

Dear Parent/Carer

At Wye, we are now in our second step of our Year 9 students selecting their subjects for Year 10. At this stage, students now select their preferences for their GCSEs.

Initial Subject Preferences

These preferences will allow us to create our “option blocks”. There will be four option blocks created and students will eventually pick one subject from each block. These preferences selected below will not be a student’s final options, and there will be another letter and form to fill out when we have created our four “Option Blocks”. This process helps us try to meet as many student choices as possible by building blocks around their initial preferences. We cannot guarantee any subjects that students choose on these preferences as we need to take students current attainment, numbers of students taking subjects and the combination of selected subjects into account.

Key Dates

Wednesday 6th March – Y9 Options Assembly for students

Tuesday 12th March – Y9 Careers Assembly by our independent careers advisor.

Monday 18th March – Pathways communicated via email to parents/carers by this date

Thursday 21st March – Y9 Options Evening 5.15-6.45pm (In person in the Margaret Williams Building)

Thursday 21st March – Options booklet uploaded to the website and preference selections open.

Wednesday 17th April – First submission of subject preferences

Tuesday 7th May - Y9 Parents Evening (Virtual)

Monday 13th May –Final submission of GCSE Options.

Guidance on selecting preferences

On our school website (<https://www.wyeschool.org.uk/secondary-school/gcse-options>) you will find:

- Year 9 Options Booklet that explains each course in detail.
- The options evening presentation

Students can also log into their Unifrog account. This is a fantastic online careers library that gives information on subjects, future study and career paths. It also has some quizzes that will get students to think about their own preferences. <https://www.unifrog.org/>

Our independent careers advisor also has a useful blog, which can be found here: <https://www.cxx.org/blog/year-9-options-2023/>

Submitting initial subject preferences

Please submit the original subject preferences on the form attached to this letter before Wednesday 17th April. This can either be submitted in person to Mr Millward or Ms Burden or via email at Rachael.burden@wyeschool.org.uk . If a form is not handed in by this date, a student’s preferences will not be taken into account at this stage.

Kind Regards

Rachael Burden



Assistant Principal

Wye School Year 9 Subject Preferences 2024

Name: _____ Form: _____ Pathway (1, 2, 3 or 4): _____

1. Please select 1 of the below:

My career ambition is to _____

I am not sure what career I want to work in and therefore I need to keep my options open.

2. Please place the numbers 1 – 4 in the appropriate boxes below in preference order.

Science <i>(Students in pathway 1 should select this option)</i>		Humanity <i>(All students must choose at least 1)</i>		MFL <i>(Pathway 1 + 2 must choose 1 language that they studied at KS3)</i>		Open		Other <i>(Pathway 4 only. Pathway 4 must select this as an option)</i>	
Triple Science		History		French		Art		Intervention	
		Geography		Spanish		Drama			
						Hospitality and Catering (Level 2)			
						Music			
						Physical Education			
						RS			
						Business Studies			
						Computing			

3. My two reserve subjects are:

a) _____

b) _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please return to Mr Millward or Ms Burden by Wednesday 17th April in person or by email at Rachael.burden@wyeschool.org.uk