

Year 9 Options Evening 2024

Thursday 29th March

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Welcome

Mrs R Hesmondhalgh

Vision and values



SHARE MULTI ACADEMY TRUST (Sept 22)

- "Valuing people, supporting personal best"
- [Share Multi Academy Trust - Home \(sharemat.org\)](https://sharemat.org)

Whitcliffe Mount Academy (2022/23)

- "Together, we are proud to be our best"
- [Whitcliffe Mount, A SHARE Academy - Home](#)

WMA curriculum

- Broad, balanced & ambitious
- Support good outcomes for all



Year 9 options evening – our aim

Informing you/your child(ren) of:

- National context
- WMA context

To support you/your child(ren) in selecting the right option choices;

Guiding you through the options application process and timeline;

Hints and tips: Don't's

Think

Think that you are expected to know at this stage what you will do for the rest of your life

Choose

Choose a course because your friend is choosing it

Choose

Choose a course because you like the teacher

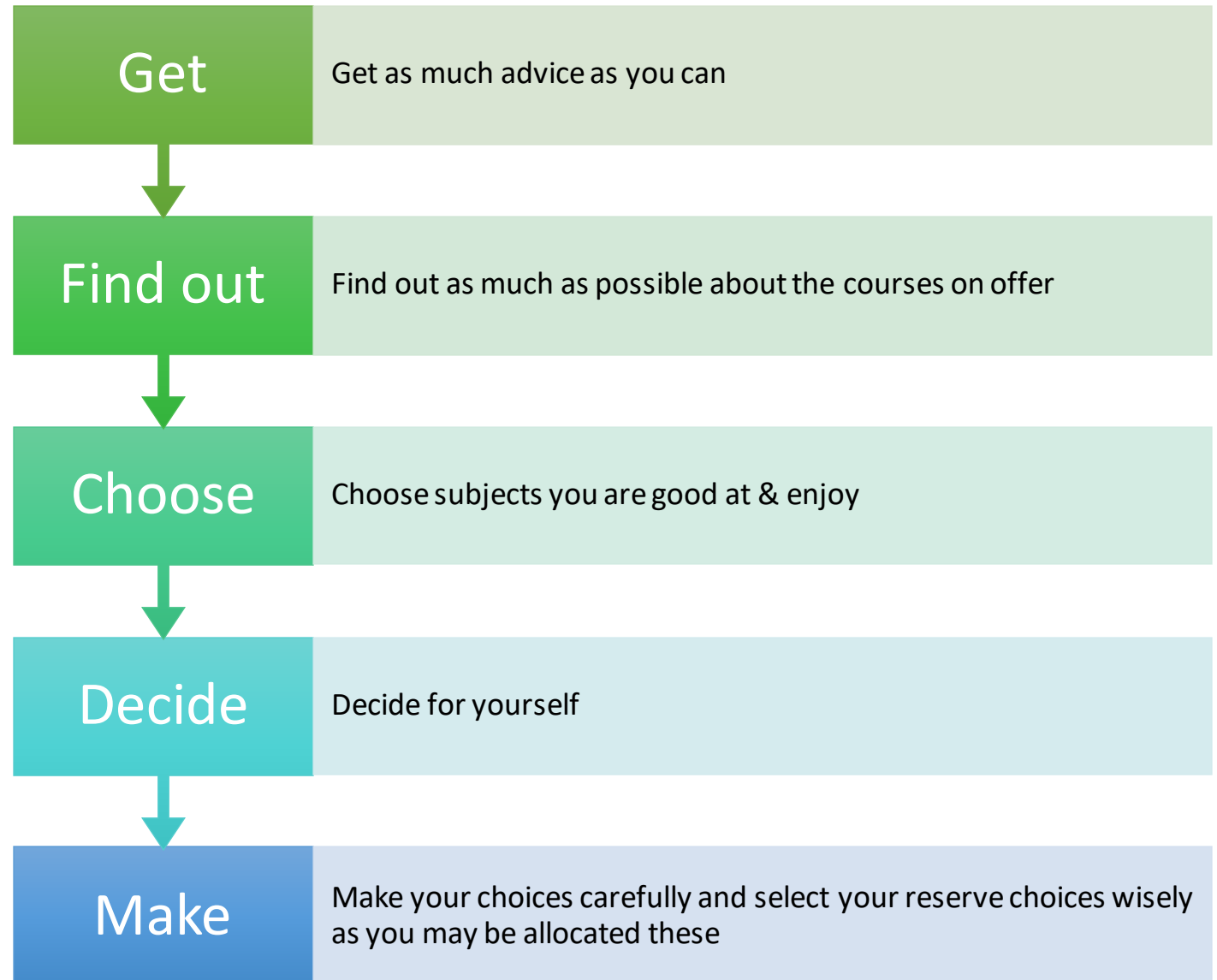
Imagine

Imagine there are gender specific courses

Choose

Choose a course because you think you have no other options – talk to us

Hints and tips: Do's



What will I learn in Yr10 and Yr11?

- The Core Curriculum
plus
- GCSE Options
and/or
- Vocational Qualifications

Core Curriculum

- English (2 GCSEs: Language & Literature)
- Mathematics
- Science (2 GCSEs)
- Learning for Life, Form time and assemblies (PSHCE/ Careers-Personal Development)
- Physical Education (Core PE)

National Context (DfE 2019)

- The EBacc is made up of the subjects which are considered **essential to many degrees** and open up lots of doors.
- Research shows that a pupil's **socio-economic background impacts the subjects they choose at GCSE**, and that this determines their opportunities beyond school.
- A study by the UCL Institute of Education shows that studying subjects included in the **EBacc provides students with greater opportunities in further education** and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education. Sutton Trust research reveals that studying the **EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and Maths**.
- The government's ambition is to see 90% of pupils studying the EBacc subject combination at GCSE by 2025.

Pathways

These are calculated using key stage 2 results and most recent Year 9 data. There are four possible pathways:

Pathways	Cohort
EBacc + or EBacc	75%
Open +	20%
Open	5%

Pathways

Pathways	Cohort
EBacc +	25%

Core Curriculum

plus

Separate Science

plus

a MFL (French or Spanish)

plus

a Humanities (History or Geography)

and

One further qualification

Pathways

Pathways	Cohort
EBacc	50%

Core Curriculum

plus

a MFL (French or Spanish)

plus

a Humanities (History or Geography)

and

Two further qualifications

The English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

To achieve this, students must get a “good pass” in:

- English Language or Literature
- Maths
- Two Sciences
(Science (Trilogy), Separate Sciences/Computer Science)
- Modern Foreign Language (French/Spanish)
- Humanities (History/Geography)

Pathways	
EBacc +	EBacc

This combination of GCSEs will entitle the student to the English Baccalaureate which will be looked at [favourably by colleges, universities and employers](#).

Pathways

Pathways	Cohort
Open +	20%

Core Curriculum

plus

a MFL (French or Spanish)

Or

a Humanities (History or Geography)

plus

3 other qualifications
(Maximum of 2 Vocational qualifications)

Pathways

Pathways	Cohort
Open	5%

Core Curriculum

Plus

3 other qualifications

(Maximum of 2 Vocational qualifications)

Plus

Princes Trust

What option subjects are available at WMA?

GCSE'S

History

Geography

Separate Science

Statistics

Spanish

French

Art

Computer Science

Food & Nutrition

VOCATIONAL / OTHER

Musical Theatre

Health & Social Care

3D Product

Enterprise & Marketing

Engineering

Sports Science

Music & Music Technology

Drama

Prince's Trust

To summarise:

PROGRESS	DO consider how much progress you have made in a subject so far
INTEREST	DO take into account your interest in a subject; you are much more likely to succeed in a subject you like
ASPIRATIONS	DO consider your possible aspirations. This will mean looking very carefully at qualifications required to do certain jobs. You may need to choose a subject now in order to study it at college and/or university
READ	DO read the information in the booklet carefully and ask your teachers for any extra information that you may need
SPEAK	DO speak to others and listen to what they have to say. You should talk to: Parents/Carers, Subject Teachers, Your Form Tutor, Student Support Lead, Careers Advisors , Students in Year 10 and Year 11

Next Steps

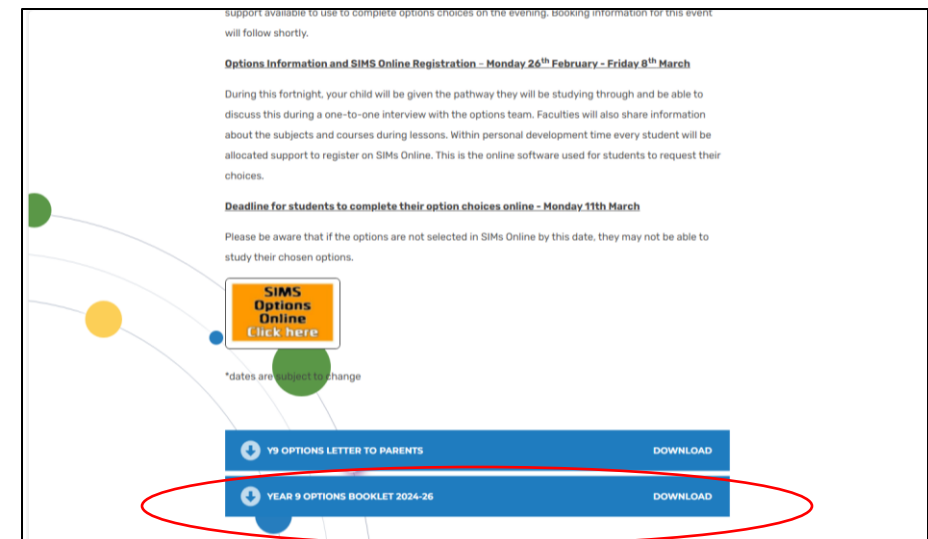
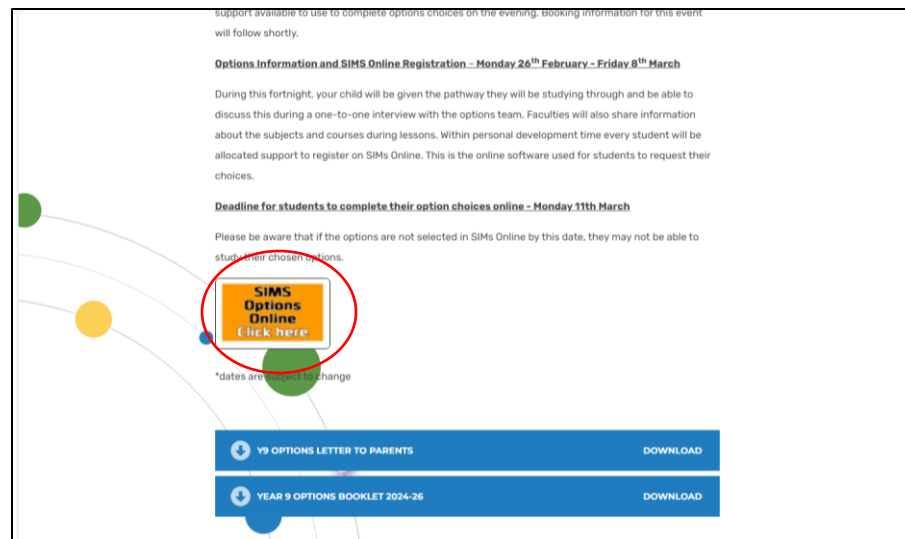
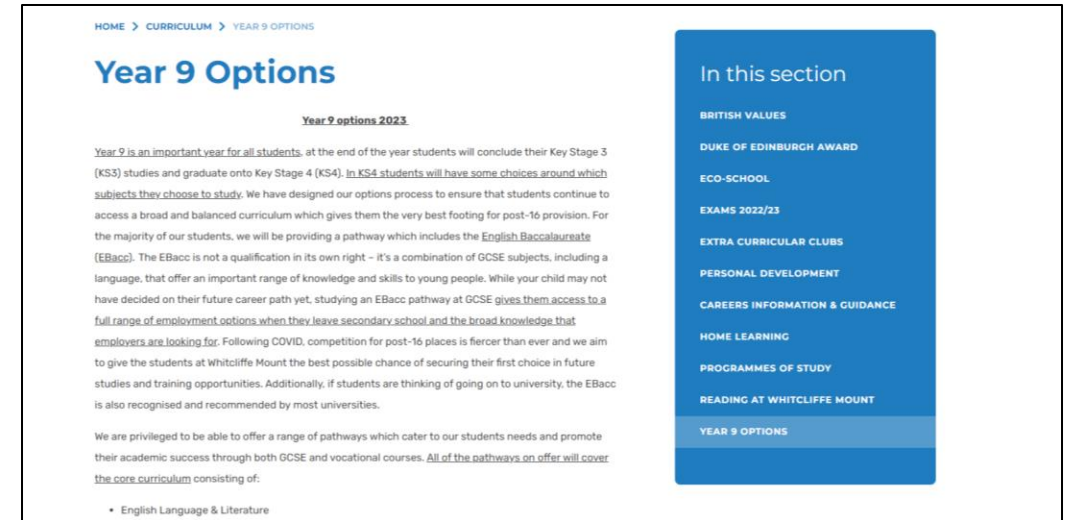
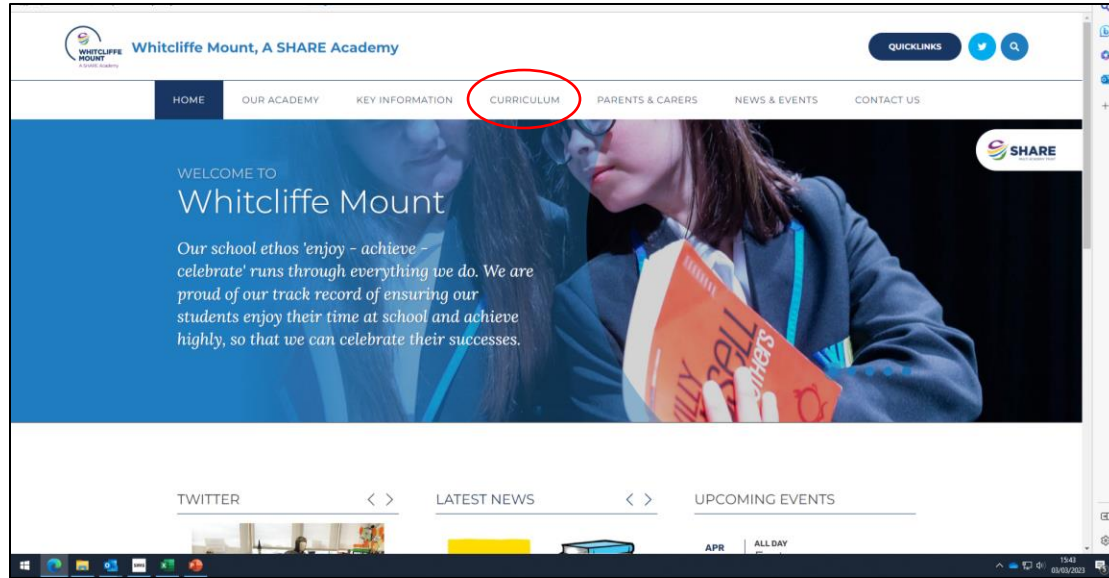
- Sit and discuss your options through as a family
- Complete your online options form.
- Remember: There are no guarantees so select your reserve subjects wisely as you may be allocated them.

Key Dates

February Half Term					
1	19/02		Yr9 Options Assembly	Year 8&9 Alumni Careers Panel Main Hall	Yr9 Options Assembly KS4 subjects not taught at KS3
2	26/02	Student interviews	Student interviews	Year 9 Options Evening	Student interviews
	Year 9 PD form - registration on website	Year 9 PD form - registration on website	Year 9 PD form - registration on website	Year 9 PD form - registration on website	
	9Cl1- 045 9CL2- 131 9Gr1- 235	9Gr2- 045 9Mo1- 131 9Mo2- 235	9Wa1- 045 9Wa2- 131 9Wh1- 235	9Wh2- 045 Mop up- 131 Mop up- 235	
1	04/03 Student interviews	Student interviews	Student interviews	Student interviews	Student interviews
2	11/03 Deadline for choices				

Further Information

Website



Further Information

MFL

You have chosen 1 of 1  courses from this list

French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Choice

 This course is also available in Open

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in Open

Humanities

You have chosen 1 of 1  courses from this list

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in Open

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Choice

 This course is also available in Open

Open

Forbidden combination:

You are not allowed to choose any of the following options together

Art, 3D Product and Textiles

My Choices in Order of Preference

(Total Choices: 4)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

1 French
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course MFL

2 History
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
Humanities

3 Engineering
Level 1/2 Award Open

4 Computing
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Open

My Reserves in Order of Preference

Further Information

This Evening

Year 9 Options Evening – Thursday 29th February 2024

Curriculum Presentation – Main Hall	
5.30pm - 6.00pm	
6.00pm - 6.30pm	
6.45pm - 7.15pm	

Subject	Room	Staffing
Core Curriculum		
Maths	216	Mr Ward / Miss Anchor
English	107	Mr Quirk / Mrs Otway
Science	203	Mr Reid
EBacc		
Separate Science	203	Mr Waddington
French	117	Mrs Sykes
Spanish	117	Miss Genty
History	102	Miss Newham
Geography	121	Mrs Evans / Mr Reed
Statistics	214	Mr Nightingale / Mr Kamal

Thank you



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Thank you for
joining us;

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Enjoy your
evening;

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Ask as many
questions as you
need;

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Remember that
we are here to
support and
advise;