



GCSE Subject Choice  
September 2019 - 2020

## Choice of subjects for Year 11 2019 / 2020

### Guidelines

1. If a pupil has a clear idea of the career/career area he/she would like to pursue, then the choice of subjects should be guided by the requirements of that intended career.
2. If a pupil finds it difficult to decide on a particular career or subject, then the following points should be considered:
  - (a) consider carefully those subjects that are enjoyed and in which there is proven academic ability or potential.
  - (b) try to maintain a balance of subjects. In this way a wider range of options is kept open.

### Making Your Choice

- A** In Wallace High School the following GCSE subjects are compulsory in Year 11 and are taken by all pupils.

**English**

**English Literature**

**Mathematics**

**Religious Studies (Short & Long Course)**

**Further Mathematics (Top 70 in the year based on Year 10 Summer Exam).**

**The above subjects are not included in the option groups that require pupils to make choices.**

- B** In addition, pupils must select **ONE** subject from each option group on the accompanying choice sheet.

### **Note:**

1. The arrangement of subjects within the option groups ensures that all pupils take at least one science.
2. It is essential that potential career pathways are investigated before deciding on how many, and which, sciences should be chosen; a significant number of university courses have very specific science requirements. Pupils considering taking Biology as an 'A' level are strongly advised to take GCSE Chemistry. Additionally, pupils intending to take engineering type courses should check

with the university prospectus on detailed requirements. The current QUB prospectus states that students intending to enter a course in Medicine must have studied all three science subjects to at least GCSE (with Biology and Chemistry to 'A' level). It is expected that most pupils will take two GCSE sciences with smaller numbers taking all three or only one.

3. Pupils can select either (or both) of the languages they **currently** study.
4. All pupils will follow a course of Physical Education as part of their curriculum. The Physical Education in **Option 3** does not refer to 'recreational' PE but refers to PE as a full GCSE subject. However, due to timetabling constraints the number of pupils taking PE may have to be limited. All pupils opting for this course must play at least one sport for the school.

**Information on available courses is included in the GCSE booklet. (Available from the school website).**

Most pupils will follow a curriculum that includes 10 GCSE subjects, as summarised below.

**English, English Literature, Mathematics  
Religious Studies.**

**Option 1, Option 2, Option 3, Option 4, Option 5, Option 6**

**Further Mathematics (Top 70 in the year based on Year 10 Summer Exam).**

## Year 11 Provisional Subject Choice 2019 – 20

Name: .....

Class Set: .....

OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4	OPTION 5	OPTION 6
Biology Chemistry Physics	Art Bus Studies HE Geography History Journalism Technology	Biology History HE Digital Technology Music PE Physics	Biology Bus Studies Chemistry Geography Digital Technology Technology	Art Chemistry French Geography History MIA Physics	French German Spanish History Geography

**Please note Digital Technology is the new name for ICT.**

Choose **ONE** subject from each option box and enter it in the appropriate column below.

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6

Career area of interest: (if known) .....

Parent / Guardian Signature: .....

<b>Wallace High School Year 10 GCSE Subject Choice - Careers Advice</b>	
Name of pupil and class set	
List the skills you think you have.	
List the qualities you think you have.	
State your learning style/intelligence type. Think back to your Y9 and 10 LLW lessons.	
What are your academic strengths?	
What career plans do you have?	
List your optional GCSE choices	Why did I choose this subject?
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

Please return this form with all other GCSE documentation at the Year 10 careers interview on the **6th March 2019**.

Pupil Signature..... Interviewer Signature ..... Date .....