

Year 9 Options



**GCSEs & BTECs:
Your future ticket**



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Your choices at 13+

- This is the first really big decision you have to make about what to study.
- This is where you are able to choose which subjects you want to continue with and which you will drop.

Choosing qualifications in Year 9 allows you to:



- Choose courses and subjects that match your interests, abilities and talents
- Choose courses that will help you prepare for your chosen career
- Take new subjects
- Learn in a different way
- Build upon your strengths to achieve success in the future

There are subjects that you must study and you will gain GCSEs in these:



- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Religious Studies

There are other subjects that you will study but you won't have an exam at the end:



- **Careers Education**
- **Physical Education (unless GCSE PE)**
- **PSCHE**
- **Work Related Learning**

OPTIONS

- You then get four choices



Who can help me decide?



- Tutor
- Subject Teachers
- Head of Year / Assistant Head of Year
- Careers Co-ordinator – Mrs Carlin
- Speaking to older students
- Parents and relatives

What should I think about?



- It is important that you choose options that interest and motivate you
- You are more likely to succeed if you enjoy your lessons
- Choosing well means you must think hard about:
 - What you are like – do you like ‘hands-on’ subjects?
 - How different subjects will help you in the future
 - Interests, hobbies and ability
- Which pathway should I follow?



Choosing an Option



- Research all your options before making a decision
- Do not fall into the trap of thinking some subjects are only for boys and some only for girls – this is not true
- If you have a firm career idea, choose subjects you need to meet the entry requirements for future study
- If you do not have a firm career idea, choose subjects that will give you plenty of choice
- Make the most of your careers education lessons and ask for help if you need it
- You need good information, advice and guidance to help you choose well
- Speak to Mrs Carlin

Do not let your gender dictate!

CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING

- Available to both boys and girls



HAIR AND BEAUTY

- Many of the most famous and best paid hairdressers are male

CHILDCARE

- We need more males in childcare roles



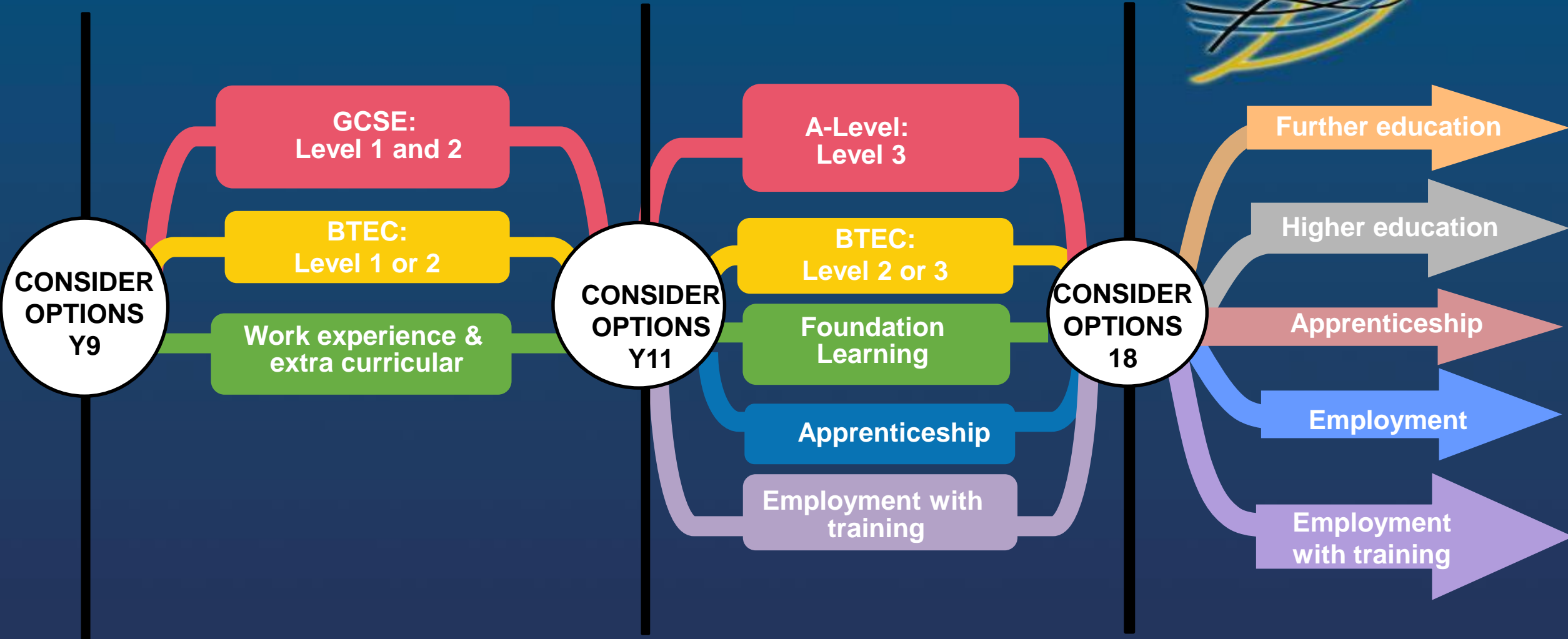
Year 9 Options Evening



Thursday 1 February: 6.00 – 8.00 pm

New Hall and surrounding classrooms

A presentation explaining the process and key information at 6.00 will be followed by an opportunity to book appointments and tour stands, discussing options' choices with individual teachers





So, what to pick?

- ✓ **Tip 1:** What are you good at?
- ✓ **Tip 2:** What do you enjoy?
- ✓ **Tip 3:** Do you have an idea of what you want to do or be in the future?
- ✓ **Tip 4:** How do you prefer to learn and be assessed?

Don't worry about what your friends are choosing or who the teacher is!

Year 9 Options: KEY DATES - The Process

Mon 10 Dec:

Year 9 Options Assembly 1

Mon 15 Jan:

Year 9 Options Assembly 2

Thu 1 Feb:

**Year 9 Options Evening:
Hear presentation and tour subject stands**

Fri 2 Feb – Fri 23 Feb:

All students attend interview to discuss choices;
parents are encouraged to attend if they can

Mon 26 Feb:

Deadline for Options forms to be handed in

Mar – Apr:

Any concerns or issues with choices analysed
Some students may attend further discussion meetings

Jun:

Letters confirming choices sent home