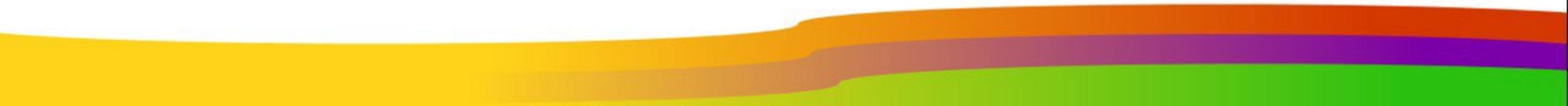


Welcome to our Virtual Year 9 Parents Options Q&A

12th January 2022

Thank you all for attending tonight ...

- We have done it remotely again this year – but I hope the process will give you all the information that you need to make an informed decision? The students have had an assembly and input in lessons today.
 - I would like to thank all of the staff who have been involved – Mrs Milsom is at the heart of the whole process.
 - Then Mrs Chater, who runs the curriculum here at Ferndown.
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Agenda

- ◇ A brief overview from me
- ◇ Mrs Chater: Introduction to Options
- ◇ Q&A: Open to Students / Parents for
your questions

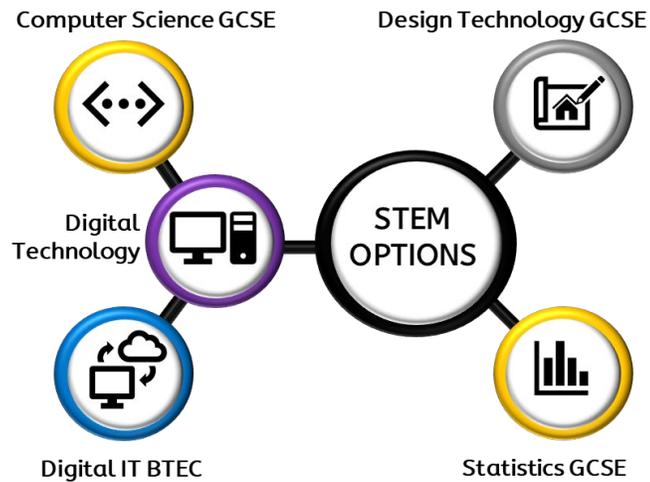
My advice for choices

- ◇ Keep your opportunities open
- ◇ Plan towards your future aspirations
- ◇ Play to your strengths – choose what you enjoy

Don't select on who your teacher has been this year as you do not know who will be teaching you for GCSE

Keep Your Opportunities Open

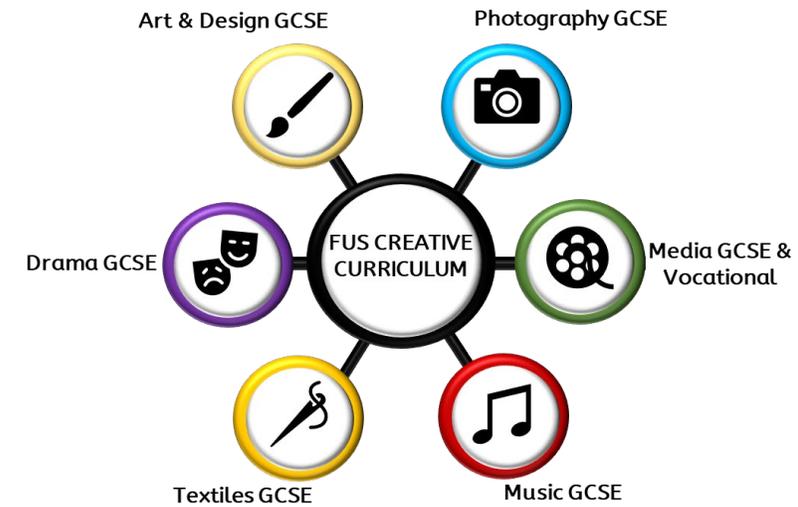
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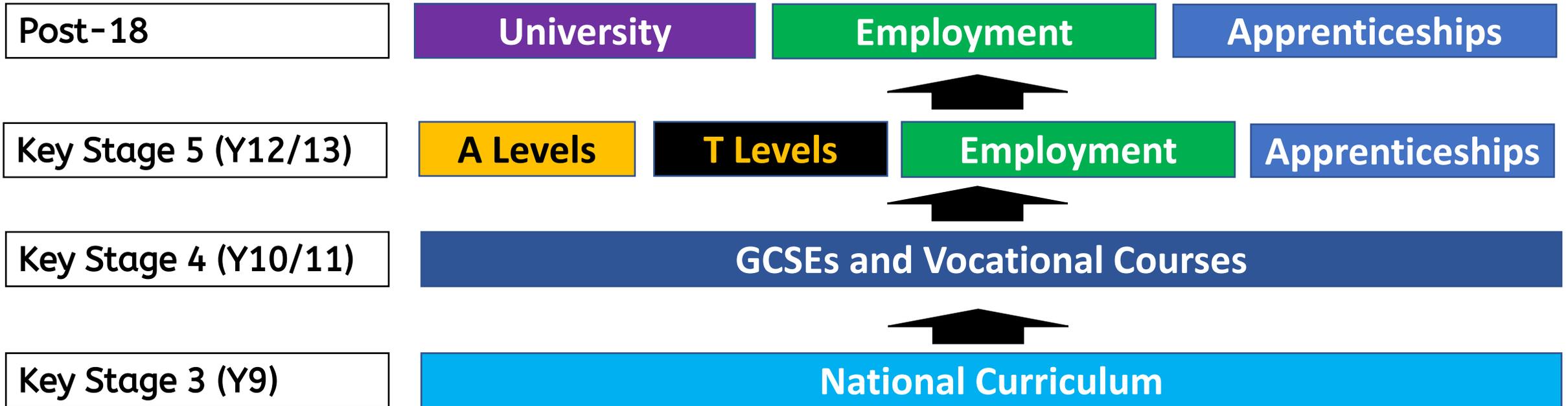


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Build bridges to your aspirations

How do you get there?



And don't worry ...

- Students do narrow their focus of study as they progress through school
- But there will always be the opportunity to change if required – so subjects can be changed up to the end of the first half term if there is space to do so

Now to Mrs. Chater

Using the online options system

- You son / daughter will have been sent an **email today** with the user-id and password that they will need to access the website where you are able to choose their options for later this year.
- The website can be accessed here: <https://www.studentoptions.co/FUSYR9/>
- This address is also on the school website.
- Using the software is really straightforward – the next slide shows some screen shots to show you the process.
- Unfortunately, there is a limit on the number of characters that we can use for subject names so there are some very slight differences between the names shown in the rest of the options booklet / school website, and the ones shown here.
- When you first log in, this is the screen that you see (next slide). You need to choose **ONE** of these subjects before you are able to move on. This is your first choice.

To leave without making any choices: [Log out](#)

Choices for:

Extra information: Click [here](#) for an **example**/instructions. Click [here](#) for **course information**.

Step 1 of 3

[Start](#) > Choice 1 > Free choice (with reserves) > Confirmation

Choose **ONE** of the following Subjects from List A:

- Digital IT BTEC (Cb)
- Events Manage (Ea)
- Ethics GCSE (Ep)
- Health&Fitness (Hh)
- Maths Stat GCSE (Sm)

If you have chosen Events Management you **MUST** choose GCSE PE in the next section. If you have chosen Health & Fitness, you **CANNOT** choose GCSE PE in the next section

Next

Taught in 3
hours per
fortnight

Step 2 of 3

[Start](#) > [Choice: Events Manage](#) > Free choice (with reserves) > Confirmation



Please enter your 3 choices by entering 2, 3, 4 in the box by your chosen subjects.

To mark your Reserve choice, put 'R' by that subject.

To mark your Second reserve choice, put 'S' by that subject.

Subject	Choice
Art & Design (Ad)	<input type="text"/>
Business GCSE (Bs)	<input type="text"/>
Business Voc (Bv)	<input type="text"/>
Comp.Sci. GCSE (Co)	<input type="text"/>
Drama GCSE (Dr)	<input type="text"/>
Design Tech (Dt)	<input type="text"/>
Food GCSE (Fd)	<input type="text"/>
French GCSE (Fr)	<input type="text"/>
Geography GCSE (Gg)	<input type="text"/>
History GCSE (Hi)	<input type="text"/>
Health Soc Care (Hs)	<input type="text"/>
Media Stud GCSE (Ms)	<input type="text"/>
Music GCSE (Mu)	<input type="text"/>
Media Stud Voc (Mv)	<input type="text"/>
Photography (Po)	<input type="text"/>
P.E. GCSE (PT)	<input type="text"/>
Spanish GCSE (Sp)	<input type="text"/>
Textiles GCSE (Tx)	<input type="text"/>

Submit

Reset this form

Clear this form

Taught in 5 hours per fortnight

In this screen you can **select your other three choices** plus your **reserve** and **second reserve**. Allowable entries are 2, 3, 4, R and S. Click submit when you are happy with your choices.

The next screen will display the choices you have made and allow you to **confirm** or go back and edit your selections.

Finally, once you have made your choices, you can ask for an **email** to be sent, confirming your choices. You can have this sent to any email address you choose.

If you decide before the submission deadline that you want to **edit your choices**, you are able to go back in as many times as you like to edit your selection. Once the deadline has passed, access to the website will be disabled.

For any queries please contact Mrs Milsom, Curriculum Manager gaylemilsom@fernup.dorset.sch.uk

GCSE And Vocational Subject Choices

Optional courses are either GCSE or vocational/BTEC courses in option columns. The latter are GCSE equivalents but often with less formal examination and more practical learning.

Students who are interested in studying the following subjects should note:

- Study **Either** Computer Science GCSE **or** Digital IT BTEC – **not both**
- Study **Either** Business Studies GCSE **or** Business Studies Vocational – **not both**
- Study **Either** Media GCSE **or** Digital & Creative Media BTEC – **not both**
- Study **Either** PE GCSE **or** Health & Fitness (Vocational) – **not both**

The process after the deadline

- In **previous year students** have been limited to choices made within four sets of **blocks**. To increase the amount of choice open to students this year we will be building the timetabling around the current year 9 students' preferences for subjects.
- Upon receiving the option choices by the deadline, **we will construct a timetable based on the optimum combination of subjects** that give the most students their first option choice, only using their reserve choices where needed.
- We are confident that this will provide students with a more **bespoke curriculum** that suits the students' aspirations rather than be limited by our timetabling constraints.
- Like all years though, **some students will not get all their first choices** (though this is normally around 90-95%) and where we cannot timetable them due to choice clashes or classes become full it may be required to use the reserves. This will always be done in discussion with the Head of Year, Options Team and the student, before final decisions are made if first choices cannot be offered.

Important Dates



Wednesday 12 th January	Options Launch Day Website and Option Online system goes live https://fernup.dorset.sch.uk/options-information/ https://www.studentoptions.co/FUSYR9/
Thursday 20 th January	Virtual Parents Evening 4-7pm- booking system now open. A chance to discuss option choices with your teachers https://ferndownupperschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/
Monday 31 st January - Noon	Deadline for options to be chosen
February- April	Timetable construction Any students who are unable to study their first choice courses will be spoken to and parents will be contacted
Mid May	Option choices will be confirmed for all students
Monday 6 th June	Students begin their options courses