

**Welcome to  
Year 9 Options Evening**

**11th January 2024**

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# My advice for choices

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

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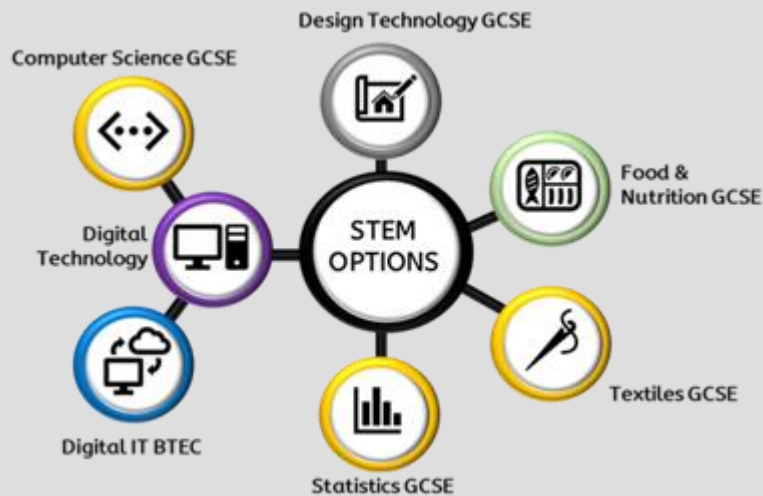


# Thank you all for attending tonight

- 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.

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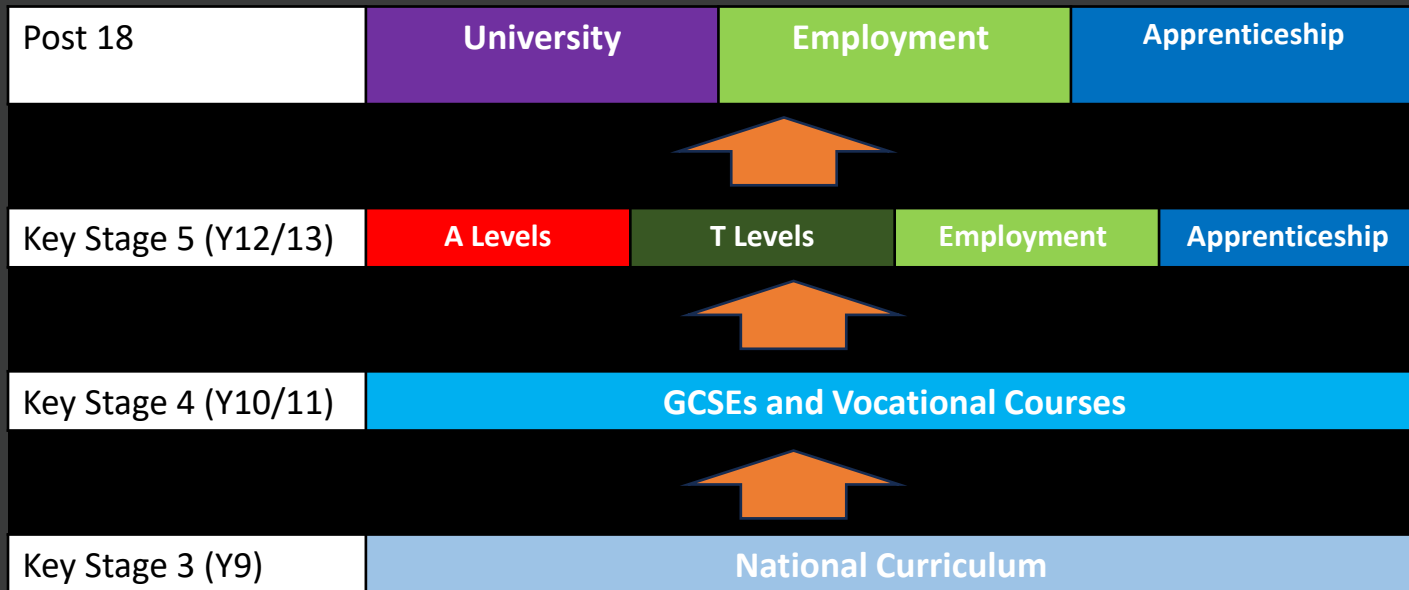




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# Building bridges to your aspirations

How do you get there?



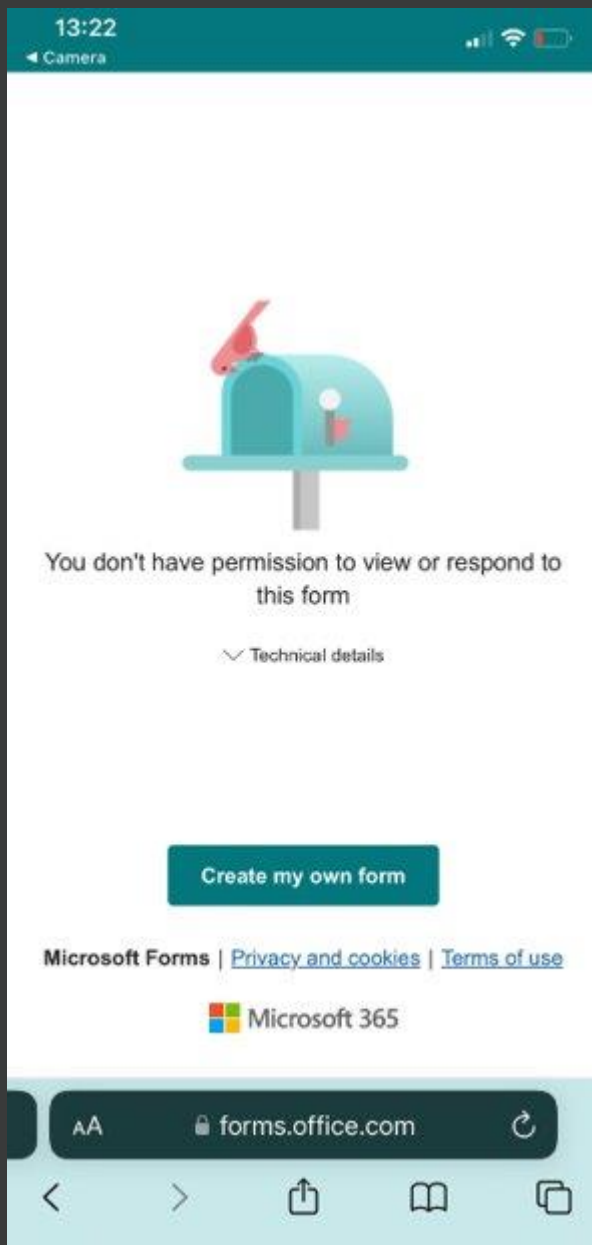
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# Completing the option form

- Your son/ daughter will have been sent an email today from Mrs Milsom with the link to the form
- Alternatively, they can access it using the QR code in the booklet
- We are using a Microsoft Form this year
- It is not first come first served
- Deadline 31st January

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The students need to complete the form.

This will work automatically if they are signed into Microsoft outlook on their phone.

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	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Ebac	Geography	French	Geography	
	History	Spanish	Spanish	
	French	History	History	
		Geography		
Non Ebac	Business Studies	Art	Art	Ethics & Philosophy
	Food	Business Studies	Computer Science	Health & Fitness
	Media GCSE	Health & Social Care	Drama	IT <u>BTEC</u>
	PE	Music	Food	<u>Maths Statistics</u>
	Photography	Photography	Health & Social Care	Media <u>BTEC</u>
	Product Design	Product Design	Product Design	
	Sociology	Textiles	Sociology	
	Textiles			

Block D- 3 hours per cycle rather than 5 hours

There are some restrictions with regards to subjects. Students can:

- Choose Either Computer Science GCSE or Digital IT BTEC – not both
- Choose Either Media GSE or Media BTEC– not both
- Choose Either PE GCSE or Health & Fitness (Vocational) – not both

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# EBacc

## What is it?

The EBacc is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers.

The EBacc is:

- English language and literature
- maths
- the sciences
- geography or history
- a language- French or Spanish

Secondary schools are measured on the number of pupils that take GCSEs in these core subjects. Schools are also measured on how well their pupils do in these subjects.

## The EBacc at Ferndown

However, at FUS we do not constrain our students' choice with pathways or enforced options outside of core provision, however, we actively encourage routes such as the EBacc and we make this option available to all students, regardless of ability, within the school. We also do not constrain option choices such as creative subjects, however we will interview those students who we think may be narrowing their curriculum at an early stage.


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Please complete this form to apply for option choices - Closing date 31st January

Hi, Sonia. When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.


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Please choose which subject you would like to study in Block A 

- Geography
- History
- French
- Business Studies
- Food & Nutrition
- Media GCSE
- PE
- Photography
- Product Design
- Sociology
- Textiles

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Please choose a reserve subject for Block A 

- Geography
- History
- French
- Business Studies
- Food & Nutrition
- Media GCSE
- PE
- Photography
- Product Design
- Sociology
- Textiles

You will go through  
the same process  
for Block A, Block B,  
Block C

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# GCSE and Vocational Subject Choices

Optional courses are either GCSE or vocational/ NTEC courses in the 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** media GCSE **or** BTec Media- **not both**
- Study **either** PE GCSE **or** Health & Fitness – **not both**

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# Maths Statistics

- This is available for students in maths groups
- 9X1, 9X2, 9Y1, 9Y2 only
- Students in 9Y3- please speak with Miss Annetts at the parents evening who will be able to advise you further

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# Computer Science

- This is available for students in maths groups
- 9X1, 9X2, 9Y1, 9Y2 only

This is due to the high mathematical content of the course.

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## Question 9

Do you have an indication as to what career (s) you are interested in?

## Question 10

Please enter any relevant information regarding the reason for your choices.

# What next?

- Parents online consultation evening 18th January
- Complete your form by the 31st January
- We will do our best to ensure that first choices are given but please expect at least one second choice
- We will contact parents if first choices are not able to be offered
- Feb-April- Choices finalised and timetable constructed
- Mid May- Options choices will be confirmed for all students
- **Monday 3rd June- Students begin their GCSE courses**

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