



**Maghull High  
School**

**Southport  
Learning  
Trust**



# Year 9 Options 2026



# Time for you to choose



- This is an exciting time in your educational journey
- It's time to really focus on how you would like to spend your next **two years** at school and what you might go on to do in the **future**
- **Form Tutors, Ms Ouko, Miss Higgins, Mrs Wallis, Senior Leaders and your parents** are all involved to help you - don't worry 😊

[www.maghullhigh.com/Year9Options](http://www.maghullhigh.com/Year9Options)

The **school website** Year 9 Options page will guide you through all the information you need over the coming weeks:

- Parent letter
- Option booklet (detailed information on each subject)
- Subject videos (quick guide to listen and watch for each subject)
- Options Assembly
- Option Form example

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# Core subjects

## Examined (x9 lessons per 2 weeks)

- Mathematics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Combined Science

## Non-Examined

- PE (x2 lessons)
- Religious Education (x1 lesson)
- Personal Development (x1 lesson)

**ESSENTIAL**

# Which subjects can I choose?



## GCSEs

- Spanish/Latin
- Geography
- History
- Art or Photography
- Computer Science
  - Dance
  - Drama
- Religious Studies
- Single Sciences

*(Every option subject has  
x5 lessons over 2 weeks)*

## Vocational:

- Sport
- Business Studies
- Engineering or Construction (Woodwork)
- Hospitality and Catering
- Music
- **Creative iMedia (new in 2026)**
- **Health and Social (new in 2026)**



**Vocational** qualifications include subjects that are related to broad job areas.

At our school we study BTEC qualifications.

These are just as valid as GCSEs but are studied and assessed in a different way.



# "Do I still have lessons with my form?" NO

In year 7, 8 and 9 you are often (not always) taught as a form

In year 10 and 11 you are taught in 'sides of the year' in mixed/streamlined groups for all Core subjects (BC/RS)

Form	Room	Tutor
9LB	45	LBE
9AH	M26	AHO
9SD	44	KSM
9RJ	68	RJO
9TV	50	TVE
9JP	M18	RIN
9GSM	M3	ACO/GSM

**Option subjects mix students from the whole year group**

You will be in completely **new classes for your Option subjects**

# "When will I find out if I have got the subjects I asked for?"

You might need to be **flexible**! (Subjects are not guaranteed and it is not first come first served)

It is essential you put your **main choices as well as your reserve choices in order of preference** (the one you want most at the top).

If a subject is oversubscribed (full) **you may be asked to choose one of your reserve options**. Mrs Cassidy will speak to you personally, then contact home to confirm they agree with the choice.

A **letter** will then be posted home by May half term (latest) with the list of your final option subjects.



## Year 9 Curriculum Options Form 2026



Complete the form and hand it to your form tutor by

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor: \_\_\_\_\_

Core Subjects	Option A (choose <u>1</u> )	Option B (choose <u>3</u> )
<p>Maths</p> <p>English Language</p> <p>English Literature</p> <p>Combined Science</p> <p><i>Religious Education</i></p> <p><i>Personal Development</i></p> <p><i>Physical Education</i></p> <p><i>(non-examined subjects)</i></p>	<p>Computer Science</p> <p>Geography</p> <p>History</p> <p>Spanish OR Latin</p> <p>Single Sciences</p>	<p>Art OR Photography</p> <p>Business Studies</p> <p>Computer Science</p> <p>Dance</p> <p>Drama</p> <p>Engineering OR Construction (Joinery)</p> <p>Hospitality and Catering</p> <p>Geography</p> <p>History</p> <p>Creative iMedia</p> <p>Music</p> <p>Religious Studies</p> <p>Single Sciences</p> <p>Spanish</p> <p>Sport</p> <p>Health and Social Care</p>

*\*Single Science option may result in a change of form group*

*\*Latin is for the current Latin cohort in Y9 only and may require you to be more flexible when choosing other subjects*

Complete the table below by choosing **one** subject from **Option A** and **three** subjects from **Option B** in order of preference. We will endeavour to give you your first 4 choices. Where this is not possible, we will try to allocate one of your reserve choices. You must indicate **two** reserve choices in order of preference in the table below.

Option A
1.
Option B
1.
2.
3.
Reserve Choices
1.
2.

Signed (student): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Parent/Carer): \_\_\_\_\_ Signed (Parent/Carer) \_\_\_\_\_

# We promote the EBacc with all students

'EBacc' is short for the English Baccalaureate

It's a **combination of GCSE subjects**, that offer an important range of knowledge and skills to young people.

The aim is for you to have access to a full range of **employment options** when you leave school, with a **broad knowledge** that employers are also looking for. If you are thinking of going to **university**, the EBacc is also recommended by Britain's most prestigious universities.

- **English language and English literature**
- **Maths**
- **Science** - combined science or 3 single sciences from biology, chemistry, physics, and computer science
- **History or Geography**
- **A language** - Spanish or Latin



# My options guidance meeting



Over the next few weeks, you will have a meeting with a member of staff in school about your option choices. This is a chance to share your ideas and ask questions before you make a final decision and agree this with parent/carers.

# Who / What can help me choose?

- Talk to your parents
- Talk to your teachers at the Options Fayre and in lessons
- Read the subject flyers from the Options Fayre
- Talk to your form tutor in your guidance meeting
- Talk to your careers advisor (Mrs Wallis)
- Read the options booklet (website)
- Watch all the subject videos (website)
- Come along to parents evening
- Read your AP report
- Think about what you enjoy
- Think about what you might like to do in the future- what do you need to study to help you get there?







# Year 9 Options Fayre

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January p4-5 Howe Theatre (RS – p4 BC-p5)

You will all have the opportunity to **visit each subject 'stall' to speak to the subject leader/teacher with any question you have about the course.** You can also take home a **flyer** for the subjects that interest you the most.

You will have a 'sample' option form to complete during this session with a wallet to collect all flyers. Take your wallet home and discuss the courses that you like before making any choices.

Mrs Cassidy and Mrs Wallis will be in the dining room on Year 9 parents evening to support with any further questions about options/6<sup>th</sup> Form/careers.

"What does the exam look like?"

"What do I do in the controlled assessment"

"Would I like this course?"

"Do you think I'll be good at this course?"

"Do I need to be able to already play an instrument to pick this course?"

"Do I need to be really sporty to do well in this course?"

"I've not done this at KS3, what is it?"

**Year 9 Curriculum Options Form 2024**  
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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Maths	Computer Science	Art OR Photography
English Language	Geography	Business Studies
English Literature	History	Computer Science
Combined Science	Spanish OR Latin	Dance
Religious Education	Single Sciences	Drama
Personal Development		Engineering OR Construction (Joinery)
Physical Education (non-examined subjects)		Hospitality and Catering
		Geography
		History
		Creative Media
		Music
		Religious Studies
		Single Sciences
		Spanish
		Sport
		Art and Social Care

*\*Single Science option may result in a change of class*

*\*Tutor is for the current Latin cohort in 15/16*

Complete the table below by choosing **two subjects from Option B in order of preference**. Where this is not possible, we will try to accommodate your choices. Where this is not possible, please indicate two reserve choices in order of preference.

1.	
2.	
3.	
Reserve Choices	
1.	
2.	

Signed (student): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Parent/Carer): \_\_\_\_\_ Signed (Parent/Carer): \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLE**

Access the school website for all the information you need for Year 9 Options [www.maghullhigh.com/Year9Options](http://www.maghullhigh.com/Year9Options)

Please get in touch if you would like advice and support with any aspect of the options process:

Assistant Headteacher - Mrs S Cassidy [cassidys@maghullhigh.com](mailto:cassidys@maghullhigh.com)

Careers Advisor – Mrs S Wallis [walliss@maghullhigh.com](mailto:walliss@maghullhigh.com)

Head of Year 9 –Ms Ouko [oukod@maghullhigh.com](mailto:oukod@maghullhigh.com)

General Enquiries - [options@maghullhigh.com](mailto:options@maghullhigh.com)



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