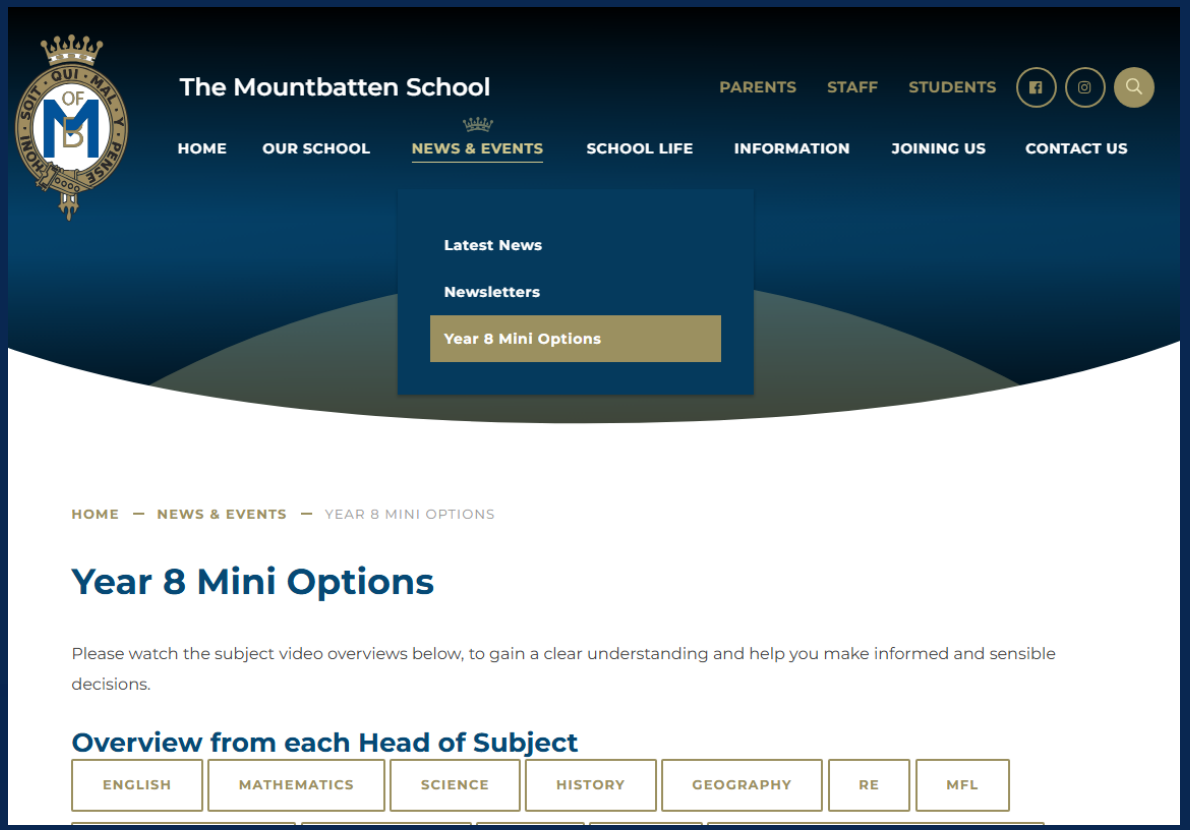
Please scan the QR code to access our Options Booklet

This has also been published on our dedicated **Year 8 Mini Options** page on the school website, accessible via the **News & Events** section.



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Year 8 Options Information Evening
6.00 – 7.30



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Staff involved in the process

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

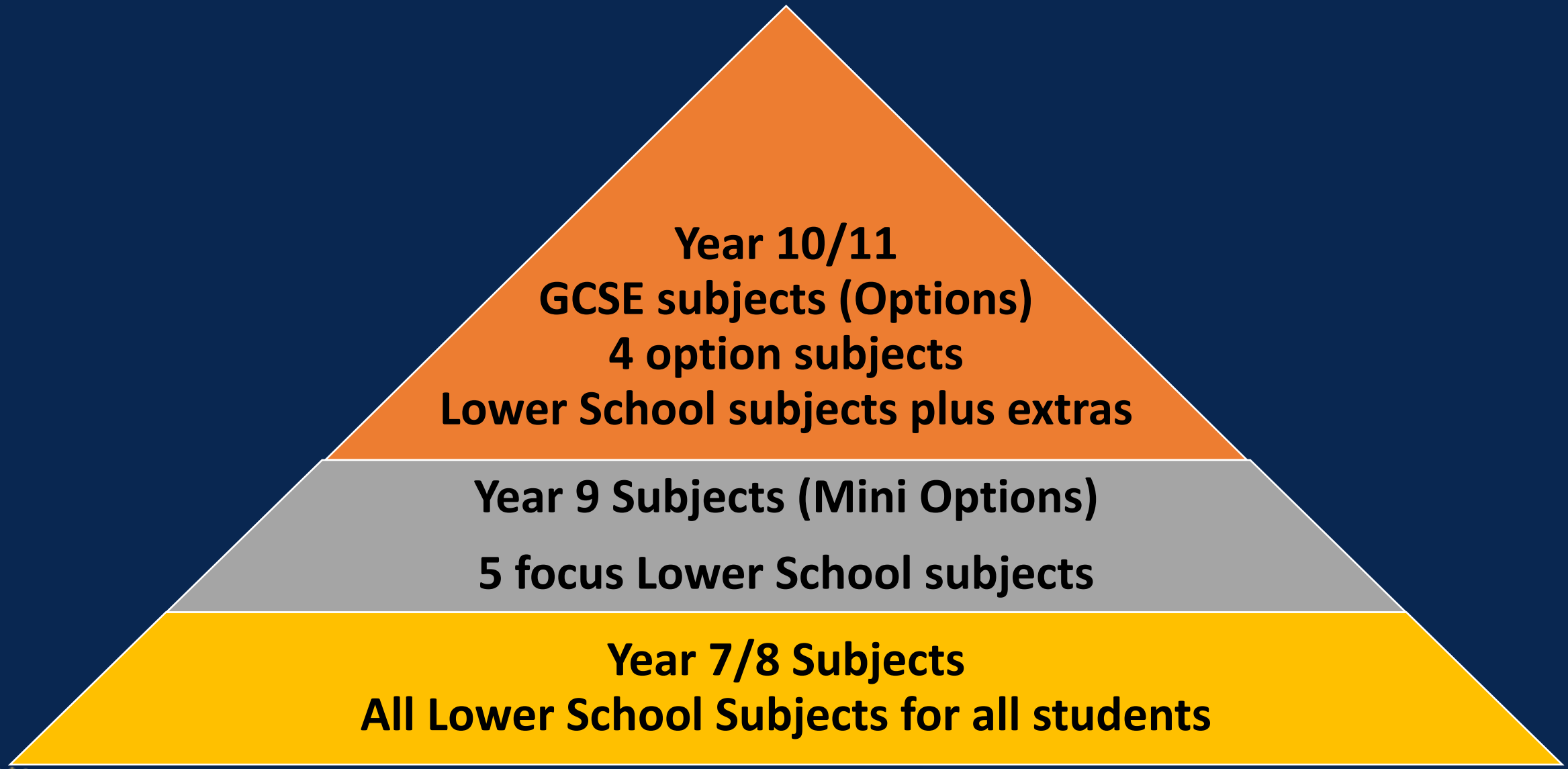


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Why Mini-Options?

- 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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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 on the website and can be discussed with Subject Teachers
- There are some rules – only one Technology pathway; only one language

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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, Ms Jarvis, Mrs Shakya, Mr Stonehill, tutors and others

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what's your next move?

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?**

Year 9 GCSE Option Subject	Year 8 Mini-Option Subject that MUST be Selected
Art – Fine Art	Art **must** be selected as a mini-option
Art – Textiles/3D Design	Art **must** be selected as a mini-option
Art - Photography	Art **must** be selected as a mini-option
Computing	Computing
Drama	Drama
DT: Fibres & Textiles	DT: Fibres & Textiles
Graphics	Graphics
Resistant Materials	Resistant Materials
Food & Nutrition	Food
French	French
Geography	Geography
History	History
Mandarin	Mandarin
Music GCSE/BTEC Music	Music
Spanish	Spanish
Economics	**These subjects can be chosen for GCSE regardless of the Year 8 Mini-Options chosen**
Media Studies	
PE GCSE/Sports Studies	
Religious Studies	
Statistics	

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Completing the Options Form

- The process will be completed online – instructions are in the Options Information Booklet and emailed to students and parents
- **Reserves are extremely important. We try to meet all requests – but we cannot always accommodate all first choices. For example: there will be restrictions on Design Technology and Food Technology due to rooming and capacity.**
- **If oversubscribed ATL (Attitude to Learning) monitoring scores may be used to allocate places.**

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Completing the Options Form

- **If there is a course that is particularly important to your future studies or career aspirations – you can write a supporting statement and email to options@mountbatten.school – this must be done before the deadline for completion of options.**

- **Some courses may not run if sufficient students do not opt for them.**

- **Please make choices carefully – we cannot make changes after allocations have been made.**

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Reasons to choose your options

GOOD REASONS

- You're good at the subject
- You think you'll enjoy the course
- It goes well with your other choices
- Your research shows that it will interest and motivate you
- It is required to access college and/or university courses you wish to study in the future
- It is required for the job you would like to do

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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Important Dates

- Thursday 26 February: Options Evening for Year 8 Parents
- Friday 27 February: links to online form emailed
- Tuesday 17 March: Year 8 Parents' Evening (Online)
- Monday 23 March: Deadline for completion of Option Choices

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