



# Year 8 Options Process

2019 - 2022

# Pathways...

## Year 8 Options Form



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- ✓ Ensure that you have read the relevant pages of the Curriculum Guide which relate to the subjects you are going to choose
- ✓ If you are unsure of anything please speak to either your tutor, Mr Lewchenko, Mr Hardgrave or Mr Atkinson before completing the form

Choose your pathway, and then follow the instructions...

### The Free Elective Pathway

Choose three options from the 24 listed below.

- ✓ Write 1 next to your first choice, 2 next to your second and 3 next to your third choice
- ✓ Please put an "R" next to a reserve choice

### The Ebacc. Pathway

Please tick geography or one of the history options below. If you wish to study more than one, tick one here then select others as part of the next stage.

Geography

Only tick one here

### The Personalised Pathway

Please tick the box to the right if you would like to follow the Personalised Pathway.

Please do not do this unless you and your parents/carers have spoken with Mrs Maiden

- The Free Elective Pathway
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# Student Guidance...



## Before you make your choices you should consider...

- Which subjects you enjoy and would be happy to study in-depth for the next three years
- Which subjects you are good at – talk with your teachers!
- Are there any subjects that you **need** to take – depending on what you might want to do when you leave school or enter post-16 education

## You should avoid...

- Picking a subject because your friends have chosen it. There are no guarantees that you will be in the same class, since most option subjects break in to two or more groups
- Picking a subject because of your like (or dislike) of a teacher. Again – it isn't possible at this stage to say who will be teaching you

# Top Tips for Parents

If your child is having difficulty in deciding which subjects to choose, you might consider...

- Talk through your child's strengths and which subjects they enjoy
- Encourage your child to think about what subjects they might need for any college course or career they may have in mind. Don't worry if they have no idea – most courses and employers like to see a **broad range of subjects** studied at GCSE
- Encourage your child to find out how certain subjects are assessed. Some students excel at practical work but can struggle in exams – for others the opposite is true.
- Make sure that your child has made a well-thought out reserve choice
- Don't be afraid to ask questions tonight or at the upcoming parents' evening
- Encourage your child and provide information for them, but remember that **the final choice is theirs.**

# What next?...

- Options Evening & Careers Exhibition
  - Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> January
  - A chance to gather information and ask questions of subject leaders
- Year 8 Parent's Evening
  - Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February
- Deadline for return of options form
  - Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February (after half-term)

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Geography  History (Ancient)  *Only tick one here*  
 History (Modern)

Please then choose a further **two**, different options from the 25 listed in the table below.  
 ✓ Write 1 next to your first choice, 2 next to your second choice  
 ✓ Please put an "R" next to a reserve choice

**The Personalised Pathway**  
 Please tick the box to the right if you would like to follow the Personalised Pathway.

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Deadline for returning this form to your tutor is:  
**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February**  
 Please ensure the form is signed below.

**Think!**  
 Are your choices "broad and balanced"?  
 Have you chosen a reserve option?


Art	Geography	ICT	Sociology
Business	Geology	Italian	Spanish
Computing	Graphics	Media Studies	Textiles
D&T (Timber)	Health & Social Care	Music	3D Design (Timber)
Dance	History (Ancient)	Photography	<i>Please only select separate science if you have written so in your balance.</i>
Drama	History (Modern)	Physical Education (PE)	Separate Science
Film Studies	Hospitality & Catering	Religious Education (RE)	

Name of student & Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*This qualification is a BTEC, NCFE or Technical Qualification. Please see curriculum guide and/or guidance leaflet for more information.

## Hornsea School

### Year 8 Options Information & Guidance



This leaflet aims to describe the elements of the curriculum which students who are currently in year 8 will study during Years 9, 10 and 11 (September 2018 to June 2021). A large part of the curriculum is compulsory for all students but there is also an element of choice which means that students can shape their own learning programme in KS4 according to their interests and future education and career aspirations. Please spend some time reading this information to help your son/daughter make the best choice. The procedure for selecting option subjects is explained in brief here, however if you require any further information or guidance then you can contact a member of the curriculum team at curriculum@hsc.co.uk

#### Key Dates...

12 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 8 Assembly to outline the options process
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Faculty Presentations Assembly in the Hall
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Options Evening & Careers Exhibition
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 8 Parent's Evening
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Deadline for options returns
TBC	Options "Taster" Day

#### Making the right choice...

For you this year is a milestone. Until now you have taken the same subjects from year to year. Next year will be different. You will continue some subjects but will drop others (see below)

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There are a number of compulsory subjects that you must study as part of the curriculum next year. These are listed in the box below, left.

<b>Core Subjects (Compulsory)</b> English Mathematics Science Modern Foreign Language (French and Spanish)	<b>Further advice and guidance...</b> In addition to your form tutor, the following staff are available to give guidance and help over option and career choices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Levchenko</li> <li>Mr Hardgrave</li> <li>Mr Atkinson</li> <li>Mrs Brocklehurst</li> <li>Ms Mason (Head of RINCE)</li> </ul>
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Your options form and a leaflet on how to complete it will be given out to you as you leave the hall. **Please ensure you have a copy before leaving.**



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