

Year 9 Options Information
Evening

Thursday 29th February 2024



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Options Timeline

29th February

Options Evening

1st March

Year 9 Reports

w/b 4th March

Student interviews (if required)

5th March

Parents Evening

Deadline for returns:

Thursday 14th March 2024

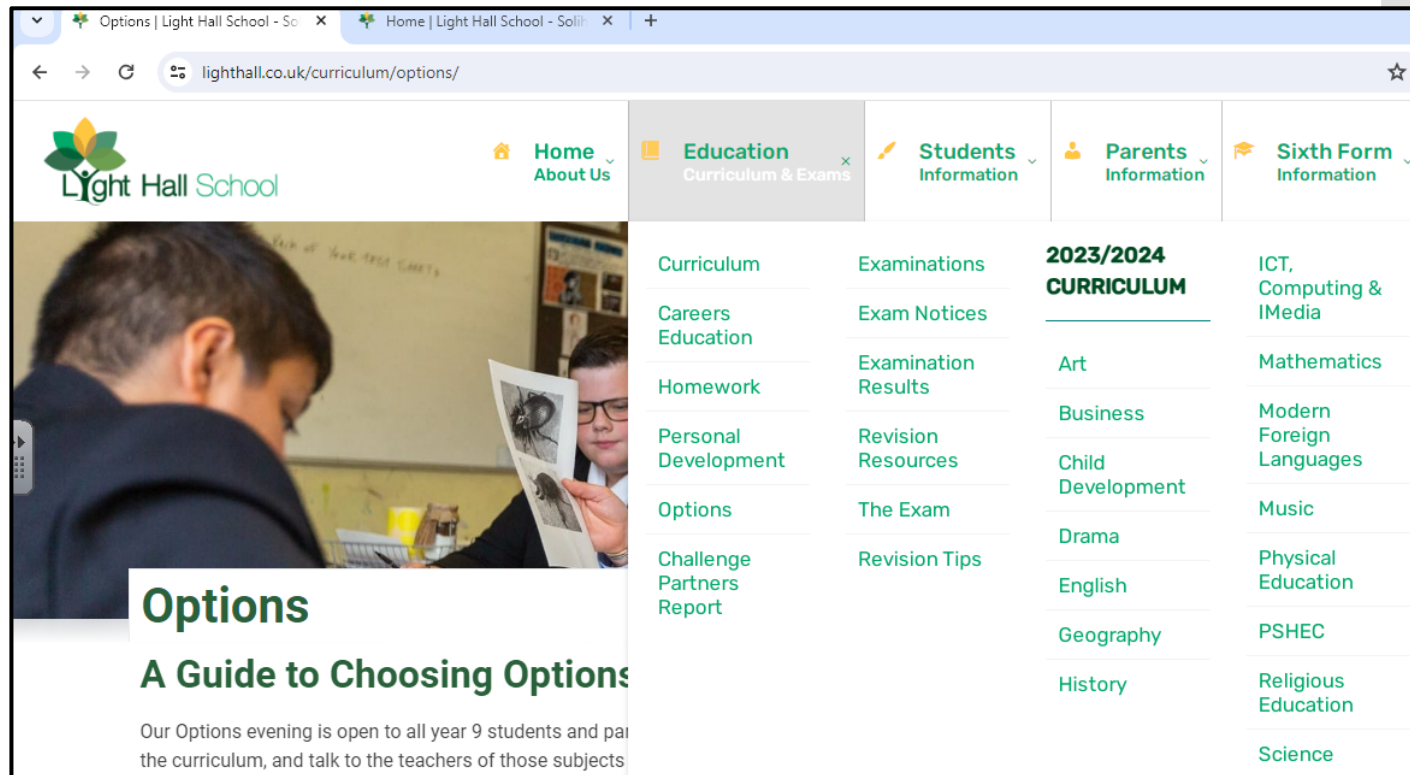


Sources of Advice

- Website - <https://www.lighthall.co.uk/curriculum/options/>
- Options booklet
- Subject teachers/PDL-Mrs White/Subject Leaders/Form tutors
- Student interviews (if required)



www.lighthall.co.uk



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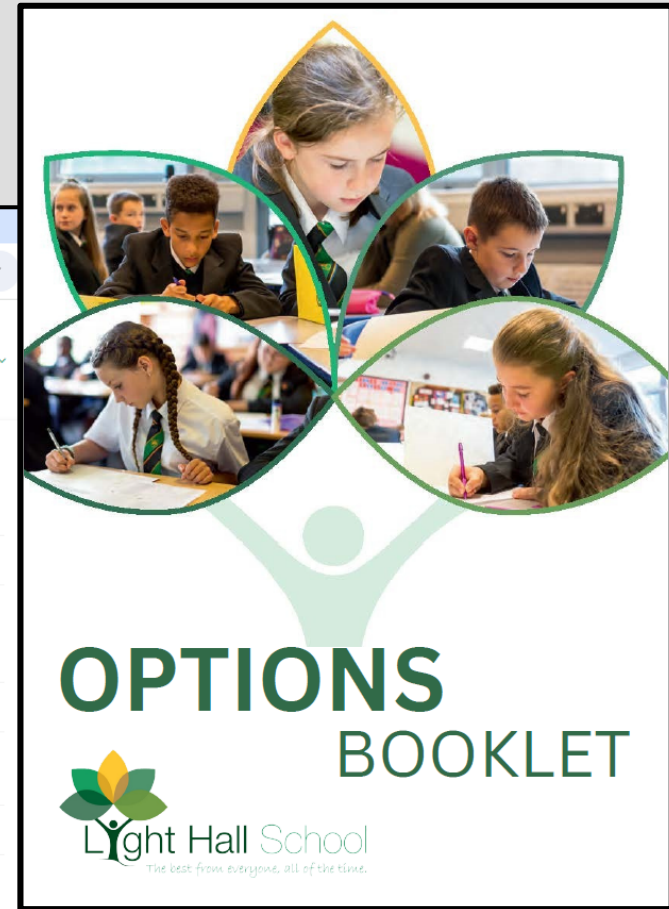
Art
Business
Child Development
Drama
English
Geography
History

ICT, Computing & IMedia
Mathematics
Modern Foreign Languages
Music
Physical Education
PSHEC
Religious Education
Science

Options

A Guide to Choosing Options

Our Options evening is open to all year 9 students and par the curriculum, and talk to the teachers of those subjects



OPTIONS BOOKLET

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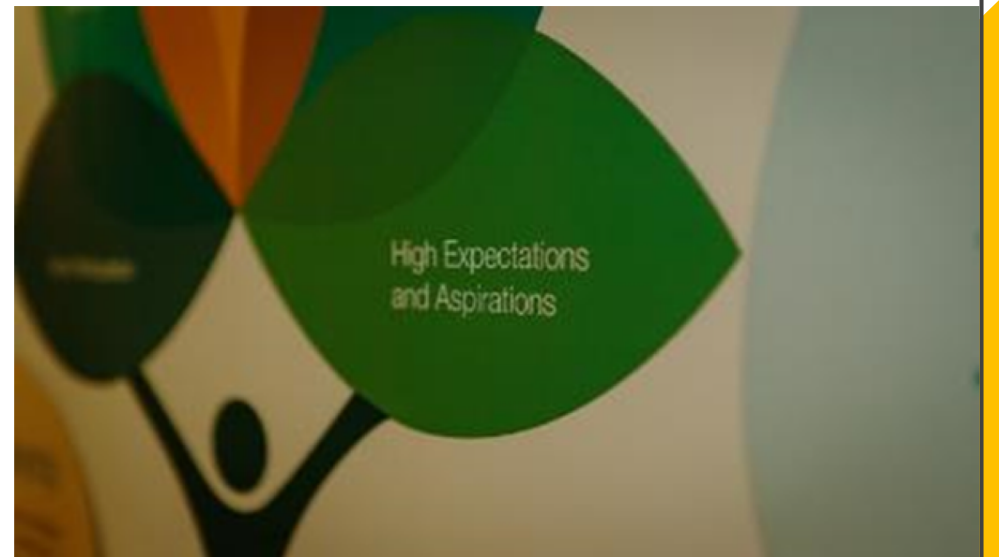
Careers

- Websites to get further information (links on the options page)
- Kudos (kudos.cascaid.co.uk) – Username/password
- Career Pilot (careerpilot.org.uk)
- Prospects(prospects.ac.uk)

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Post-16

- Be mindful of planning for the next four years in education
- Be aware of our (and other local colleges) specific entry requirements



Qualifications

Two Types

- GCSEs
- Technical / Applied Awards (OCR Nationals)



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Old grades	New grades
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
	5 Strong Pass 4 Standard Pass
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

GCSEs

- 9-1 grading
- Final examinations
- No controlled assessment (coursework) with exceptions practical subjects

- Two levels (L1/L2)
- Broadly equivalent value to a GCSE
- Smaller final exam
- Controlled assessment/coursework
- **Subjects – Sport studies and Child development**

OCR National	Distinction* L2	Distinction L2	Merit L2	Pass L2	L1	U
GCSE	8+	7	5/6	4	1-3	U

Technical Awards
(OCR
Cambridge
Nationals)

Geography

- 5 hours per fortnight
- Can also choose history



History

- 5 hours per fortnight
- Can also choose geography



Humanities – must choose one





Combined science

- 2 GCSEs
 - Biology, Chemistry, Physics combined
- Core lessons (x8)

Separates (option)

- 3 GCSEs (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Core lessons (x8) + one option choice (x5)

*Entry requirement to the separates course (set 1-2 in science, must speak to science teacher about suitability)

Science



Short Course

- 1/2 GCSE in RE
- Core lessons (x2)



Full Course (option)

- 1 GCSE in RE
- Core lessons (x2)
+ one option
choice (x5)
- A good route for
PRE, Psychology,
Sociology in the
Sixth Form

Life and Morality



GCSE PE

- More academic option
- Three sports to a good standard
- A-Level route
- Must be competing in sport

Sport Studies

- More vocational option
- Assessed leadership element
- Two sports

Physical Education



Subjects not studied before ...

- Business Studies
- Sports studies or GCSE PE
- Child Development
- Photography



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Geography or History

Column A	Column B
Art	Business Studies
Business Studies	Computing
Child development	Design/Tech
Computing	Music
Drama	Photography
Food	PE (GCSE/OCR National)
Life and Morality – Full course	Separate Sciences
Separate Sciences	Geography
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Pick one
subject and
a reserve
from each
column

So what now?...

- Find out more...
- Use the options book (on website)
- Speak to the subject leaders and teachers

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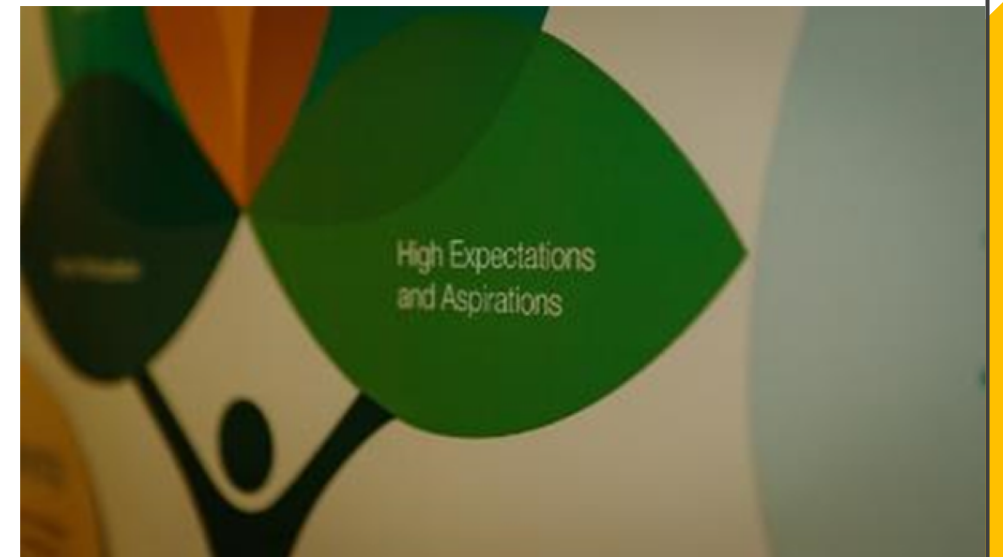
- Which subjects do they enjoy the most?
- Which subjects are they best at?
- Which subjects would they get the best grades from?
- Which subjects would they like for a chosen career?
- Do any subjects match their outside interests?

Key Questions



Wrong reasons for choosing a subject

- Which subjects do they enjoy the most?
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What if my child doesn't know?

- Choose variety
- Keep future plans open
- Choose subjects they enjoy
- Check post-16 requirements

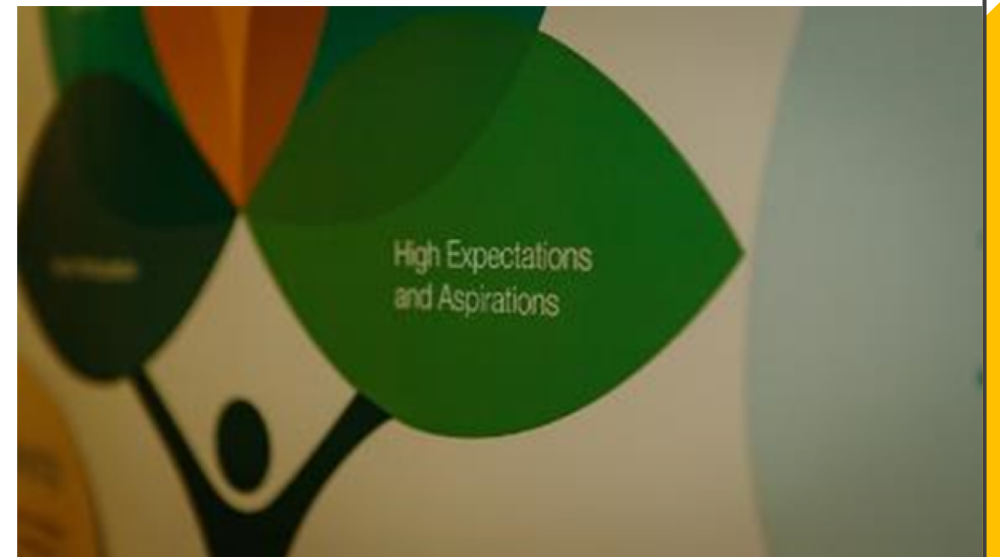
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Avoiding Narrow Route

- Food (cannot be taken with DT)
- Design and technology (cannot be taken with Food)
- Art and design (cannot be taken alongside photography)

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Not all subjects will run?

- All subjects/groups have minimum group numbers
- Low numbers = subject not running
- Some combinations just won't work!

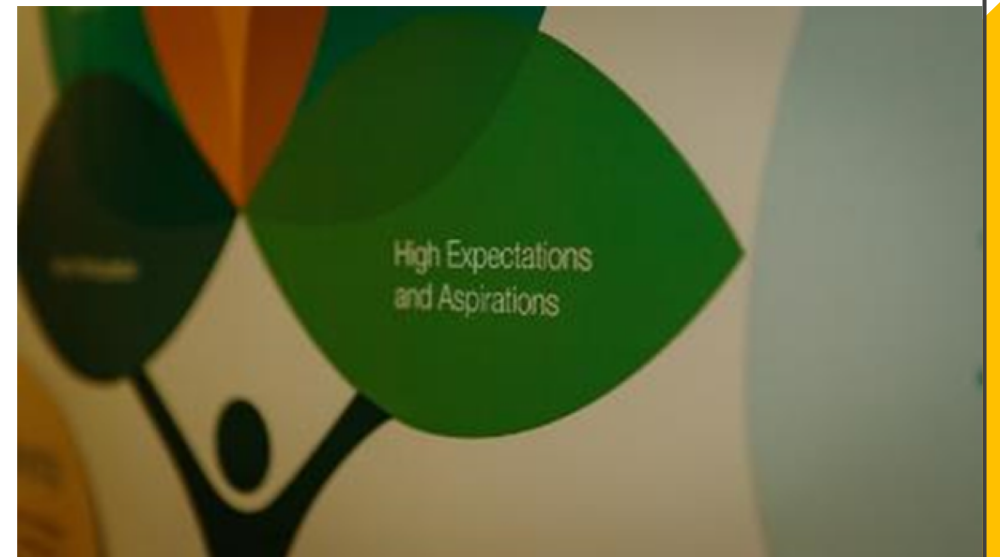
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Reserve Choices

- Students MUST choose one reserve option in each option column
- It WILL be used if they cannot have the combination originally wanted
- It WILL be chosen for them, if they leave it blank

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Options Return

Deadline Thursday
14th March 2024

Once chosen, options
cannot be changed...

*Not 'first come
first served'!*

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Year Options - draft

Please carefully read the questions below, selecting the correct option for each question.
Some are multiple (more than one) answers

Hi Richard, when you submit this form, the owner will be able to see your name and email address.

* Required

1. Name *

Enter your answer

2. Form *

- Form A
 Form B

3. Selection choice of either *

- Geography
 History

4. Please select your three options. You need to select three choices from below *



*Emailed link to students
(via school email
address from 6th March*

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