

Year 8 Options Evening



Wadebridge School

Wednesday 5th March 2025

KS4 Options: Which way now?



The career pathway at Wadebridge School



YEAR 8

OPTIONS PROCESS



END OF YEAR 11.....
NEXT DESTINATIONS



WHAT IS THE INTENTION OF CAREERS AT WADEBRIDGE SCHOOL

Young people who are fully informed and possess the skills to give themselves a chance to achieve their potential!!

Types of Qualification on Offer at Wadebridge

GCSE: General Certificate of Education.

- Graded 1 to 9, with 9 being the top grade.
- 100% written examination, apart from in practical subjects, like Art and Drama, where there is an element of controlled assessment (tasks completed under the supervision of the teacher).
- Exams take place at the end of the course (no modules).
- No exam tiers e.g. Higher/Foundation, except in Maths, Science and Modern Foreign Languages.

Vocational qualifications and technical awards.

- alternative national qualification to GCSEs.
- Equivalent in standard to one GCSE.
- Graded from Level 1 pass to Level 2 Distinction *
- Offer a more applied, skills-based learning route, with a greater emphasis on assessment through controlled assessment (up to 70%), although there will still be some external assessments, for example online tests.
- Offered by established accreditation boards, such as BTEC, OCR, AQA and NCFE.

Qualification Grades

<i>GCSE</i>	<i>Technical Award</i>
9	L2 Distinction*
8	(8.5)
7	L2 Distinction
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5	L2 Merit (5.5)
4	L2 Pass
3	L1 Distinction
2	L1 Merit
1	L1 Pass (1.25)
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Department for Education Grade Classification

→ *GOOD PASS: Grade 5 / Level 2 Merit and above*

→ *AWARDING PASS: Grade 4 / Level 2 Pass*

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

CORE – Compulsory subjects all students must undertake

English Literature

English Language

Mathematics

Ethics, Philosophy and religion

RSHE

Core PE

Combined Science (2 GCSES)

Compulsory - lead to **6** GCSE qualifications

EBACC – a group of academic subjects identified by the Government

Computer Science

Separate science

Geography

History

French

Spanish

One Option choice - lead to **1** GCSE qualification

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

OPEN – Free Choice

Art and Design
Computer Science
Design and Technology
Drama
Enterprise and Marketing
French
Geography
Health and Fitness
History
Hospitality and Catering
ICT- I media
Music
Separate Sciences
Spanish

Two Option choices - lead to 2 GCSEs or Vocational qualifications



New for 2025 – Enrichment activities

As well as subjects there will be time within the school day for other enrichment activities these **might** include:

- Crafts and creative activities
- Community volunteering and projects
- Musical activities
- Sport and exercise activities
- IT and computer skills
- Outdoor pursuits



"Students at Wadebridge School deserve to have a broad and balanced curriculum which prepares them all for their next steps in life"



Very important to remember

Option forms show **preferences** and **can not** be guaranteed

However:

In 2024 NO students had to take a subject that was not on their form at all (some had to take their reserve)

In any case where a reserve subject was required contact would be made with home.

All courses are confirmed in writing after the options forms have been processed



Reasons we can't guarantee preferences

- To run a subject it needs to have enough students
- Some subjects have large numbers of students and are available on every block so every student can have a place in these
- Some subjects have smaller numbers and we can only offer one class in one block
- If 2 subjects are chosen which only have one class in the same block they could clash – a preference would then be sought



Can Options be changed ?

Deadline for changes to Option subjects is October half term of Year 9

We have to be strict about this deadline to be fair to all students and staff

We take great care to make student choices work within the timetable therefore it is very important that you find out as much as possible and take time making choices





Do choose a subject



- ✓ You enjoy.
- ✓ You are good at.
- ✓ After talking to your teachers.
- ✓ After talking to your parents.
- ✓ That may help you in the future.



X Don't choose a subject



- x **Just because your friend does.**
- x **Just because you like the teacher.**
- x **Because you think it's easy.**



Date	Event
Autumn term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutor programme: Career Pilot and intro to options
W/E 24 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options booklet (intranet and website) • Tutors advised of live link/ class charts notification to parents
3 rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutor meeting to share resources with tutors (Support from Careers team)
4 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options assembly to Year 8
W/E 7 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to parents about options process with link to Options folder on Curriculum resources
24 th February- 28 th March Weekly careers session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutor programme: "Choosing your options" (Support from Careers team) • Audio files available to tutors 24th Feb
10 th - 21 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students carousel in staff room. Single Tutor group sessions.
5 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options evening 4pm-6pm
14 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 8 Progress checks home
20 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 8 parents evening
21 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online option form issued to parents and pupils
28 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online option form submission deadline

Useful
information
available on
the school
website

- CALENDAR
- HOME
- OUR SCHOOL +
- CURRICULUM -**
- SUBJECTS +
- OPTIONS -
- CAREERS +
- RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL
- SCHOOL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION
- TERM DATES AND SCHOOL TIMES +
- STAFF +
- STUDENTS +
- PARENTS +
- WIGGLES NURSERY
- CONTACT US
- SAFEGUARDING



Year 8

The Option process will be starting shortly - new documents will be uploaded from 3rd February 2025

[Options timeline 2025](#)

[Options Booklet 2025](#)

[Options Assembly 2025](#)

[Options letter to parents](#)

<https://www.wadebridge.cornwall.sch.uk/curriculum/options>



The Options form – Deadline 28th March

- The form will be sent to the students email – wsnumber@wadebridge.cornwall.sch.uk
- The student must complete it using their login
- It will be a Microsoft form

Year 8 Option Preferences 2025

- 1) You need to choose 3 preferred option subjects in Options A to C, plus 1 reserve subject.
- 2) You can only choose a subject once.
- 3) Please note that this is a preference form, we cannot guarantee to meet all of your first choices.

1. Please write your forename

Enter your answer

2. Please write your surname

Enter your answer

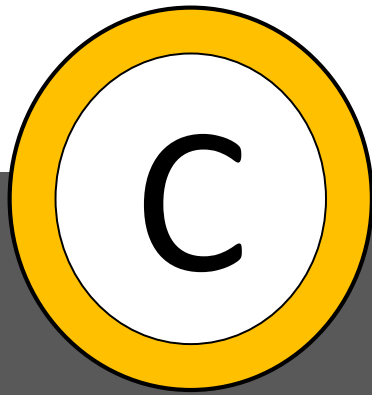
3. Please select your tutor group

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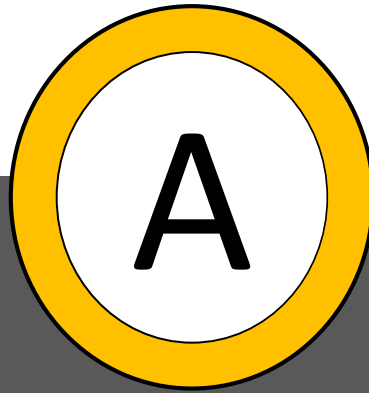
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Community

Cooperation



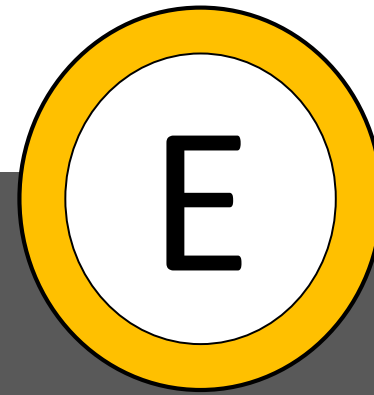
Ambition

Achievement



Respect

Responsibility



Endeavour

Enjoyment