

**Welcome
to our
Key Stage 4
Options Event 2023**

“Where does it lead?”

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Sources of Help

Please see below the programme of events taking place.

Should you wish to view the Options Booklet electronically during the evening, you can do so here:



Timings of evening

Introductory talk – Mrs Summers

Large Hall 6–6.15pm

Subject specific presentations

Each one will run for approximately 10 minutes when a bell will sound and there will be a planned movement of 5 minutes before the next session starts again. Please do visit as many of these as possible to make a well-informed judgement about the choice of subjects and reserve option choices.

GCSE Subjects	Location
GCSE French/ German	G16
GCSE Geography	U30
GCSE History	U32
GCSE Statistics	G9
GCSE Computer Science (rotation with iMedia)	G12
GCSE Art & Design	A1
GCSE Media Studies	U29
GCSE Business Studies (rotation with Marketing and Enterprise)	U35
GCSE Physical Education (rotation with BTEC Sport)	U19
GCSE Philosophy and Ethics	U33
GCSE Design and Technology/ Textiles	DT1
GCSE Food and Nutrition	U34 (Kitchen)
GCSE Music	MU2

Subject	Location
Cambridge National Certificate in Marketing and Enterprise	U35
Cambridge National Certificate in iMedia	G12
BTEC Health and Social Care	U21
BTEC Performing Arts (Drama)	MU1
BTEC Performing Arts (Dance)	U20
BTEC Sport	U19
BTEC Travel and Tourism	U31
VCT Hair and Beauty	U22

Additional support:

Various	Staff	Location
SEND	Mr Mohammed	Large Hall
Pathway/ Curriculum	Ms Summers	Large Hall
Pastoral	Mr Coy/ Mr Burke	Large Hall
IT support	Technicians	G14

Important dates:

Please remember that you are welcome to contact us via email:

options2023@lodeheath.org.uk

The deadline of the submission of options on SIMS is Friday 24th March at midday.



Year 9 Options Choices Timeline 2023

We recognise what a difficult process choosing subjects for study in years 10 and 11 can be and the large number of events and tasks that need to be done over this period, with this in mind the enclosed timeline has been created to support you and your child in attending these significant events.

Guidance Booklets and Pathways

Friday 17 February- Year 9 students Option Choice Booklets available to view on the school Options webpage. Student pathways will be published on Synergy on Monday 27th February.

Please use this as an opportunity to sit, read and discuss the options available to your child. There are videos and handouts for each subject. It is important to ensure students consider what they are good at, what they enjoy and what they will succeed in.

Options Evening at Lode Heath School

Tuesday 28th February- Options Evening Event at Lode Heath School

Pupils and parents will have an opportunity to listen to an introductory options presentation and visit subject specific presentations.

Opportunity to ask questions relating to Pathway queries, Careers, SEND queries & Pastoral questions taking place on the evening.

We will also have IT technicians available should you require support in accessing SIMS to submit the option choices. SIMS passwords will be sent out prior to the event to parents.

Parent/ carer questions

Online webpage- <https://www.lodeheathschool.co.uk/year-9-options>

There is an email address dedicated to Options queries options2023@lodeheath.org.uk along with a [survey link](#) to ask any questions you may have. The answers to any questions will be posted anonymously online for all parents to view for their information as Frequently Asked Questions. There are also links for careers should this be required.

Student questions and taster sessions

Ongoing

All students have access to Teams chat to ask questions to any of the subject specialists.

There will be ongoing taster sessions in lessons to include subjects that they may not have experienced at KS3.

Parental Consultation Evening

Tuesday 14th March 2022 4-7.15pm - Year 9 Consultation Evening Schoolcloud.

Pre-booked appointments via Schoolcloud to meet and discuss your child's progress to date in their current subjects and their suitability for possible Option Choices. Dates for bookings to open to follow.

Final submission of Options

Wednesday 15th March- SIMS will open for submission of Options

A guide to help you with this has been published on the webpage. Please note it is NOT first come first served, however, you must meet the deadline date.

Friday 24th March 2023 midday – Deadline for the submission of Options

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Sources of help

Info

Options booklet	Website link and QR code
Subject presentations	This evening but also viewable on the website
Subject leaflets	Given this evening but further info on website
Teams channels	Student use to post questions
F.A.Q.	Survey link for parental use

Email contacts

<u>Options@lodeheath.org.uk</u>	Email support for parents/ carers
<u>Helpdesk@lodeheath.org.uk</u>	IT email support
<u>GJDavies@lodeheath.org.uk</u>	Careers advice/ support

Staff

Staff contacts:	Mrs Summers	Deputy Headteacher
	Mr Coy	Head of Year
	Mr Mohammed	SENCO

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Key Dates

Consultation Evening:
Tuesday 14th March

Deadline for options preferences:
Friday 24th March midday via SIMS

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Curriculum offer

All students will study the following subjects as part of our core curriculum:

Core Subjects:

EVERY Lode Heath School student will study the following subjects as part of our core curriculum:

GCSE English Language PLUS GCSE English Literature

GCSE Maths

Separate GCSE Sciences (triple) OR Combined GCSE Science*

Physical Education**

Core Choice:

EVERY Lode Heath School student will study one of the two following Humanities subjects as part of our core curriculum:

GCSE History OR GCSE Geography

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Humanities Option

History

OR

Geography

Three exams
No tiers of entry

Exam structure and skills

- Source analysis
- Essay style questions
- Analytical skills

Three exams
Fieldwork visit (30%)
No tiers of entry

Exam structure and skills

- Multiple choice/ short answer
- Levels of response
- Pre-release exam

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Humanities Option

History

You must...

- have a thirst for **knowledge** about the **past** and be able to make links to today.
- want to learn new facts and be able to write about them at **length**.
- be willing to work hard at your **literacy and writing skills**.

OR

Geography

You must...

- have a desire to learn about the **world** and their role in **society** as a whole.
- be able to consider different viewpoints, **values** and attitudes.
- be willing to actively partake in outdoor **fieldwork** data collection.
- want to learn a range of case studies relating to **human** and **physical** geography

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Pathways

Pathway	Option: Humanities	Option A:	Option B:	Option C:
Green	✓	GCSE French/ German only	✓	✓
Yellow	✓	✓	✓	✓

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English Baccalaureate

A complement of 8 qualifications, comprising:

- English
- Maths
- Sciences
- Humanities
- Modern Foreign Language
- Plus 3 other 'high quality qualifications'

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Optional curriculum offer

Green pathway

Option Set A:

GCSE French/German

OR

GCSE Computer Science***

GCSE Art & Design

GCSE Geography/ History

BTEC First Award in Sport***

BTEC Travel and Tourism

Cambridge National Certificate in Marketing and Enterprise***

Cambridge National Certificate in iMedia***

GCSE Media Studies

Option Set B:

GCSE French/German

GCSE Art & Design

GCSE Physical Education***

BTEC Health and Social Care

GCSE Philosophy & Ethics

GCSE Statistics

Cambridge National Certificate in Marketing and Enterprise***

Cambridge National Certificate in iMedia***

City and Guilds Technical Award in Hair and Beauty Level 2^

Option Set C:

BTEC Performing Arts in Drama***

BTEC Performing Art in Dance***

Cambridge National Certificate in iMedia***

GCSE Music

GCSE Design & Technology**/****

GCSE Textiles**/****

GCSE Statistics

GCSE Food and Nutrition**

BTEC First Award in Sport***

BTEC Health and Social Care

GCSE Business Studies***

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Optional curriculum offer

Yellow pathway

Option Set A:

GCSE French/German

OR

GCSE Computer Science***

GCSE Art & Design

GCSE Geography/ History

BTEC First Award in Sport***

BTEC Travel and Tourism

Cambridge National Certificate in Marketing and Enterprise***

Cambridge National Certificate in iMedia***

GCSE Media Studies

Option Set B:

GCSE French/German

GCSE Art & Design

GCSE Physical Education***

BTEC Health and Social Care

GCSE Philosophy & Ethics

GCSE Statistics

Cambridge National Certificate in Marketing and Enterprise***

Cambridge National Certificate in iMedia***

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GCSE Textiles**/****

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GCSE Food and Nutrition**

BTEC First Award in Sport***

BTEC Health and Social Care

GCSE Business Studies***

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Non-KS3 Subjects

We are offering:

GCSE Business Studies

GCSE Statistics

GCSE Media Studies

BTEC Travel and Tourism

CNC in Marketing and Enterprise

BTEC Health and Social

Care

GCSE Textiles

City and Guilds in Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy

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Prohibited combinations

GCSE Computer Science

AND

**Cambridge National Certificate in Creative
iMedia**

or

GCSE Physical Education

AND

BTEC Sport

or

GCSE Business Studies

AND

**Cambridge National Certificate in Marketing
and Enterprise**

or

GCSE Design Technology

AND

GCSE Textiles

You are also unable to select either Design Technology, Textiles or Food and Nutrition as reserve subjects due to their popularity.

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How important is it to get it right?

Every year students make decisions based on the **wrong** information:

- The **teacher** they *think* they may get
- The subject their **friend** has chosen
- They've **heard** it is easy/ hard etc. but have not actually checked themselves
- They just chose one **because they had to**

NB:

- You will have to study the subject you have chosen for **two years**
- It is **unlikely** that you will be able to move to a different subject, and if you do move it is unlikely it will be your first choice
- Vocational courses start assignments and exams in Year 10- therefore late entry to a course is extremely difficult

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Careers support and guidance

If your child requires career guidance or support in helping them choose their options please email Mr Davies GJDavies@lodeheath.org.uk

We also have our careers service here this evening so please do ask any questions you may have.

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Achievement and Attendance

They are inextricably linked.

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Points to note

You will make your choices via SIMS.

The deadline for this is **Friday 24th March midday**

Your SIMS login is required and has been emailed to parents/ carers today.

IT Technicians are here this evening, please do ask if you have any questions or email:

helpdesk@lodeheath.org.uk

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What now?

Use this evening to ask questions and find out what is right for you. You can ask questions to:

- Subject teachers - is the course right for you?
- Careers - what do you need to access further education?
- Pathways - what does this mean?
- SEND - what will be best for key students?
- Pastoral - how will I cope with key demands?
- IT- how do we access the online system?



Subject presentations and movement time.

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