



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Years 9
GCSE Options Evening
Thursday, 07 December 2023



Key factors you should consider

- General Certificate in Secondary Education (GCSE)
- Breadth and balance
- Consequences for your future (what do admissions tutors/employers look for?)
- If you have a specific plan be aware of what is required (i.e. engineering, medicine etc)



What should influence your choices?

- Current grades
- Enjoyment
- Knowledge and skills that interest you
- Career ideas/path
- Keeping your options open
- Possible sixth form choices



What should NOT influence your choices?

- your friends have chosen it
- you think it will be easy
- you think it is a good course for a boy/girl to do
- someone else thinks that it is a good idea
- you like the teacher you have now
- you didn't have time to research your options properly



How do options work?

- Must study
 - English (Language and Literature)
 - Maths
 - RS
 - Science
 - *Either History, Geography, Computer science, French, German, Latin*
- You then have 2 other choices



Choices

- Art
- Photography
- **Computer science**
- Design and Technology / Engineering
- Food Technology
- Drama
- **Geography**
- **History**
- Music
- **French**
- **German**
- **Latin**
- PE
- Dance



Step 1

- Initial thoughts form
- This is important to help us build the timetable with your children in mind.
- <https://forms.office.com/e/ucK6sJ4C3D>

Year 9 Initial thoughts form





Possible option blocks (Draft)

Communication

French
German
Latin
Drama
Dance

Humanity

Geography
History
Art
Photography

Technology

DT/Eng
Food
Music
Computing
PE



Next steps

- Initial thoughts form – 23:59 4th January 2024
- Parents' evening - 10th January
- Options form – 23:59 18th February 2024
- Finalised option choices Easter holidays