



# YEAR 10 GCSE OPTIONS

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INTRODUCTORY TALK

FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

# 10A1/2

Rank your <b>top 8</b> subjects from 1 to 8 With 1 being the subject you want to do most of all and 8 the least.	
Subject	Order of preference
Double Award Science	
Single Award Science	
Health and Social Care	
Geography	
History	
English Literature	
Further Maths	
Business & Communication Systems	
Music	
French	
RE	
Art	
Technology	
HE	
BTEC ICT	
Vocational Skills	
Motor Vehicle & Road User Studies	
<b>Banbridge Area Learning Community (BALC)</b>	
<b>Choose 2 of the subjects below in order of preference</b>	
Drama – New – Bridge College (NBC) / Banbridge High	
BTEC Sport - RHS	
BTEC Engineering – SRC (Banbridge Campus)	
BTEC Childcare – SRC at RHS	
BTEC Media Studies - NBC	
BTEC Travel and Tourism - NBC	
Construction – NBC	
Music – NBC	

- Maths and English are compulsory – you will be streamed in these classes.
- You will also have the following statutory periods throughout the week: Games / Form Class / RE / Careers.
- Double Award Science is worth 2 GCSE's and will have 8 periods per week.
- You will study a total of 9 GCSE'S / BTEC qualifications – 6 from the top subject area and 1 from the BALC area.

# 10A3

<b>Put in rank order your top 3 subjects, with 1 being the one you want to do the most</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Health and Social Care	
RE	
Business & Communication Systems	
Art	
Music	
HE	
Motor Vehicle Studies	
Occupational Studies Technology	
<b>Banbridge Area Learning Community (BALC)</b>	
<b>Choose 2 of the subjects below in order of preference 1 and 2</b>	<b>Rank</b>
BTEC Sport - RHS	
BTEC Childcare – SRC at RHS	
BTEC Media Studies – New – Bridge College	
BTEC Travel and Tourism – New – Bridge College	
Construction – New – Bridge College	
Drama – New – Bridge College	

- Maths and English are compulsory – you will be streamed in these classes.
- You will also study Princes Trust ( worth 2 GCSE'S) / ICT / Occupational Studies – 2 at RHS and 2 at SRC
- You will also have the following statutory periods throughout the week: Games / Form Class / RE / Careers.
- You will study a total of 10 GCSE'S / BTEC / Vocational qualifications – including 1 from the top subject area and 1 from the BALC area.

# Start by thinking about YOU!

- ▶ What am I good at?
- ▶ What do I enjoy?
- ▶ Interests/Hobbies?
- ▶ Do I like practical subjects where I can work with my hands?
- ▶ Do I enjoy sitting in a classroom and learning?
- Do you perform better in exams or coursework?



# Before You Decide...

- ▶ Find out as much as you can about GCSE subjects.
- ▶ Look into **new subjects** carefully.
- ▶ But also check content of **familiar subjects** – they may not be the same at GCSE level.



# Choosing Your Subjects

- ▶ What subjects do you **enjoy**?
- ▶ What subjects are you **good at**?
- ▶ Take into account any **requirements for careers** you are interested in
  - ▶ e.g. Double Award science for a science career
- ▶ Consider subjects that are difficult to pick up again once dropped.



# Who can help you decide?

- ▶ Your Careers Teacher
- ▶ Careers Adviser
- ▶ Subject Teachers
- ▶ Brothers, sisters or friends who have studied GCSE's
- ▶ Your parents/guardians



# Key Points To Consider

- I'm good at everything, all my teachers want me to pick their subject.
- ✓ **But what are your favourite subjects? Choose the subjects you enjoy the most.**
  
- I'm going to do ..... as I enjoy it.
- ✓ **Check course content – it could be quite different at GCSE**
  
- I'm going to do ..... – I like my teacher.
- ✓ **You may have a new teacher next year !**





- I'm taking ..... because my friend is.
- ✓ **Choose subjects you will like – friends can change. You might be in different classes if a lot of people choose that subject.**
  
- My sister told me to take ..... - she loved it!
- ✓ **You may be very different- pick subjects that interest you.**
  
- I'd love to do ..... but worry that it's a boys subject.
- ✓ **There's no such thing as boys or girls subjects.**



# But I am only Year 10.... I have no idea about what I want to be!

- ▶ You don't have to know what you want to be right now.
- ▶ Think about what kind of jobs each subject will be useful for.
- ▶ Will I get good grades by studying that subject?
- ▶ Will I ENJOY it?



**If you do not have any career ideas...**



Career matching tools are available on the Careers Service website to help you make your choices, e.g. Career Ideas Quiz, Careers A-Z list & Subject Links.

Go to: [www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers)





- Choose subjects you enjoy
- Choose subjects you are good at
- Find out which subjects you need for different jobs or courses in the future
- Talk to your Careers Adviser and your Teachers
- Talk to your parents or guardians
- Keep your options for the future open by making a balanced choice
- Choose a subject because your friend is taking it
- Choose or reject a subject because you like or dislike a teacher
- Reject a subject because you think it's 'for girls' or 'for boys' – there is no such thing
- Choose a subject just because you think it will be easy
- Choose a new subject without finding out more about it
- Make a decision last minute without thinking about it





Any questions?

