

YEAR 8 MINI OPTIONS

A HOW-TO GUIDE



THINGS FOR STUDENTS TO REMEMBER:

- This is an exciting time for them, as they will be able to select their lessons for the first time.
- They can think more about what subjects they enjoy and would like to continue studying in the future of Expressive Arts and Technology.
- This is a warm-up for the process students will complete in Year 9, when they choose their actual GCSEs.
- Students should be encouraged to choose what they want to do, not just what their friends want to do.



THE OPTION PROCESS - KEY DATES

Letter sent to Parents:
Wednesday 28th
February 2024

Year Group Assembly: Thursday 29th February 2024

Complete online form

– Deadline: Friday 22nd

March 2024

Begin Year 9 with their chosen subjects:
September 2024



COMPULSORY SUBJECTS

- Maths
- English
- Science
- Languages
- History

- Geography
- Religious Education
- Personal Development
- Physical Education
- Computer Science



PATHWAY I – STUDENTS WHO TAKE 2 LANGUAGES

- You must choose 4 subjects and a reserve
- You must indicate the priority of your subjects (= first priority,
 2 = second priority, etc.)
- You must also indicate a reserve subject.

Expressive Arts – Choose at least 2	Technology - Choose I or 2
Art & Design Reserve	Engineering 2
Dance 3	Food Technology
Drama 4	Graphics
Music	Resistant Materials
N/A	Textiles

Example:

Note: Students are unable to opt out of a language until they select their GCSE Options for Year 10. They also cannot take less than 2 Expressive Art subjects and not more than 2 Technology subjects.



PATHWAY 2 – STUDENTS WHO TAKE I LANGUAGE

- You must choose 6 subjects and a reserve
- You must indicate the priority of your subjects (= first priority,
 2 = second priority, etc.)
- You must also indicate a reserve subject.

Expressive Arts – Choose 3 or 4	Technology – Choose 2 or 3
Art & Design Reserve	Engineering 2
Dance 3	Food Technology
Drama 4	Graphics
Music 6	Resistant Materials 5
N/A	Textiles

Example:

Note: Students are unable to opt out of a language until they select their GCSE Options for Year 10. They also cannot take less than 3 Expressive Arts subjects and not less than 2 or more than 3 Technology Subjects.

HOW DO STUDENTS SUBMIT THEIR OPTIONS?

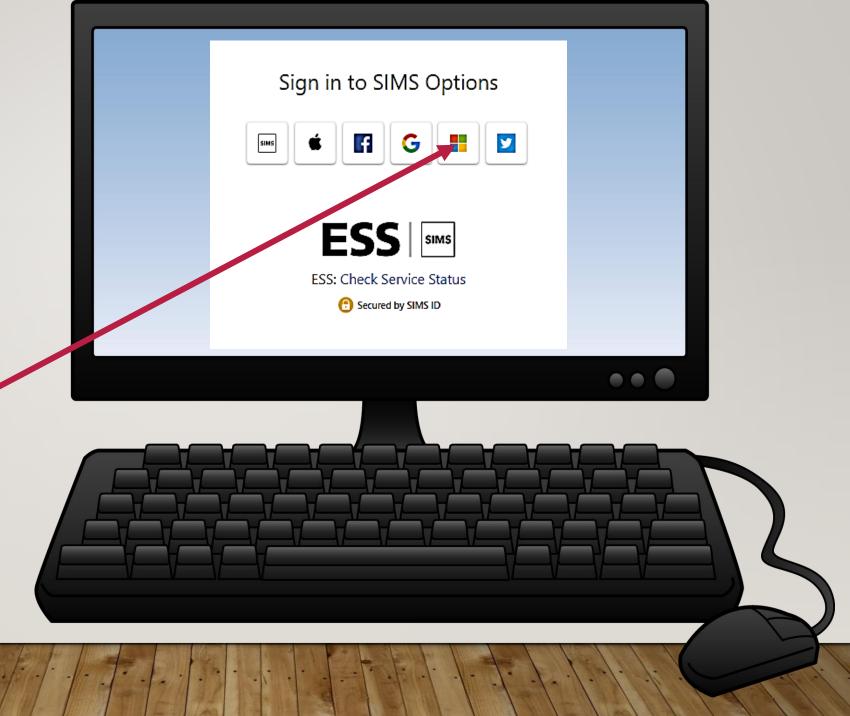
• SIMS OPTIONS ONLINE:

www.sims-options.co.uk

 Log in using their school email address via the Microsoft Login Button.



username@plume.essex.sch.uk + normal password





ANY QUESTIONS?

-Please feel free to email your child's Expressive Arts and Technology teacher.

-You can also contact Mr Downes and Mrs Southgate at:

year8support@plume.essex.sch.uk