



Year 8 Options



Thursday 10th February 2021

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Welcome

The curriculum at Frederick Gent School.

- Deliver
- Develop
- Discover

Over 85% of parents agree or strongly agree that the school has a good range of subjects.

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The Options Process

- Options information distributed to all families, on the school website and presentation on Thursday 10th February.
- Parents' subject Consultation Evening on Thursday 17th March.
- Option choices should be made on-line using Parent App.
- Students are asked to **select a subject and a reserve from each block.**
- Choices can be completed between **Friday 18th and Friday 25th March.**

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Curriculum for Year 9

English language and English literature

Mathematics (including statistics)

Combined science (unless chosen triple science)

Continue with National Curriculum subjects of computer science, MFL and DT

Carousel – humanities (history, geography, RS)

PE

PSHE

Accelerated Reader

4 option subjects

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Curriculum for Years 10 and 11

English language and English literature

Mathematics (including statistics)

Combined science (unless chosen triple science)

PE

PSHE

4 option subjects

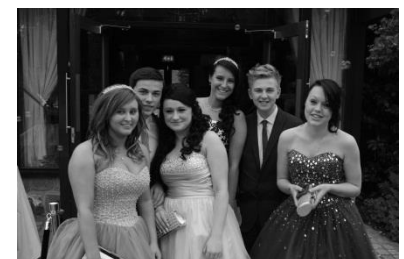
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GCSEs and equivalents



Subject	Qualification	Exam Board	Subject Code	Tiering?	NEA
Art	GCSE	AQA	8201	N	Y
Computer Science	GCSE	AQA	8520	N	N
Construction	BTEC Level 1/2	PEARSON	603/7051/8	N	Y
Dance	GCSE	AQA	8236	N	Y
Design & Technology	GCSE	EDEXCEL/PEARSON	1DT0	N	Y
Food	GCSE	AQA	8585	N	Y
French	GCSE	AQA	8658	Y	N
Geography	GCSE	AQA	8035	N	N
German	GCSE	AQA	8668	Y	N
History	GCSE	PEARSON	1H10	N	N
Cambridge National Creative IMedia	VOCATIONAL	OCR	J817	N	Y
Music	BTEC Level 1/2	EDEXCEL	FYA80	N	Y
Photography	GCSE	AQA	8206	N	Y
PE (Physical Education)	GCSE	OCR	J587	N	Y
Cambridge National Sports Science	VOCATIONAL	OCR	J828	N	Y
Travel & Tourism	BTEC Level 1/2	PEARSON	603/3038/7	N	Y
Triple Science (3 GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics)	GCSE	AQA	8461 8462 8463	Y	N





Making choices – what students should consider

- What subjects do you like?
- What are you good at?
- What have you been recommended to do?
- What do you need? How far ahead have you looked? Is your choice flexible?
- Don't avoid subjects because you think it will be difficult – all GCSEs require a great deal of work and effort.
- Don't choose a subject because you like your current teacher or your friends have chosen the same.

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Optional subjects – general information



	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4
Set 1 and Set 2 science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triple Science (1 group) 			
Other science sets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French • Geography • History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French • Photography* • Art* • Travel and Tourism • PE/Sports Science • Dance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art* • Construction* • ADT* • Computer Science* • <u>IMedia*</u> • History • Food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • Photography* • Construction* • ADT* • Computer Science* • <u>IMedia*</u> • Geography • Food
Reserve Choice				



Optional subjects – general information



- A balance of choices from the Arts, Technologies and Humanities, may be beneficial, as may be consideration of a balance of the more/less practical options.
- Timetable constraints and competition for places may affect opportunities in some optional subjects.
- For PE, we will ask for a general expression of interest and then match students as suitable to either GCSE PE or sport science
- There will be a criteria for selection.
- We ask for reserve preference choices in each block
- Some subjects may incur costs in respect of resources for controlled assessments, necessary curriculum trips or fieldwork, e.g. Food preparation and nutrition, Design & Technology, Geography, Art, Dance etc.

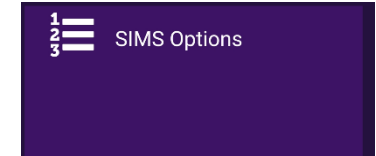
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How to make your choices using Parent App: Step 1

- Sign in to parent app and click 'SIMS Options'



- This re-directs you to the SIMS Options page. Sign in with the on-line service that you use to access Parent App.



Sign in to SIMS Options





How to make your choices using Parent App: Step 2

Student Choices - Grace Allen (100541) Plan Status **Design**

Save Show Notes Hide Notes

Options

You need to choose 4 subjects and 4 reserves, you should choose 1 subject and 1 reserve from each option block. Please be aware that students may choose one of the following subjects but not both.

Art or Photography
Design and Technology or BTEC Construction
GCSE PE or Cambridge National Sports Science

Please refer to the help guide that has been sent home, on how to select your options.

You have chosen courses and reserves from this list

French General <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Geography General <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
<small>This course is also available in option 2</small>	
History General <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Triple Science Other <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>

option 2

You have chosen courses and reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Dance GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
<small>This course is also available in Option 3</small>	
French General <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Physical Education GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
<small>This course is also available in option 1</small>	
Photography GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Sport Science Cambridge Nationals Award Level 1 & 2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
<small>This course is also available in Option 4</small>	
Travel BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No courses selected.

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 0)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No reserves selected.



Selected options appear in the right-hand window

option 1

Options

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You have chosen 0 of 1 courses and 0 of 1 reserves from this list

French General	Reserve	Geography General	Reserve
<i>This course is also available in option 2</i>			
History General	Reserve	Triple Science Other	Reserve

option 2

You have chosen 1 of 1 courses and 0 of 1 reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Dance GCSE Full Course	Reserve
<i>This course is also available in Option 3</i>			
French General	Reserve	Physical Education GCSE Full Course	Reserve
<i>This course is also available in option 1</i>			

My Choices in Order of Preference (Total Choices: 1)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

1 **Art**
GCSE Full Course option 2

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 0)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No reserves selected.



How to make your reserve choice using Parent App: Step 3

Student Choices - Grace Allen (100541)

Save Show Notes Hide Notes

Options

You need to choose 4 subjects and 4 reserves, you should choose 1 subject and 1 reserve from each option block.
Please be aware that students may choose one of the following subjects but not both.

Art or Photography
Design and Technology or BTEC Construction
GCSE PE or Cambridge National Sports Science

Please refer to the help guide that has been sent home, on how to select your options.

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses and 0 of 1 reserves from this list

French General	Reserve	Geography General	Reserve
This course is also available in option 2			
History General	Reserve	Triple Science Other	Reserve

option 2

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses and 0 of 1 reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Dance GCSE Full Course	Reserve
This course is also available in Option 3			
French General	Reserve	Physical Education GCSE Full Course	Reserve
This course is also available in option 1			
Photography GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Sport Science Cambridge Nationals Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve
This course is also available in Option 4			
Travel BTEC Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve		

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No courses selected.

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 0)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No reserves selected.



How to make your reserve choice using Parent App: Step 4

Options

You need to choose 4 subjects and 4 reserves, you should choose 1 subject and 1 reserve from each option block.

Please be aware that students may choose one of the following subjects but not both.

Art or Photography

Design and Technology or BTEC Construction

GCSE PE or Cambridge National Sports Science

Please refer to the help guide that has been sent home, on how to select your options.

You have chosen 1 of 1 courses and 1 of 1 reserves from this list

French General <input type="checkbox"/>	Reserve	Geography General <input type="checkbox"/>	Reserve
<i>This course is also available in option 2</i>			
History General <input type="checkbox"/>	Reserve	Triple Science Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Reserve

option 2

You have chosen 1 of 1 courses and 1 of 1 reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course <input type="checkbox"/>	Reserve	Dance GCSE Full Course <input type="checkbox"/>	Reserve
<i>This course is also available in Option 3</i>			
French General <input type="checkbox"/>	Reserve	Physical Education GCSE Full Course <input type="checkbox"/>	Reserve
<i>You have selected this course in option 1</i>			
Photography GCSE Full Course <input type="checkbox"/>	Reserve	Sport Science Cambridge Nationals Award Level 1 & 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Reserve
<i>This course is also available in Option 4</i>			
Travel BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Reserve		

To change your order or preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 **Art**
GCSE Full Course option 2
- 2 **French**
General option 1
- 3 **Design and Technology**
GCSE Full Course Option 3
- 4 **Food**
GCSE Full Course Option 4

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 4)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 **Dance**
GCSE Full Course option 2
- 2 **Geography**
General option 1
- 3 **Creative Media**
BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 Option 3
- 4 **Music**
BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 Option 4



position in the list you would like to move it to.

1 Art
GCSE Full Course option 2

2 French
General option 1

3 Design and Technology
GCSE Full Course Option 3

4 Food
GCSE Full Course Option 4

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 4)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

1 Dance
GCSE Full Course option 2

2 Geography
General option 1

3 Creative Media
BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 Option 3

4 Music
BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 Option 4

You should end up with 4 choice and 4 reserves in the right-hand window





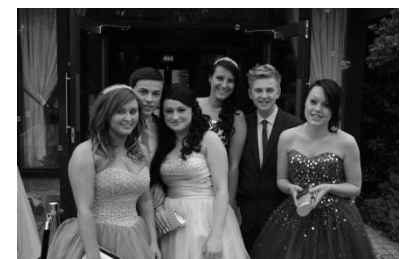
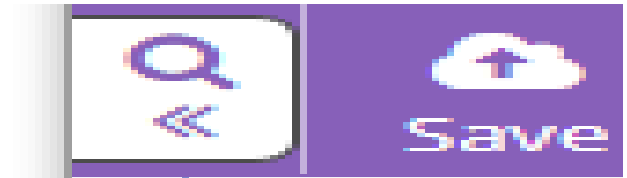
Final Step...

- It is vital that you now tick the parent/ carer approval box.

A screenshot of a web form. At the top, there is a dropdown menu with a red arrow pointing down, labeled 'Parent/Carer Approval'. Below this, there is a checkbox that is currently unchecked, also labeled 'Parent/Carer Approval'.

- To complete your choices, click the save button at the top of the screen.

All of this information is provided for you in the preferences booklet





Any Questions?

