

Year 9 Options 2022

Options Booklet



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Dear Student,

I welcome you to our Year 9 options guide at Wyvern Academy. The information found here will provide you with details on how you make important choices around the subjects you study in the next stage of your educational journey. It is very important that you make an informed choice focussing on what you will need to study for the Post-16 destination and course that you choose in Year 11. As a Professional Learner, your ability to make independent choices based on information given is a key skill - this needs to be used very carefully during this process.

In Years 10 and 11 you will study four compulsory GCSE subjects; English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Combined Science together with Core Physical Education (PE) and PSHE. **You will also study three subjects, each equivalent to one GCSE, which you choose from those on offer through the options process at Wyvern Academy.**

When you choose your option subjects make sure that you make an informed choice by reading the subject information in this booklet and speaking to the subject teachers during our Options Evening on Wednesday 2nd March. Using this information choose subjects which interest you most. The more a subject interests you the more engaged you will be with it. The more you are engaged with a subject, the more likely you are to achieve well and make good progress. Do not choose option subjects based on the teacher, as this may change, nor based on what your friends are choosing. **This is your choice for your future.**

Please note that the option choices you make are not guaranteed. Whilst there are fifteen option subjects on offer, these may not run from September 2022 if there are not sufficient pupils choosing them. The option subjects selected by pupils also determine how the subjects can be grouped together on the timetable. As a result some option subject combinations will not be possible when timetabling begins. You are therefore asked not only to choose your three preferred option subjects, through steps one and two on the 'Option Choice Sheet', but to indicate two reserve subjects to help us to provide you with the options which fit closest to your wishes.

Your completed *Option Choice Sheet* should be emailed to wyv.options@consilium-at.com or submitted to the Main Office by **no later than 3pm on Friday 11th March 2022**. If you have any questions or queries about our options process, please contact wyv.options@consilium-at.com or speak to your Form Tutor; Head of Y9, Mr Ingyon or our Careers Advisor, Mrs Gibbins.

Yours faithfully,

Mr O. Inglis
Headteacher

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Key Information

Dates and Contacts

• Wednesday 16th February

- Students received initial options assembly with Mr Parker
- One to one options meetings with Mrs Gibbins are ongoing

• Wednesday 2nd March

- Options Evening [18:00 – 20:00]
- Parent/carer presentations to take place in the Main Hall at 6:15pm and 7:15pm

• Thursday 3rd March

- Students can start returning options forms to school
- Forms can be returned by email to wyv.options@consilium-at.com or can be handed directly to the Main Office

• Friday 11th March

- Deadline for returning forms

Useful Contacts

If you have any questions or concerns, please email wyv.options@consilium-at.com in the first instance. Your enquiry will be signposted to one of the members of staff below.

- **Mr Ingyon**, Head of Year, can support both students and parents through the options process. He will be available to speak with students if they are struggling to make decisions and can signpost students, parents and carers to additional support where necessary.
- **Form Tutors** are very well placed to offer parental support with the option process, in addition to discussing routes available with individual students.
- **Mrs C. Gibbins** is our designated careers lead and can be contacted by students or parents to discuss options, pathways and career opportunities.
- **Mrs S. Parker**, Deputy Headteacher, is responsible for leading the options process and can be contacted to offer further support where necessary.



Options Blocks

2022

The National Curriculum requires that all students study a core curriculum including the subjects below:

English Language

English Literature

Mathematics

Science - Combined

Physical Education – Non Exam

PSHE – Non Exam

OPTION 1: Students should select **ONE** subject from the list below:

Geography

History

OPTION 2: Students should select **TWO** subjects from the list below:

Art and Design

Business and Enterprise

Computer Science

Drama

Engineering

Food and Nutrition

French

Health and Social Care

ICT

Music

Religious Studies

Sport

Triple Science



For further details, please speak to:
Mrs S. Liddle

Where will you find us on Options Evening?

ICT3



Why should you choose French?

Languages open up a whole range of exciting future career pathways and possibilities for the modern world. Students will study a wide range of interesting topics relating to the French language and the culture of French -speaking countries. During your GCSE course, you will learn the French language by listening to songs, cooking a French recipe, watching French movies, working in pairs and small groups, speaking and playing games. You will have the opportunity to visit Paris as a cultural and language experience. You will take part in study days and competitions at Tyneside cinema and local Universities.

This course is suited to all students, but it helps if they have an interest in other cultures and broadening their horizons. Students will be using and developing a range of soft skills as well as learning another language. In the ever-developing world, it is now more important than ever to learn a foreign language and employers are looking for this skill too!

What can I do with this subject when I leave Wyvern Academy?

GCSE French is useful in a range of jobs. Careers which use languages directly include; journalism, Primary and Secondary teaching, translating, travel and tourism, law, marketing. Careers where you will use the skills you learnt studying a language include; Public and Armed Services, accountancy, leisure and hospitality, business services, healthcare. A language opens doors and opportunities for travel and working abroad. Once you have a GCSE in French, it will easier to learn a second language.

If you are thinking about going to University, it is important to consider choosing a GCSE in a language. Universities regard languages as “facilitating subjects” which means they will look favourably on applicants who have studied a language to at least GCSE standard.





For further details, please speak to:
Miss K. Banks

Where will you find us on Options Evening?

ICT2



Why should you choose Geography?

According to Michael Palin, 'Geography is a subject that holds the key to our future' and in our increasingly globalised world, this has never been more relevant. Students are given the opportunity to understand more about the world, the challenges it faces and their place within it. Geography enables young people to become globally and environmentally informed and thoughtful, enquiring citizens.

Throughout the GCSE Geography course students have the opportunity to consider a variety of geographical issues and, in doing so, become knowledgeable and critical geographers. There is a strong emphasis on the understanding of physical processes in the environment, as well as the management and mismanagement of resources by humans. Geography is a course for all-rounders. Students will use their literacy skills as some exam questions require extended writing. Numeracy skills are also needed as some questions require students to read graphs and make basic calculations. All of these will be developed during the course.

What can I do with this subject when I leave Wyvern Academy?

Progression at A-Level – Geography, Geology, Sociology, Archaeology to name a few.

Progression to apprenticeships – examples include surveying, horticulture, agriculture, land-based engineering or BTEC's in environmental sustainability or environmental conservation.

Career opportunities include land manager, property developer, tourist information officer, town planner, travel agent, transport manager, weather forecaster, army, navy, navigator, pilot, air host/hostess, archaeologist and many more.

Skills for employment include fieldwork, research, presentation skills, completing investigations and enquiries, communication, and the use of thinking skills techniques to assist learning.





Vocational Health and Social Care

For further details, please speak to:
Mr C. Holden

Where will you find us on Options Evening?

ICT1



Why should you choose Health and Social Care?

This course gives learners the opportunity to develop sector-specific knowledge and skills in a practical learning environment. The course will develop student understanding of the areas listed below:

- The knowledge and effective use of skills, process and attitudes such as human growth and development, Health and Social care services, and factors affecting people's health and well being.
- The process that underpins effective ways of working in Health and Social care, such as designing a plan to improve an individual's health and wellbeing.
- The attitudes that are considered the most important in Health and Social care, including the care values that are vitally important in the sector, and the opportunity to practise applying them.
- The development of key skills that prove your aptitude in Health and Social care such as interpreting data to assess an individual's health.

What can I do with this subject when I leave Wyvern Academy?

After completing your Health & Social Care qualification, you will be in a great position to continue study. You can go on to further academic study such as A-levels, or further Level 3 vocational subjects such as the BTEC Level 3 National in Health and Social Care. You may also consider moving into the child care and development suite of level 3 qualifications or an appropriate T level.

Here are some jobs you may be aware of;

- Primary Health Care: GP/Dentist/Optometrlist
- Secondary & Tertiary Health Care: Doctor/nurse/Department consultant
- Allied Health Professionals: Psychologist/Dietician/Counsellor
- Social Care: Social worker/Early help practitioner/Carer



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Options Choice Sheet



Student Name	
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Tutor Group	9S	9T	9WR	9WY

CORE SUBJECTS

English Language	English Literature	Mathematics	Combined Science	Core PE	PSHE
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Option 1: Choose **ONE** subject from the list below

HUMANITIES SUBJECTS	TICK
GCSE Geography	
GCSE History	

Option 2: Choose **TWO** subjects from the list below

	TICK		TICK
GCSE Art and Design		Vocational: Health and Social Care	
Vocational: Business and Enterprise		Vocational: ICT	
GCSE Computer Science		Vocational: Music	
GCSE Drama		GCSE Religious Studies	
Vocational: Engineering		Vocational: Sport	
GCSE Food and Nutrition		GCSE: Triple Science	
GCSE French			

Stage 3: Choose **TWO RESERVE** choices based on the list above.

[You should not choose History/Geography or any of the choices selected in option 2]

Reserve Subject 1	
Reserve Subject 2	

Return your form via email to wv.y.options@consilium-at.com or hand in at the Main Office.

