

S2 into S3 Option Sheet – Session 2019-20

How Many Subjects Can I Choose?

The curriculum in S3 is structured around the following curricular areas – English, Maths, Languages, Science, Social Studies, Expressive Arts and Technologies. The 8 subjects you choose in S3 will allow you to continue studying 7 of them at National level in S4.

You must choose 8 subjects to take forward into S3. Everyone has to take English and Maths and either French, German or Spanish. Then choose 1 from the Science, Social Studies, Expressive Arts and Technologies columns. You pick 1 from the Free Choice column and you must also select a reserve (from the Free Choice column) as a backup choice.

You will get 4 blocks for English and Maths, 3 blocks for your other 6 subjects, 2 core blocks of Physical Education, 1 core block of Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies, 1 core block of Personal and Social Education and 2 core blocks of Academies (for example - Volunteering, Duke of Edinburgh, Fabric and Fashion, Football, Rugby and Dance)

The table on the back of this sheet shows which options are available. We will be using a system called TOOLS where your choices will be electronically entered at your options choice meeting on 4th February with your guidance teacher. The subjects have already been ranked for administration purposes. Your guidance teacher will make sure your choices are entered correctly into the TOOLS system. Once you have agreed your 6 subjects your parents/carers will be e-mailed a copy of your choices. English and Maths will be added later to make 8 subjects in total.

	ML	Science	Social Studies	Expressive Arts	Technologies	Free Choice	Reserve Free Choice
My Options							
Ranking	1	2	3	4	5	6	R

Every effort will be made to accommodate your choices but sometimes we are unable to meet every combination. If your Free Choice Option isn't going to run then we will attempt to accommodate your Reserve Free Choice Option.

	Modern Languages	Science	Social Studies	Expressive Arts	Technologies	Free Choice	Reserve Free Choice
My Options							
Ranking	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	French	Biology	Business Management	Art and Design	Computing Science	French	French
	German	Chemistry	Geography	Music	Design and Manufacture	German	German
	Spanish	Geography	History	Drama	Graphic Communications	Biology	Biology
		Physics	Modern Studies	Dance	Hospitality	Chemistry	Chemistry
		Electronics	RMPS	Physical Education	Media Studies	Business Management	Business Management
			Classical Studies		Physics	Classical Studies	Classical Studies
						History	History
						Modern Studies	Modern Studies
						RMPS	RMPS
						Art and Design	Art and Design
						Music	Music
						Drama	Drama
						Computing Science	Computing Science
						Design and Manufacture	Design and Manufacture
						Practical Woodwork	Practical Woodwork
						Hospitality	Hospitality
						Physical Education	Physical Education

