

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 1 – STUDENTS WHO TAKE 2 LANGUAGES

- You must choose **4** subjects **and** a reserve
- You must indicate the priority of your subjects (**1** = first priority, **2** = second priority, etc.)
- You must also indicate a reserve subject.

Expressive Arts – Choose at least 2	Technology – Choose 1 or 2
Art & Design Reserve	Engineering 2
Dance 3	Food Technology 1
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 1 LANGUAGE

- You must choose **6** subjects **and** a reserve
- You must indicate the priority of your subjects (**1** = first priority, **2** = second priority, etc.)
- You must also indicate a reserve subject.

Example:

Expressive Arts – Choose 3 or 4	Technology – Choose 2 or 3
Art & Design Reserve	Engineering 2
Dance 3	Food Technology 1
Drama 4	Graphics
Music 6	Resistant Materials 5
N/A	Textiles

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