Swakeleys
School for Girls

The Options process

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Years 9 to 11

Core curriculum: Examined subjects

- **English** — 2 exams
- **English Lit** — 2 exams
- **Maths** — 3 exams
- **Trilogy Science** — Two GCSEs — 6 exams
- **RE** — 2 exams

15 exams

Core curriculum: Non-examined

- **PE**
- **PSHCE**
- **Work shadowing**

Options

- Three more GCSEs

Changes to options

- **No pathways** – these have been removed
- You will all have **three option choices**
- All of you must choose a **CREATIVE** or **LANGUAGE** as one of your choices
- You all then have **two more option choices** from all subjects on offer

Options: Three choices

CHOICE 1 from:

CREATIVE or LANGUAGES

French

German

Art

Dance

Drama

DT

Music

Photography

next...

CHOICES 2 & 3 from:

Art

Computer science

Dance

Drama

DT

Food

French

German

Geography

History

Music

GCSE PE

Triple science

Business

Citizenship

Media

Photography

Psychology

Sociology

BTEC Child Development

BTEC Health & Social Care

These will all be spread between three option blocks

Year 8 Options: Three option blocks

Example: **Blocks will still be built after dry to get best subject combinations**

Option X	Option Y	Option Z
Business	Drama	Art
Citizenship	History	Business
Dance	Music	BTEC Child Development
Design Technology	PE	Computer Studies
BTEC Health & Social Care	Psychology	Food
Media	Sociology	Geography
French	French	German
Photography	German	Psychology
Triple Science	Triple Science	History
Geography		Sociology

	Option X choice	Option Y choice	Option Z choice
Example 1	Business	Music (CREATIVE)	Sociology
Example 2	French (LANGUAGE)	History	Art (CREATIVE)
Example 3	DT (CREATIVE)	PE	Psychology
Example 4	Dance (CREATIVE)	Drama (CREATIVE)	Art (CREATIVE)
Example 5	Geography	Triple science	German (LANGUAGE)

All examples: students have a minimum of **one Creative** or **one Language** but can select any combination from the blocks

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CREATIVE or LANGUAGES

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- Dance
- Drama
- DT
- Music
- Photography

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- Computer science
- Dance
- Drama
- DT
- Food
- French
- German
- Geography
- History
- Music
- GCSE PE
- Triple science
- Business
- Citizenship
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- Photography
- Psychology
- Sociology
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Date/timing	Actions
Week comm. 2nd November	Introductory letter home to all families
Tuesday 17th Nov	Introductory assembly to Y8 in **main hall** with Mrs Devereux **Follow-up letter will be emailed home today** Issue option course overview sheet to students – Full options book on website – email & text home about this
Monday 30th November	Students can sign up for taster sessions in new option subjects
Monday 4th – Friday 15th January	**Two week focus**: taster lessons & careers lessons in KS3 options subjects, careers lesson in PSHCE, drop down taster lessons for new subjects in the canteen
Monday 11th January	'Dry run' of option choices on a Google Form. This is to help me create two option blocks which fit the most common choices – these are not final choices,
Friday 22nd January	Issue option forms to all Y8 – includes subject option blocks
Wednesday 3rd February	**Deadline for handing in options forms**