



BRADFIELD SCHOOL

UPPER SCHOOL COURSES



2017 - 2019



YEAR 9 OPTIONS PROCESS 2017

Friday 17th February

Assembly for Year 9
Options booklet issued to students

Tuesday 28th February

Key Stage 4 Options Parents' Evening
Sheffield Futures available to provide advice

Friday 10th March

**Final day for return of Option Choice Forms
to Student Reception**

April

Confirmation of option choices to parents

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The Importance of the next 2 years

(Years 10 + 11)

- 1st time had to make a choice
- Look beyond school to adult life
- National Examinations GCSEs

Skills needs by Employers

- Computer Literacy
- Numeracy
- Literacy
- Foreign Language
- Communication
- Team working
- Management
- Technical Skills
- Customer Handling
- Problem solving

∴ CORE SUBJECTS – (5 GCSEs)

English Language

English Literature

Mathematics

Trilogy Science

Citizenship and Religion, Ethics and
Philosophy – 1 period/week this is non-
examination and does not prepare students for
GCE study in these subjects.

CORE PE – non-examination

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The Option Pool

Choose FOUR subjects and 2 reserves:-

At least ONE from:

French

Geography

History

Spanish

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The Option Pool

Choose a maximum of **THREE** subjects and 2 reserves from:

Art and Design (GCSE)

Business Studies (GCSE)

Citizenship (GCSE)

Computer Science (GCSE)

Dance (GCSE)

Design + Technology (GCSE)

Design + Technology (Technical award)

Drama (GCSE)

Engineering (GCSE)

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- Engineering (Technical Award)
- Food Preparation & Nutrition (GCSE)
- French (GCSE)
- Geography (GCSE)
- Health and Social Care (BTEC)
- History (GCSE)
- Music (GCSE)
- Physical Education (GCSE)
- Religion, Philosophy & Ethics (GCSE)
- Spanish (GCSE)
- Triple Science (GCSE)

The Alternative Vocational Curriculum

Combinations which are NOT allowed:

You cannot choose:

- GCSE Design + Technology and GCSE Engineering
- Two Technical Awards in Design Technology

You can choose:

- A Technical Award Design and Technology subject with a GCSE
- GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition with GCSE Design Technology
- GCSE Dance with GCSE PE and/or GCSE Drama

The Options Form

It is vital that your choices are made in priority order

At least ONE of your 4 choices must be in a subject in the table below:

Subject	Level	Choice
French	GCSE	
Geography	GCSE	
History	GCSE	
Spanish	GCSE	

A maximum of 3 of your choices must be in a subject in the table below:

Subject	Level	Choice
Art and Design	GCSE	
Business Studies	GCSE	
Citizenship Studies	GCSE	
Computer Science	GCSE	
Dance	GCSE	
Design + Technology	GCSE	
Design + Technology	Technical Award Level 2	
Drama	GCSE	
Engineering	GCSE	
Engineering	Technical Award Level 2	
Food Preparation & Nutrition	GCSE	
Health and Social Care	BTEC Technical Award	
Music	GCSE	
Physical Education	GCSE	
Religion, Philosophy and Ethics	GCSE	

List 4 choices
plus 2 reserves

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How do I choose?

You need to consider your: -

STRENGTHS

WEAKNESSES

What you want for the FUTURE

What you can cope with!

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How Do I Choose ?

It is important to choose :-

The subjects you enjoy

The subjects you are good at

The subjects you need for the future

It is important **NOT** to choose a subject just because:-

Your friends are doing it

You like the teacher

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Who will help me choose ?

Form Tutor

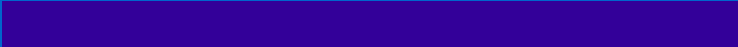
Subject Teacher

Personal Advisers from Sheffield Futures

Parents

Citizenship Teacher

Head of House



USE KUDOS and U-explore

USE THE Careers Library

Research through Career Advice websites:

www.ucasprogress.com and

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

ASK AN EXPERT.

Options and Progression

- GCSE Technology subjects are well regarded by industry and transfer to A levels
- Foreign languages increase job prospects at all levels, particularly when combined with work skills
- Some subjects but not all have to be studied at GCSE to allow you to take them further at A level e.g Maths, English and MFL subjects.

Working in - Law

Court administrative officer – 5 GCSEs including English at grade C

Court Clerk - 5 GCSEs including English at grade C

Conveyancer - 4 GCSEs (A-C) including English

Patent Agent – degree in Science, Engineering, Maths or Technology. A knowledge of a Language.

Lawyer – Law degree

Legal Secretary – ideally GCSEs in business subjects

Barrister's clerk – 4 GCSEs (A-C) including English + Maths

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• **Working in – Sport and Fitness**

Physiotherapist – 3 A levels (A-B), one of which must be Biology

Gym Instructor/Personal Trainer – preference for graduates with sports science or leisure/business management degrees

PE Teacher – QTS to enter need 2 A levels + 3 other GCSEs (A-C) must include English + Maths

Sports Development Officer – degree in sports studies, sports science, PE, or recreation/leisure management

MAKING YOUR CHOICES

Two “Bradfield option choice health warnings”

For STUDENTS

You may not get the course you want!

Some may be over subscribed

Some may be under subscribed

For PARENTS

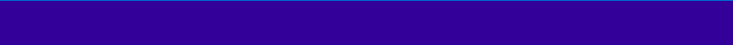
Don't make the choices for your children

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He has been having concerns about & says he isn't enjoying the lessons & doesn't feel at all confident that he will pass any of the exams, as they involve a lot of memory work, which does struggle with a great deal. was never an option he wanted to take & only actually signed up for that due to

..... was never initially one of his chosen subjects & he really doesn't have his heart in it at all so if he is to continue with that option we aren't expecting him to do well with it at all, sadly.



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You now have 4 opportunities to visit Option Subject areas to hear about the courses they offer and hopefully to get answers to any questions you have. After the 4 sessions (7.50p.m.) you will have the opportunity to visit any subject for which you may have additional questions.

A Careers Advisor will be available in Foyer area throughout the evening.

Mrs Barber will be available in room N0/1 to answer specific questions re AN students.

Members of the school Leadership Team will be available throughout the evening to answer any questions.

Presentations: 6.30, 6.50, 7.10, 7.30

Option Subjects	Room
Art & Design (GCSE)	N0/2
Business Studies (GCSE)	N1/3
Citizenship Studies (GCSE)	N1/4
Computer Science (GCSE)	N1/6
Dance (GCSE)	N1/7
Drama & Theatre Studies (GCSE)	N0/4
Design Technology (GCSE)	C0/4
Design Technology (Technical Award)	
Engineering (GCSE)	
Engineering (Technical Award)	
Food Preparation & Nutrition (GCSE)	
French & Spanish (GCSE)	N1/10
Geography (GCSE)	N0/6
Health and Social Care (GCSE)	N1/4
History (GCSE)	N0/5
Music (GCSE)	N1/8
Physical Education (GCSE)	N1/5
Religion, Philosophy & Ethics (GCSE)	N0/8

8.00p.m. close

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Thank you for listening.

I hope you have a productive evening!

Any problems/concerns **PLEASE** contact school!