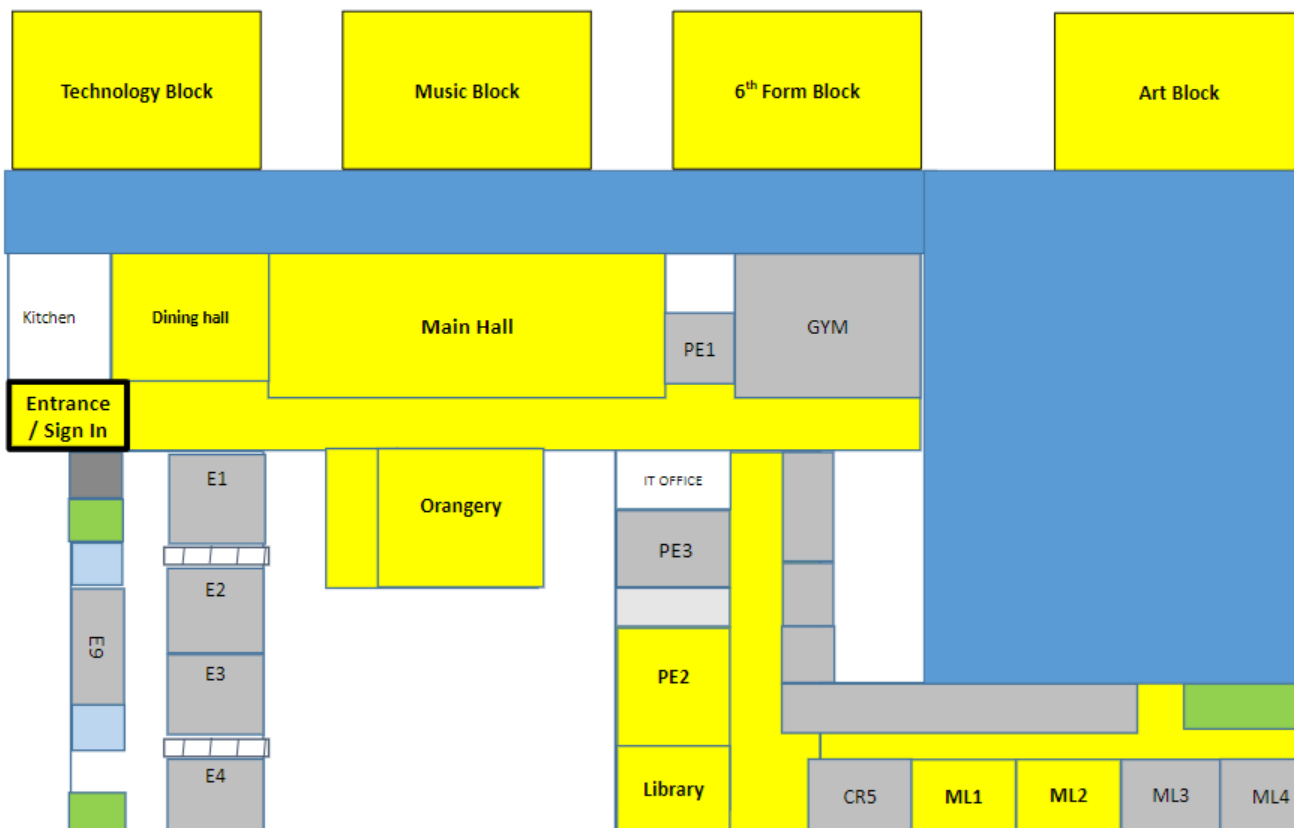
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Key	
Open Area	
Closed Area	
Toilets	
Outside area	
Main Hall	Choices Talk – 6:00pm & 6:45pm
Dining Hall	Refreshments
Orangery	English, Maths, Science
PE2	Geography, History
Library	Computer Science
ML1	French, Spanish
ML2	PE
Art	Art, Photography
6 th Form	Business, Media, Psychology
Music	Music, Drama, Dance
Technology	Design & Technology, Health & Social Care, Textiles



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