

2023 Guided Options

March 2023

Overview for this evening...



How to research your potential choices



General outline of the subject choices



Things to consider when making choices

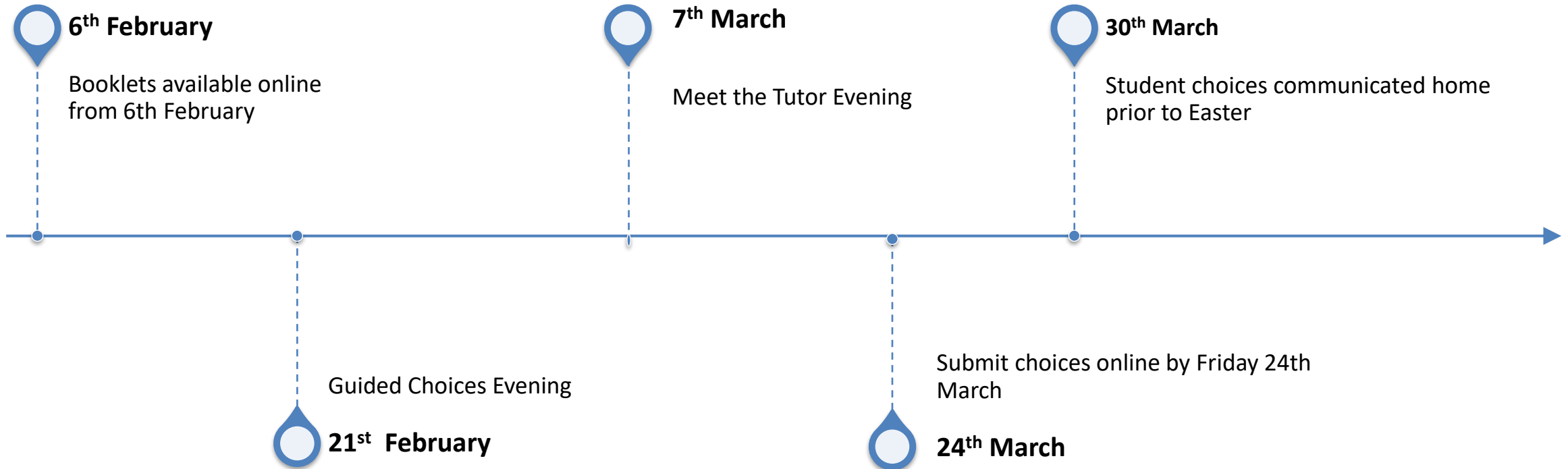


Things to avoid when making choices



How to make and submit your choices

Guided Choices 2023



WHAT TO CONSIDER...

*Educere...*to lead out

- Think about broadening your experience – what will give you the biggest range of options post-16
- Language – [25 reasons](#)
- [Apprenticeships](#) & [Russell Group Universities](#)
- *English Baccalaureate* – a starting point but not a goal
- Careers resources
<https://icould.com/stories/choosing-your-gcse-options/>

Choices ahead

CORE Subjects

- English Language and Literature
- Maths
- Separate Science
- PE
- Philosophy Religion and Ethics/PSHCE



Option Subjects Offered

Art & Design

Business

Computer Science

Design & Technology

3D Products

Fashion & Textiles

Drama

French

Geography

Hair & Beauty

Health & Social Care

History

Hospitality & Catering

Media Studies

Music

Philosophy, Religion & Ethics

Physical Education

Spanish

Sport

Things to consider when making choices...

- Is my child able to succeed at subject a?
- What about the Ebacc?
- Are some subjects more “academic” than others?
- What are the facilitating subjects?
- How do I know who is going to be teaching this subject next year?

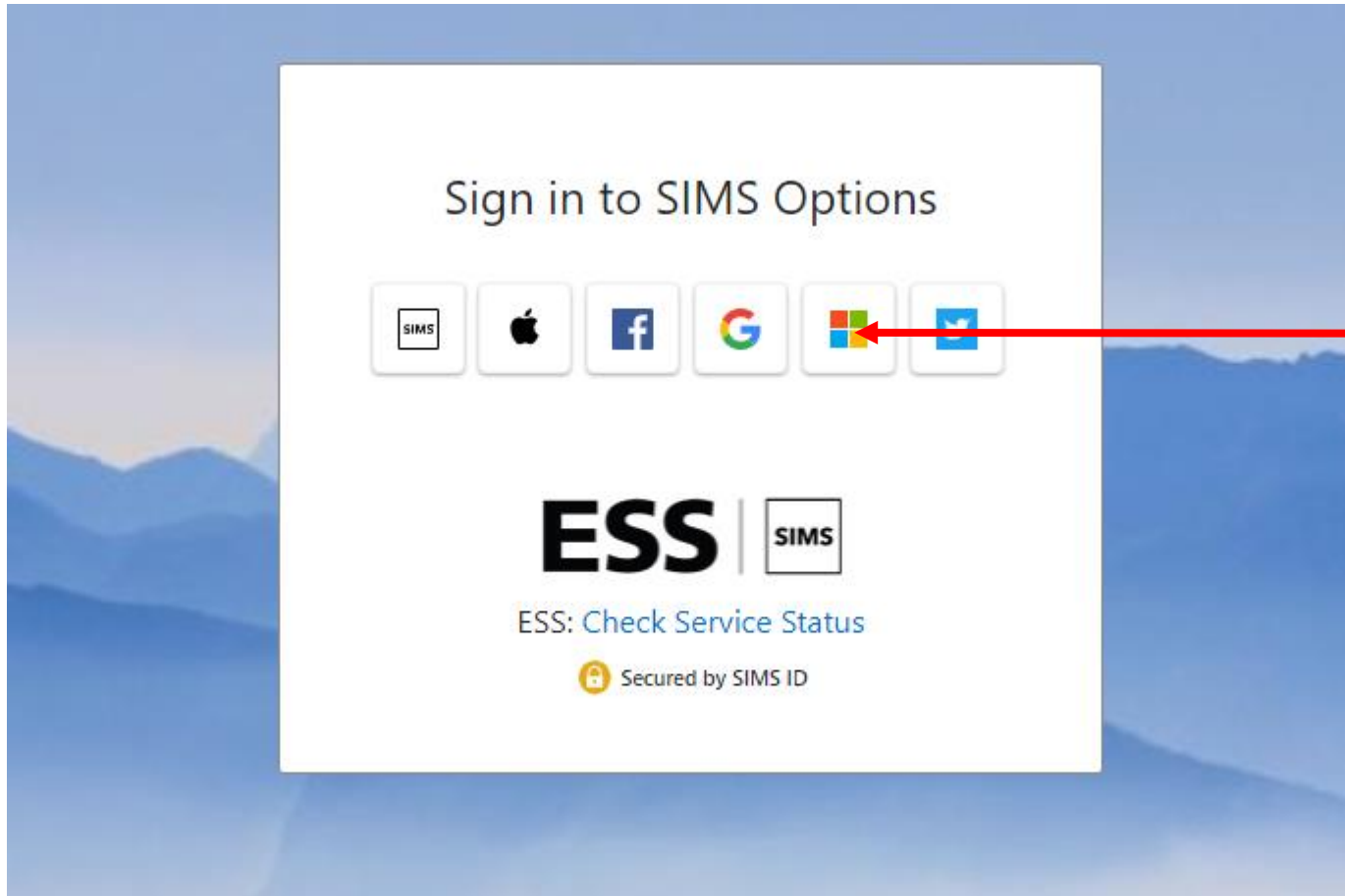
Things NOT to consider when making choices

- What your friends are doing...😊
- Who the teacher is now or might be next year
- You don't know much about the subject so it must be worth a go
- You don't enjoy it but think it will be important for later study

Our Advice...

- Look at the options list in the booklet and highlight the subjects you enjoy
- Look at the subjects you don't know much about – email or teams chat those teachers in charge – it might be your best subject
- Think ahead – do you have an idea what you want to do for Sixth form and beyond – do they recommend courses?
- If you're not sure – opt for the subjects you love and want to study for three more years

Go to www.sims-options.co.uk



Click on the Microsoft icon to login



Sign in

Email, phone, or Skype

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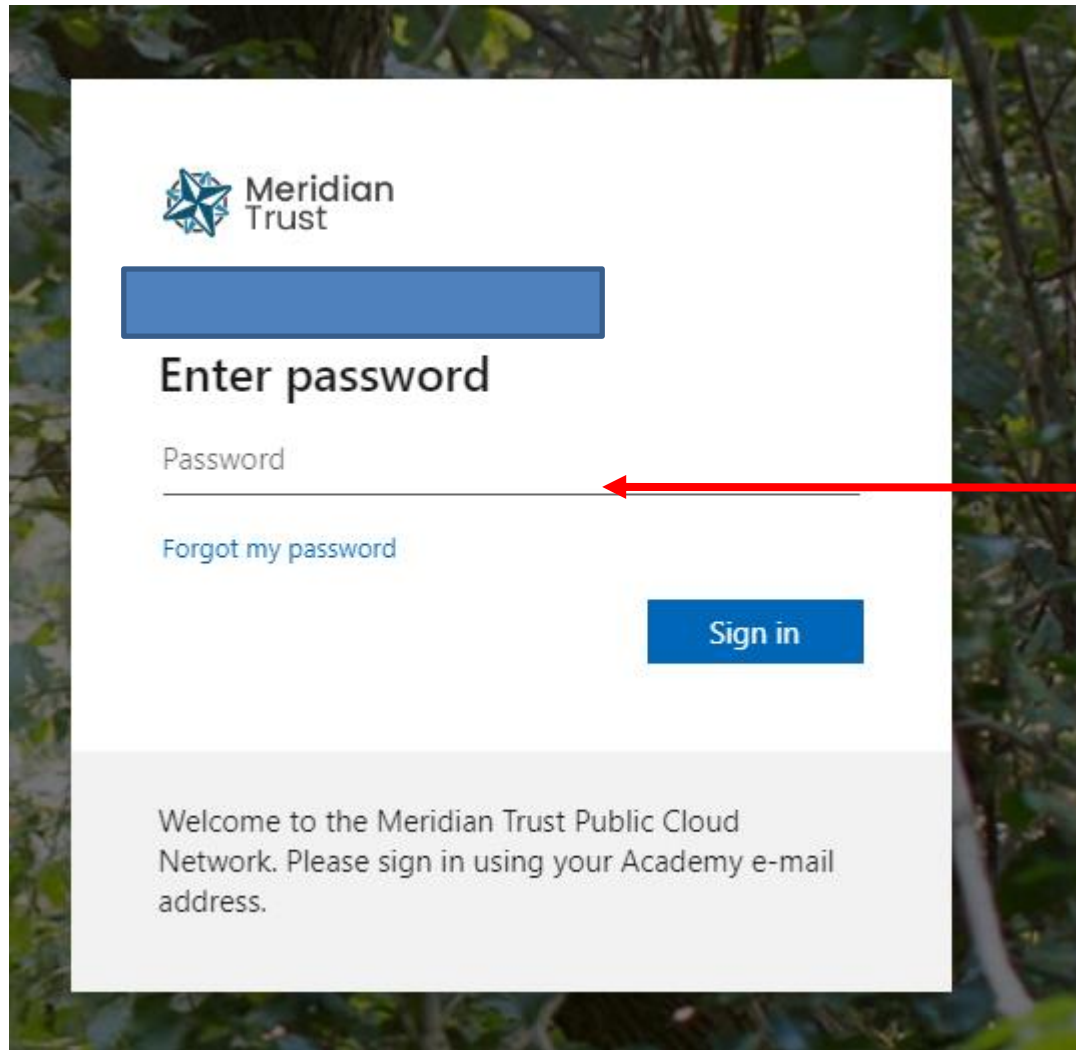
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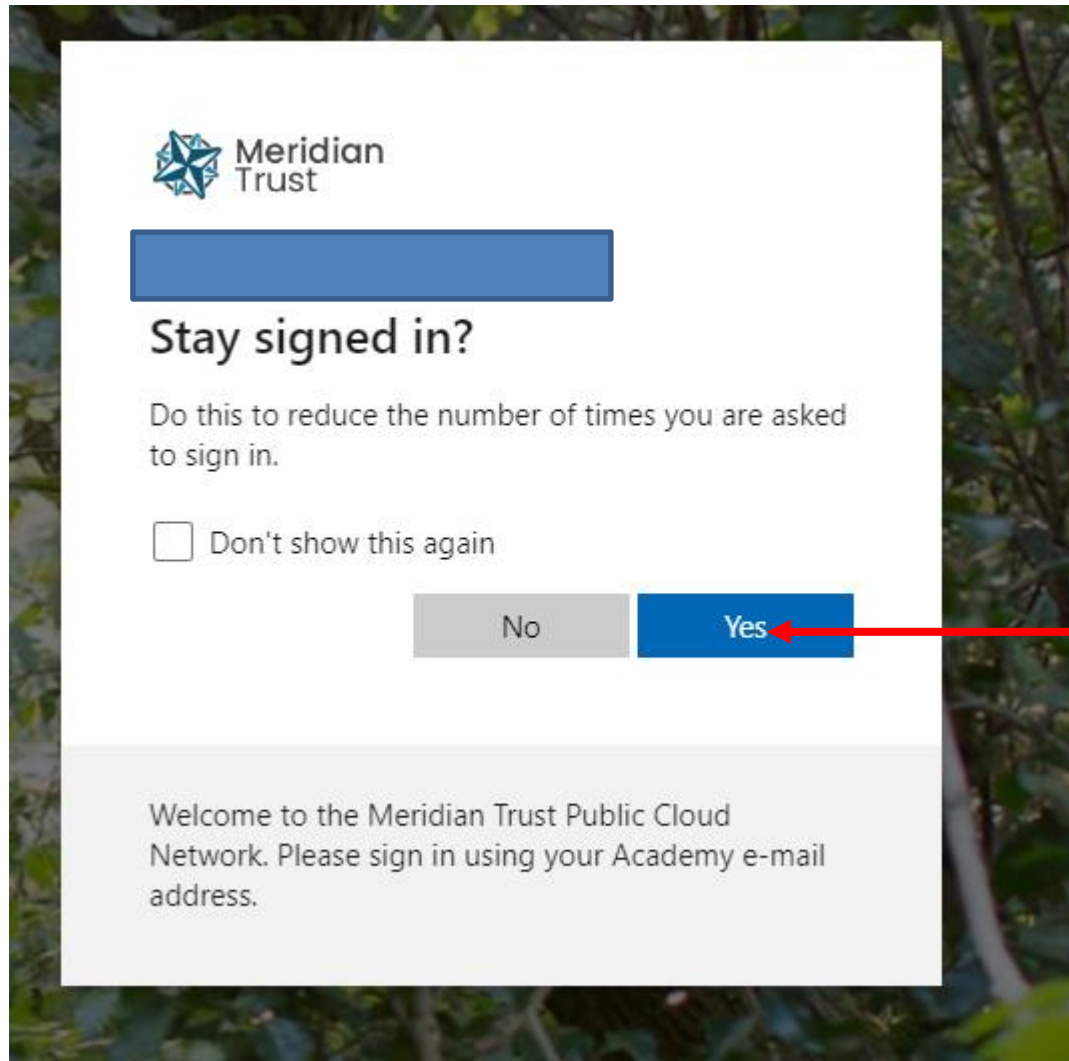
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Enter your school email address




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Enter your school password



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Welcome to the Meridian Trust Public Cloud Network. Please sign in using your Academy e-mail address.

Click Yes if you want to login easier next time

You will see this screen

List 1

You have chosen courses from this list

French GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>	Geography GCSE Full Course	History GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>
PRE GCSE Full Course	Spanish GCSE Full Course	

List 2

You have chosen courses and reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course Reserve	Business GCSE Full Course Reserve	Computer Science GCSE Full Course Reserve
Drama GCSE Full Course Reserve	French GCSE Full Course Reserve <small>This course is also available in List 1</small>	Hair & Beauty VTCT L2 Certificate Reserve
History GCSE Full Course Reserve <small>This course is also available in List 1</small>	Hospitality and Catering NQF Level 1 & 2 Reserve	Health and Social Care Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 Reserve
Media Studies GCSE Full Course Reserve	Music GCSE Full Course Reserve	Design Technology: 3D Products GCSE Full Course Reserve
Physical Education GCSE Full Course Reserve	Sport Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 Reserve	Design Technology: Textiles GCSE Full Course Reserve

Priority Choices

(Total Choices: 0)

Course priorities do not need to be sorted by order of preference.

No priority courses selected.

My Choices

(Total Choices: 0)

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

(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.

Choose 1 subject from List 1

It will appear here

List 1

You have chosen 1 of 2 ☒ courses from this list

French GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>	Geography GCSE Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	History GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>
PRE GCSE Full Course	Spanish GCSE Full Course	

Priority Choices (Total Choices: 1)

Course priorities do not need to be sorted by order of preference.

1	Geography GCSE Full Course List 1
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My Choices (Total Choices: 0)

Choose your 2nd choice from List 1

It will appear here, don't worry about the order

List 1

You have chosen 2 of 2 ☒ courses from this list

French GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>	Geography GCSE Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	History GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>
PRE GCSE Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spanish GCSE Full Course	

Priority Choices (Total Choices: 2)

Course priorities do not need to be sorted by order of preference.

1	Geography GCSE Full Course List 1
2	PRE GCSE Full Course List 1

List 2

You have chosen 0 of 2 ☐ courses and 0 of 1 ☐ reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Business GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Computer Science GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Drama GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	French GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Hair & Beauty VTCT L2 Certificate <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>

My Choices (Total Choices: 0)

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.

It will appear here

Choose your 1st choice subject from List 2

List 1

You have chosen 2 of 2 ☒ courses from this list

French GCSE Full Course

This course is also available in List 2

Geography GCSE Full Course

CP

History GCSE Full Course

This course is also available in List 2

PRE GCSE Full Course

CP

Spanish GCSE Full Course

List 2

You have chosen 1 of 2 ☒ courses and 0 of 1 ☐ reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course

Reserve

Business GCSE Full Course

Reserve

Computer Science GCSE Full Course

Reserve

Drama GCSE Full Course

Reserve

French GCSE Full Course

This course is also available in List 1

Reserve

Hair & Beauty VTCT L2 Certificate

Reserve

History GCSE Full Course

This course is also available in List 1

Reserve

Hospitality and Catering NQF Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Health and Social Care Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Media Studies GCSE Full Course

Reserve

Music GCSE Full Course

Reserve

Design Technology: 3D Products GCSE Full Course

Reserve

Physical Education GCSE Full Course

Reserve

Sport Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Design Technology: Textiles GCSE Full Course

Reserve

Priority Choices (Total Choices: 2)

Course priorities do not need to be sorted by order of preference.

1 Geography GCSE Full Course List 1

2 PRE GCSE Full Course List 1

My Choices (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 Media Studies GCSE Full Course List 2

My Reserves (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.

Choose your 2nd choice subject from List 2

It will appear here

List 1

You have chosen 2 of 2 ☒ courses from this list

French GCSE Full Course <small>i This course is also available in List 2</small>	Geography GCSE Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	History GCSE Full Course <small>i This course is also available in List 2</small>
PRE GCSE Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spanish GCSE Full Course	

List 2

You have chosen 2 of 2 ☒ courses and 0 of 1 ☐ reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Business GCSE Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Computer Science GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
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Physical Education GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Sport Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Design Technology: Textiles GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>

Priority Choices

(Total Choices: 2)
Course priorities do not need to be sorted by order of preference.

1	Geography GCSE Full Course List 1
2	PRE GCSE Full Course List 1

My Choices

(Total Choices: 2)
To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

1	Media Studies GCSE Full Course List 2
2	Business GCSE Full Course List 2


My Reserves

(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.

Choose your reserve choice with the
'reserve' button from List 2



It will appear here

List 1

You have chosen 2 of 2  courses from this list

French GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>	Geography GCSE Full Course <small>CP</small>	History GCSE Full Course <small>You have selected this course in List 2</small>
PRE GCSE Full Course <small>CP</small>	Spanish GCSE Full Course	

List 2

You have chosen 2 of 2  courses and 1 of 1  reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course Reserve	Business GCSE Full Course <small>Choice</small> Reserve	Computer Science GCSE Full Course Reserve
Drama GCSE Full Course Reserve	French GCSE Full Course Reserve <small>This course is also available in List 1</small>	Hair & Beauty VTCT L2 Certificate Reserve
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Priority Choices (Total Choices: 2)

Course priorities do not need to be sorted by order of preference.

1	Geography GCSE Full Course List 1
2	PRE GCSE Full Course List 1

My Choices (Total Choices: 2)

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

1	Media Studies GCSE Full Course List 2
2	Business GCSE Full Course List 2

My Reserves (Total Reserves: 1)

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

1	History GCSE Full Course List 2
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If you got the order of preference wrong click the subject you want to change (in this example Business)

My Choices (Total Choices: 2)

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

1	Media Studies GCSE Full Course List 2
Click to move Business here.	
2	Business GCSE Full Course List 2
Click again to deselect or click another course to change preference.	

And then click where you want it to go

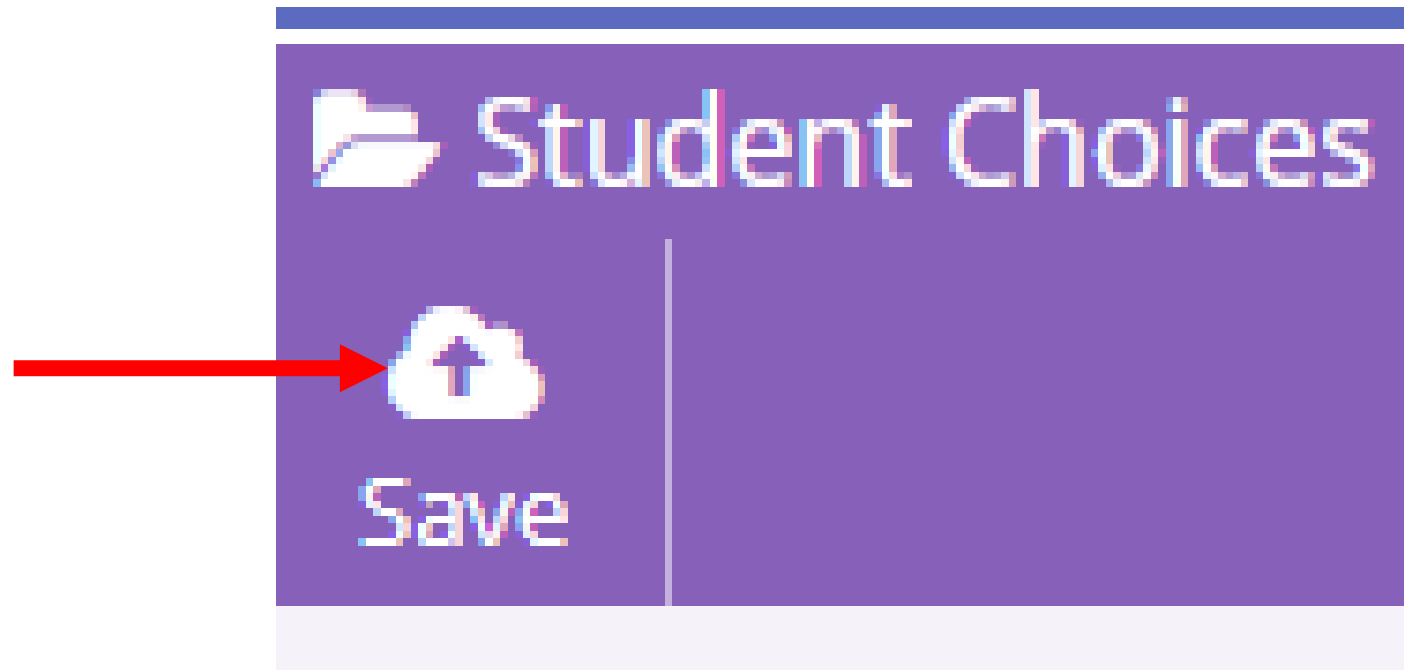
This will swap them

My Choices (Total Choices: 2)

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

1	Business GCSE Full Course List 2
2	Media Studies GCSE Full Course List 2

CLICK SAVE



Options now chosen. If you want to change these (up to the closing date of Friday 24th March) you just log back in and make whatever changes you need.

Information on the college website

<https://www.elycollege.com/year-8-guided-choices>



Home > Students > Year 8 Guided Choices

Art and Design
Business Studies
Computer Science
Design and Technology: 3D Products
Design and Technology: Fashion and Textiles
Digital Information Technology (BTEC)
Drama
Engineering

Year 8 Guided Choices 2022

Jump to: [Guided Choices Evening](#) [Subject Information Pages](#) [Important Documents](#) [Key Dates](#)

This is an exciting time for all young people and, although relatively straightforward for many, it can be a little confusing or overwhelming. To help you, we provide a range of guidance and support about potential choices. The information on these pages is a starting point. The key questions to discuss at home and with your tutor when choosing options will be:

- In which subjects am I most likely to succeed?
- Which subjects do I enjoy?
- Which subjects will enable me to progress to my preferred further education course(s)?

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GCSEs... Choices, choices!

Using Unifrog to explore your choices



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There are two methods for using Unifrog to help decide your choices

Method 1

*I know the job
or industry I
want to work in
after school.*



Method 2

*I have no idea
what I want to
do after school!*



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Method 1



Unifrog's Careers library lets you search through hundreds of career paths.

You'll find it on the Home page under 'Exploring pathways.'



Sound technician (TV or film) ♥

Sound technicians are responsible for recording the voices and background noise on TV and film shoots.

[Read the profile >](#)

Careers library

✓ Careers favoured

[Go to tool >](#)

Search for the career that interests you and read the profile once you find it.

Related university subject profiles

These university subjects are related to this career; check out their profiles on the Subjects library:

- [Film and Photography >](#)
- [Media and Communications >](#)
- [Music >](#)

In each career profile, there is a section on related subjects.

Click each one to find out more about the subject.



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Unifrog's Interests profile helps you learn more about yourself and the subjects that might suit your interests.

Method 2



Interests profile

✓ Quiz last taken 23 Nov 21: A and E and S

Start >

Interests quiz

How much do you enjoy the activities described below?

Click 'Start' on the tool and take the quiz to generate your Interests profile!

Once you have your top three interests, you can search the Subjects and Careers libraries for pathways that match.

Search using three categories

This is your closest three-category combination

Careers library:

Investigative Artistic Conventional >

Subjects library:

Investigative Artistic Conventional >



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