



# Year 8 mini options



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# Staff involved in the process

- Mr I Dunn, Assistant Headteacher
- Mr Bryn Marshall, Head of Lower School
- Mrs E Murrell, Head of Year 8
- Mrs E Jarvis, Data Manager (Options Coordinator)
- Mr T Rogers
- Mrs S Shakya, Head of Careers
- Year 8 Tutors and subject teachers



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# Why Mini-Options?

- Retain a broad and balanced curriculum
- Allow a little more time for subjects students enjoy
- Give students a chance to shape their own studies
- Begin to think about future choices



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**Year 10/11**  
**GCSE subjects (Options)**  
**4 option subjects**  
**Lower School subjects plus extras**

**Year 9 Subjects (Mini Options)**  
**5 focus Lower School subjects**

**Year 7/8 Subjects**  
**All Lower School Subjects for all students**



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# Compulsory Subjects

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- PE



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# Selection of other subjects

- Select 5 additional subjects
- Teachers, tutors, Heads of Year and Heads of Subjects have reviewed students' progress
- Each student has a personalised offer to support their needs
- Information on each subject is available in SIMs Options and can be discussed with Subject Teachers.



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# Choosing your courses

- Read the course description – does the course interest you, will it sustain your interest for two years?
- If you have a firm career idea, choose the options you need
- If you don't have a firm career idea, choose options that will give you plenty of choice and a broad and balanced curriculum
- Discuss courses with subject teachers.
- Ask for help and advice from your family, friends, teachers, Mrs Shakya, Mrs Murrell, tutors and others



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# Common Questions (Options Information Booklet)

- Is it possible to take a subject at GCSE if you haven't opted for it in Year 9?
- Which subjects in the Year 8 Mini Options support which Year 9 GCSE Options?
- What is the EBACC?

Year 9 GCSE Option Subject	Year 8 Mini-Option Subject that <b>MUST</b> be Selected
Art – Fine Art	<b>Art must be selected as a mini-option</b>
Art – Textiles/3D Design	<b>Art must be selected as a mini-option</b>
Art - Photography	<b>Art must be selected as a mini-option</b>
Computing	<b>Computing</b>
Dance	<b>Dance</b>
Drama	<b>Drama</b>
DT: Fibres & Textiles	<b>DT: Fibres &amp; Textiles</b>
DT: Paper & Boards (Graphics)	<b>DT: Paper &amp; Boards (Graphics)</b>
DT: Timbers (Resistant Materials)	<b>DT: Timbers (Resistant Materials)</b>
Food & Nutrition/Food & Cookery	<b>Food</b>
French	<b>French</b>
Geography	<b>Geography</b>
History	<b>History</b>
Mandarin from Year 7	<b>Mandarin from Year 7</b>
Music GCSE/BTEC Music	<b>Music</b>
Religious Studies	<b>Religious Studies</b>
Spanish	<b>Spanish</b>
Business Studies	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>These subjects can be taken regardless of the Year 8 Mini-Options chosen</p> </div>
Citizenship	
Economics	
Media Studies	
PE GCSE/Sports Studies	
Prince's Trust	
Statistics	



# English Baccalaureate

awarded to students achieving 9-4 Grades in:

- English Language or Literature
- Mathematics
- 2 Sciences (Separates or Combined Sciences)
- A Language (French or Spanish)
- and History or Geography



## Be aware:

A number of Universities do have a requirement for some EBacc subjects at GCSE in order to be accepted on certain courses - check with the Universities themselves.



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# Selection of non-compulsory subjects – 5 choices

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Art	<p>All subjects are in this block (Arts and Ebacc) allowing you to take an extra Arts or an extra EBacc Subject – it is your choice</p>	History
Dance		French or Spanish
Drama		Geography
Food & Nutrition		Computing
Music		
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Resistant Materials (DT: Timbers)		
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For some of you we will recommend a language



# Reasons to choose your options

## GOOD REASONS

- You're good at the subject
- You think you'll enjoy the course
- It fits your career ideas and plans
- It goes well with your other choices
- It is required for a future pathway you are considering
- You think you might want to continue studying it post-16
- Your research shows that it will interest you and motivate you

## BAD REASONS

- Your friends have chosen it
- You think it will be easy
- Someone else thinks that it's a good idea
- You like the teacher you have now
- You didn't have time to research properly

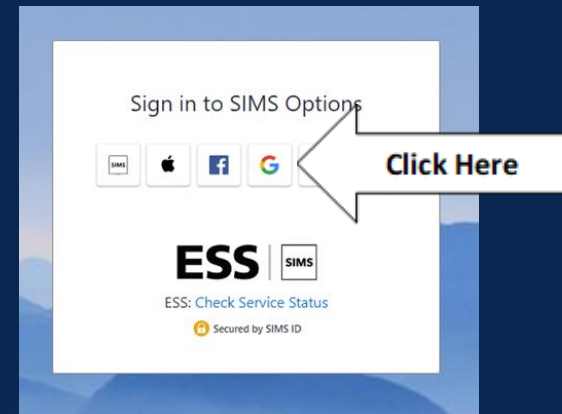


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# Options Online – Student Process

- 1) Go to the school website <https://mountbatten.school> and click on the students button on the far-right hand side.
- 2) You will then be asked to enter your school Google username and password. If you have forgotten or have any issues, please contact IT Services on [itservices@mountbatten.school](mailto:itservices@mountbatten.school) as they will be able to help you.
- 3) Once logged into the student portal, click on Options Online button. You will then see the screen below appear. Please click on the 'sign in with Google' icon as you are using your school Google account.



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# What happens next?

- ▶ Thursday 22 February – Information Evening
- ▶ Discuss options – at home, with tutors, with teachers
- ▶ **PLEASE CONTACT TUTORS ABOUT ANY ISSUES**
- ▶ Logon to SIMs Options and choose – link in the email
- ▶ Thursday 14 March Parents Evening (Online)
- ▶ **Wednesday 20 March – Deadline for submission**

