

# Year 9 Options Evening

Presentation 4:30pm

Thursday 19th March 2026

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# Objectives of this evening

- To share information about the future curriculum structure
- To speak to staff in departments about the courses we have to offer

# Our curriculum is shaped by our core values



QueenElizabeth's School 

**Hope is a Christian value and is a promise to our community: we want every student to realise their full potential.**

# What is the curriculum?

The curriculum is simply defined as the course of study at a school.

However, the *purpose* of the curriculum should be foundational for any school.



# What is our approach to curriculum design?

We are a comprehensive school so it is important that we provide a range of academic and vocational qualifications.

We have prioritised free choice in our options model this year.

Options columns allow us to run as many groups as possible.

# What will all students study?

1. GCSE English Language
2. GCSE English Literature
3. GCSE Mathematics
4. GCSE Science (2 or 3 GCSEs)
5. GCSE RE
6. Core PE
7. Three options subjects including ONE of the following:  
geography, history, computer science, French or Spanish.

# The options columns: All students will choose two subjects from each column: one first choice and one reserve

## Column A

- History
- Geography
- Business
- Graphics
- Design & Technology
- French
- Music GCSE
- Health and Social Care
- GCSE PE
- Sport BTEC
- Sociology
- Triple science

## Column B

- History
- Geography
- Art
- Drama
- Health and social care
- Computer science
- Design & Technology
- Food and nutrition
- GCSE PE
- Spanish
- Sport BTEC
- Triple science

## Column C

- History
- Geography
- Dance
- Music BTEC
- Media
- Graphics
- Food and nutrition
- French
- GCSE PE
- Spanish
- Sport BTEC
- Triple science

## NB:

- Student allocations in over-subscribed subjects will be randomised.
- Sociology references a target grade. The school will contact you if it has been selected and if we think that the subject might be too challenging academically.
- Triple science students have been invited to study the three separate sciences, but this is not compulsory. If you have not received a letter and wish to discuss suitability for triple science, contact Yasmin Johnson (Head of Science): [yjohnston@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:yjohnston@queenelizabeths.com)
- The combined science course involves the study of all three sciences for two GCSE qualifications.
- If you are studying triple science then you have free choice in two options columns (i.e. the requirement to study geography, history, French, Spanish or computer science etc. does not apply).

**Mr Humphreys: Deputy Headteacher**

# How to choose your options

1. Personal Interests: What subjects are you interested in?
2. Strengths & Skills: What subjects do you excel in?
3. Future Ambitions: Consider career paths or further education options.
4. Talk to Others: Teachers and parents can help guide you.
5. Consider Balance: How will your subjects fit together?
6. Students are invited to Triple Science but if you haven't been and wish to study this please email [options26@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:options26@queenelizabeths.com)

# Key dates and Deadlines

Thursday 19 March 2026: Options Evening

Friday 27 March 2026: Deadline to submit options

W/b Monday 29 June 2026: Final allocations released to parents/carers/students  
(these will be released sooner if possible)

# Support available

- One-on-one consultations with subject teachers this evening
- Parental involvement: Discuss options at home
- Online resources and subject guides - see options booklet and unifrog
- The link for the options choices will go live tomorrow morning