



Choosing Your GCSE's

How to choose my option subjects;

- You can select subjects which you enjoy studying.
- You can select subjects which you have been successful in.
- Attend Options Evening
- Ask your parents
- Ask your teachers for advice - find out everything you need to know including examination/ coursework information.
- Look on Career Websites for ideas
<http://icould.com/watch-career-videos/by-subject/> - Career information
<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/home> - Career information

GCSE's and how they relate to potential careers: an overview

This gives an overview of some of the most popular subjects you can take during Years 10 and 11, and describes how they relate to potential careers. However, remember that your education isn't just about preparing you for work.

Compulsory Subjects	What's it about	Career Suggestions
English	To be able to communicate (talk to others). To read in order to retrieve information. To be able to write report and critically analysis information.	Journalism, Publishing, English Teacher, Legal work, Public Relations, Personal Assistant, Advertising, Translating and Interpreting Work.
Maths	To be able to solve problems. To be able to measure, use algebra, and learn about statistics and probability	Engineering, Financial services, Maths Teacher, Statistician, Economist, Actuary, Physicist, Stock broker, Bank Manager, and Quantity Surveying.
Science	To be able to investigate. To develop a critical approach to scientific evidence and methods. Understand everyday use of science in society.	Doctor, Nurse, Midwife, Physiotherapist, Hearing Therapist, Biologist, Engineer, Electrician, Physicist, Science Teacher, Biomedical Scientist, Astronomer, Ecologist, Pharmacist, Geologist, Psychologist, Dentist, Vet , Forensic and Police Officer
Citizenship	To be able to understanding current affairs, political systems, cultural diversity, world of work and global issues.	Economist, Lawyer, Government advisory, Journalist, Teacher, Community Worker, Social Worker, Care Assistant, Campaign Manager, Human resource manager, International Aid worker, Welfare Officer
Optional Subjects	What's it about	Career Suggestions
Art and		Fine Artist, Art Therapist, Beautician, Three-Dimensional Design



Design	To be able use your imagination, and your creative flair to visually express yourself.	(Furniture, Jewellery, Exhibitions), Graphics Designer, Textiles designer, and Fashion designer, Photographer, Florist, Architect, Interior Designer
Business studies	To understand how a business functions including Management, Finance, Marketing, Human Resources.	Office Manager, Administrator, Secretary, Personal Assistant, Officer Manger, Shop Manager, Sales assistant, Sales manager, Human Resources assistant, Business Lawyer, Economist, Financial Advisor, Mortgage Advisor, Accountant.
ICT Computing	To understand the functions of a computer and Word, Excel, Powerpoint, the internet and emails. To understand computer language by coding programmes.	ICT Technician, Data input operator, Games Tester, Games Developer, Website Designer, Software Engineer, Computer Analyst, Network Manager, ICT Teacher, Application Developer, Cyber Security officer.
Design and Technology	To be able to use your creative flair and enjoying practical work in Food, Graphics, Textiles, Product Design and Engineering.	Design Engineer, Engineer, CAD (Computer Aided Design) operative, Architecture, Food Critic, Chef, Carpenter, Website site designer, games tester, Jewellery designer, Fashion designer, costume designer, Textile designer, Interior designer.
Drama or Dance	To be able to use your creative flair in a performance led way. These courses help with communication, body language, confidence and assertiveness.	Actor/ Actress, Dancer, Choreographer, Dance Teacher, Drama Teacher, Singer, TV/ film/ Theatre Crew member, Film/ TV/ Theatre Director, Theatre stage manager
Geography	To learn global issues, natural environment, human environments, and fieldwork skills	Freight forwarder, Travel Rep, Tourist Adviser, Logistics Manager, Pilot, Planning Officer, Surveyor, Geologist, Conservation, Farm Worker, Water Treatment Officer, Waste management officer, Environmentalist
Health and Social Care	To understand the provision of care in NHS, Social Services and Early Years Services	Nurse, Midwife, Physiotherapist, Social Worker, Childcare Assistant, Play Therapist, Probation Officer, Care Assitant, Trade Union Official, Community develop worker, Health Advisor, Prison Officer.
History	To be able to learn from the past to help think about the future. To be able to investigate, research, analyse, and argue cases.	Archaeology, Heritage, Archivist, Antique dealer, Museum assistant, Museum Curator, Lawyer, Journalist, Politician, Genealogist, Administrator, Conserver, Accountant, Economist, Scientist
Modern Foreign Languages	Being able to communicate (listening, speaking, writing) in a Modern Foreign Language is increasingly useful.	Travel Agent, Tourist information officer, Translator and Interpreter, International Business Advisor, Language Teacher, Journalist, Cruise Worker, Air Hostess
Music	To be able to learn solo performance, compose performance, linking to your performance piece. Keen on singer or playing an instrument	Musician, Song writer, Composer, Music Teacher, Promotion Manager, Tour Manager, Music therapist, DJ, Studio Engineer, Light Technician, Music Technician, Radio Presenter, Audio Technician
Philosophy and Ethics	To understand different religions, and beliefs. To learn about morality, society and culture.	Philosophy, Teacher, Community Worker, Lawyer, Government advisory, Journalist, Social Worker, Care Assistant, Campaign Manager, Religious Leader, International Aid worker, Welfare Officer.



Sport	To be able to improve your knowledge of a range of sporting activities. To understand about performance, skills, tactics, and health and fitness.	PE Teaching , Sport Coach, Sport Scientist, Sport Development Officer, work, Sports Journalist, Sport Therapist, Leisure centre manager, Sport Physiotherapist, Referee/ Umpire, Outdoor instructor, Personal Trainer
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What next?

Get advice from the people who know you best, e.g. your tutor, subject teachers, parents/carer or your school careers adviser.