



Year 9 Options Evening 5 February 2026





What's the options process all about?

- Making choices of subjects to study in Years 10 and 11
- Starting the process of preparing for the future
- The most important thing is making decisions that are right for **your child**.



How will they decide?

- **Think** about what they're good at
- **Think** about what they enjoy
- **Think** about how they like to learn
- **Think** about the kinds of things they might do in the future
 - Sixth Form/College
 - University
 - Apprenticeship.

Balance now = more choices later!





Who will help them decide?

- Parents/carers
- Form tutors and subject teachers
- Teachers of “new” subjects.



How will they decide?

- Make decisions for themselves
- They will have to study them for 2 years!
- Ignore what their friends are doing
- The most important thing is making decisions that are right for them.



Where can I get more information?

- Full course details are on the [school website](#)
- This will give full details of each course and the contact details for the subject leader
- You will also receive an options booklet this evening

Year 10 - Year 11 Curriculum

Which Subjects will you choose for Years 10 and 11?

Year 10/11 Subjects - Information

Having made choices about their future learning in February of Year 9 students will, from the beginning of Year 10, follow an increasingly personalised learning programme with a wide variety of different courses based on a system of guided choice. The courses are accredited through GCSE, BTEC, NCFE and ASDAN. All students will remain in education or training until the age of 18. In this school an average of 55% progress to the Sixth Form, where a wide variety of Advanced Level courses are available. The remaining 45% follow their education and training with a range of other providers.

Grouping

In Years 9 - 11, groups are 'set' by ability, capability, interest or potential whenever possible. Some students need additional classroom support and they receive it through the work of a specialist team of Teaching Assistants.

Year 10/11 Subject Information



Art

PDF



Business

PDF



Computer Science

PDF

When do things happen?

- Options Evening – Thursday 5 February 16:30 to 18:30
- Email staff if you still have questions
- Complete options form
- **Options submitted by 9am Tuesday 24 February.**





Core subjects

<p>English Language and English Literature GCSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 GCSEs taught in one “subject”	<p>Mathematics GCSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entry at either Foundation (grades 1 to 5) or Higher (4 to 9).	<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All students will do at least Trilogy Science (Combined worth 2 GCSEs)• Triple Science is also an option (separate worth 3 GCSEs)• Both can be Foundation or Higher
<p>Physical Education</p> <p>2 lessons per fortnight</p>		



Triple Science (“Separate Science”)

- 3 GCSE grades; one each for
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Physics

15/50 hours per fortnight
Foundation (Grades 1 to 5)
Higher (Grades 4 to 9)

Links to further study

- Preferred for Veterinary Science & Medicine
- Best preparation for A-level sciences
- Can mix Higher and Foundation entries.



Options Overview

A range of courses including

- Business & Computing
- Creative Arts
- Design & Technology
- Humanities
- Modern Languages
- Courses in work related areas.



Options – GCSE Courses

Art, Photography, Textiles, Business, Computer Science, Food Preparation and Nutrition, D&T: Graphics, D&T: Product Design, Drama, French, Geography, History, Media Studies, Music, PE, Religious Studies, Spanish.





Options – Vocational Courses

- Hospitality & Catering Vocational Award
- Cambridge Nationals: Health & Social Care
- Cambridge Nationals: Sport Studies
- Personal Growth and Wellbeing (recommendation only)





Options – How to choose

Breadth and Balance

- Student will all study:
- English Language & English Literature
- Maths
- Science

Choose at least one subject of:

- Computer Science, French, Geography, History, Spanish or Triple Science



Combinations

Subject 1	Subject 2	Allowed?
PE GCSE	Cambridge National Sport	No
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Hospitality and Catering	No
Art	Textiles	No
DT: Product Design	DT: Graphics	No



NEA Subjects

- Non-Examined Assessments take place in controlled conditions in the classroom and form part of the final grade of the qualification
- NEA subjects require a **significant commitment to out of hours learning** as directed by the teacher to ensure work is completed to the correct standard
- **School attendance matters** in all subjects, but particularly so in NEA subjects as absence is directly linked to learning time needed to complete the NEA.



NEA Subjects include:

- Media
- Photography
- Art
- Design & Technology: Graphics
- Design & Technology: Product Design
- Textiles
- Food Preparation & Nutrition
- Hospitality & Catering
- Health and Social Care
- Sport Studies
- Drama





Food and Nutrition and Hospitality and Catering

- Both subjects have practical cooking-based tasks which you will need to provide ingredients for.
- If you want to continue taking one of the two courses but are concerned about the cost of ingredients, please speak to Mrs Smith who will be able to advise further.





2 Stages to confirm options

Stage 1

Available from Thursday 6 February to 25 February

Pick 4 options and reserves

Remember to choose at least one subject of Computer Science, French, Geography, History, Spanish or Triple Science

Also remember to balance demands and consider your commitments.

Stage 2

From original choices we will form option blocks. Once this is complete students will be notified of their options for next year – if we can not facilitate choices, we will meet with students to discuss next steps.



Logging options

- Form emailed to student's school email address. The form will open from 7pm this evening
- You have until 9am Tuesday 24 February to complete it
- Contact subject staff for subject related questions; for general assistance with completing the form, you can ask for help in your computer science lesson or email options@corfehills.net



Select options – in order

Main choices - chosen in order of preference

Some combinations are not allowed - you cannot choose combinations of **Art/Textiles**, **Design Technology: Graphics/Design Technology: Product Design**, **Food Preparation and Nutrition/Hospitality and Catering** or **Physical Education/Sport Studies**.

1. Select your **first preference** subject from the list, checking you have not selected choice combinations that are not allowed together (see above) *

- Art**
- Business
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology: Graphics**
- Design & Technology: Product Design**
- Drama
- Food Preparation and Nutrition



Select reserve choices – up to 4

Reserve choices

5. Now select **up to 4** (minimum of 1) additional subjects from the list, checking you have not already selected them in your main choices. These are reserve choices and will only be allocated to you if we are unable to give you all your main choices. This could be because too many people want to take a subject, or it could be because, once we have designed the final timetable, lessons for the two subjects are happening at the same time. *

Please select at most 4 options.

Art

Business

Computer Science

Design & Technology: Graphics

Design & Technology: Product Design



What happens next?

- We will review all options from **25 February 2026**
- We can usually offer most/all choices
- Not all courses may run – we'll discuss with you and your child if this is the case
- Subject changes in Year 10 are very difficult and may not be possible. Therefore, students should think carefully now.



Advice and help

- We are here to help
- Please ask if you have any questions or are unsure of anything.

