



9<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers and Student,

I hope that this email finds you and your family well. Due to the success of the online options process that we implemented last year, together with the uncertainty around the covid pandemic we are again completing our options process online.

We have developed the Year 9 curriculum at Lealands High School to take effect from September 2022. GCSE learning begins in Year 10 at Lealands High School. We wish to provide our Year 9 students with the most broad and balanced curriculum possible, whilst also offering them some choice of subjects in which they wish to begin building skills and knowledge toward key stage 4 success.

To achieve this; all students will study our core Year 9 curriculum which satisfies the requirements of the National Curriculum and enables students to gain a deep knowledge of a broad range of subjects. At the end of Year 9, students will be given further options to select the subjects they would like to continue studying for their GCSEs.

It is hoped that this balance between the core curriculum which is prescribed and some choices to extend their learning and experience will enhance the experience of our Year 9 students.

For a small number of students we will be providing additional literacy and/or numeracy lessons instead of the option choices. These students will be identified and parents contacted separately.

<b>Core curriculum</b>	<b>Option subjects</b>
<i>All students will study all of these subjects.</i>	<i>Students are given <b>two options</b> which allow them to select subjects that they wish to study</i>
English	Music
Mathematics	Dance
Science	Art
Geography	Physical Education
History	Cooking and nutrition
Language – either French or Spanish	Drama
Religion and Society	Graphics
Core Physical education	Design technology
Core Art	Language (A second choice of either French or Spanish)
Core Music	<b>NB some students will be studying additional numeracy and/or literacy in place of these options based on past achievement.</b>
Core Design technology	

We have developed a Year 8 options page on our school website which we urge you to visit. This will give you:-

- More information about each of the option subjects.
- Videos from lead teachers in each area that will give you a clear understanding of courses to aid selection.
- General information about the year 8 options process.

**Actions:-**


1. Visit the year 8 options website.
2. Watch videos from Mr Edwards and Ms Seaton.
3. Consider which subject options are best for future success.
4. The student will receive a google form to complete on the 11<sup>th</sup> March. Complete this and submit to by the 20<sup>th</sup> of March.

Please visit this website to view our options information: <https://www.lealands.luton.sch.uk/y8options>

Whilst we will do all we can to facilitate students' option choices, please be aware that this will be dependent on student numbers and staffing.

If you have any questions regarding this process please contact Mr Edwards or Ms Seaton via the MyEd app or [admin@lealands.luton.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lealands.luton.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,



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