



**Year 8 into Year 9
Parent and Student Information for
Option Choices**

February 2024

Remember this process
is all about your child

LEARN

L	Listen
E	Engage
A	Apply
R	Respect
N	Non-negotiables

Myton School Values

Preparing all our students for lifelong
success through:

Developing self-assured learners
Removing barriers
Working together
Investing in staff

Our aims at Myton.....

To develop self assured learners; young people who have a desire to master their subjects beyond the requirements of exam boards, who can articulate their learning journey, who know their strengths and weaknesses and who take reasoned actions to improve their knowledge and understanding.

For all students to achieve aspirational outcomes regardless of their starting points, ensuring barriers are overcome.

To ensure all students have memorable experiences beyond the classroom which complement the broad curriculum within the classroom and inspire a love of learning.

To support lifelong success by ensuring students have the right knowledge and personal characteristics to thrive in modern Britain and the world.



The Core in Year 9

Students keep a broad and balanced curriculum in year 9 and as such all continue to study these subjects throughout next year:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- RE & PSHE
- PE
- Geography
- History
- A language[^]

[^] This should be a language they are currently studying (alternatively your child may be part of English Boost)



Your Choices for Year 9

However you will have these choices:

(One Language)
One Creative
One Technical
One Free Choice

Why creative?

You have to make independent decisions all the way, and be self-critical. You also need to be brave in exposing your creations, and accept and act on points for development. You have to pay great attention to detail, to perfect and redo. The arts can express the inexpressible and make sense of things that otherwise do not seem to.

Why technical?

We teach you to be creative with technology which supports the skills needed for lifelong learning and helps to prepare you for a world that is changing at a rapid pace.

Your Choices for Year 9

Creative:

Art*

Food Prep & Nutrition

Dance

Fashion Textiles*

Drama

Music

Technical:

Computer Science

Photography*

Creative ICT

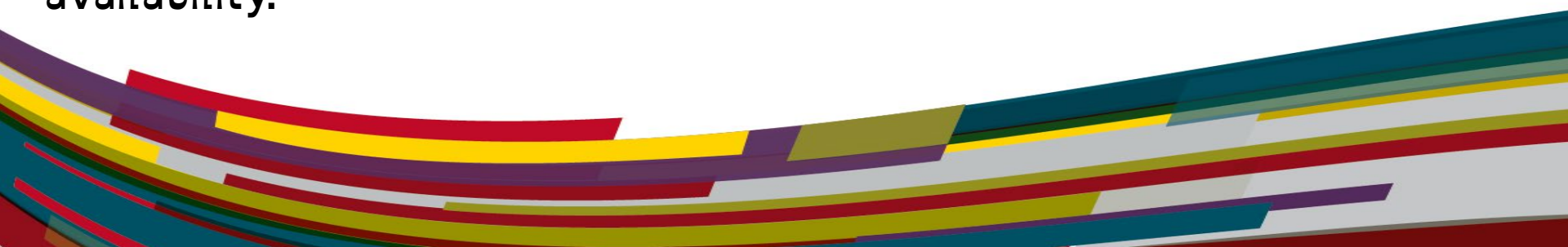
Media Studies

Product Design with Graphic Products or Resistant Materials

* You can study a maximum of two of these subjects

Plus one additional choice, from the above, or a second language.

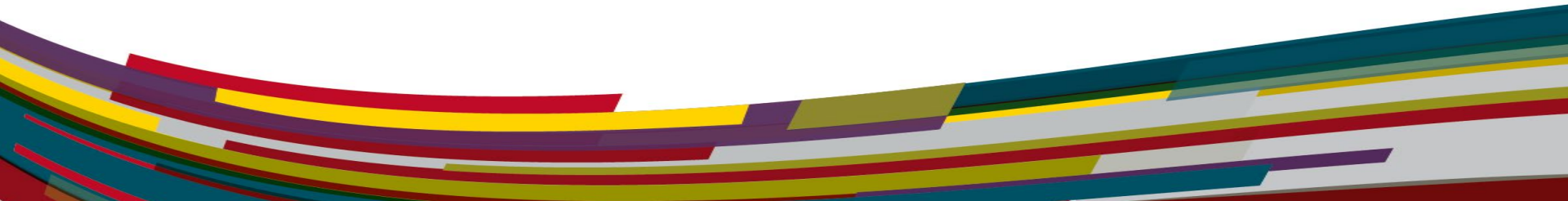
All subjects will run subject to sufficient demand and staffing availability.



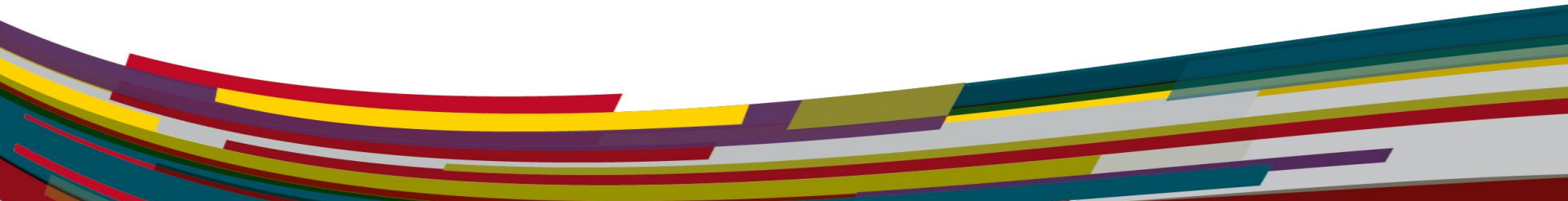
More choices from Year 9 into Year 10

During Year 9, students select which subjects to continue into Years 10 & 11 and study for GCSE.

Core subjects:

- Maths
 - English Language
 - English Literature
 - Double Science
 - Non examined PE and PSHE
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Every student will pick 4 option subjects, but they **MUST** continue at least **ONE** subject from this list as they move into Years 10 & 11:

- French
 - German
 - Spanish
 - History
 - Geography
 - Triple Science
 - Computer Science
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However, we do recommend the Ebacc suite for many of our students.

What is this?

- English Language & Literature
- Mathematics
- Double Science
- A Language
- History or Geography

Why?

EBacc subjects are made up of the subjects which are considered essential to many degrees and open up lots of doors.

A study shows that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education. The EBacc can also help improve a young person's performance in English and maths.



LANGUAGES GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE A COMPETITIVE EDGE

Languages are an important part of EBacc. Studying a foreign language can be extremely rewarding and exciting. They provide an insight into other cultures and can open the door to travel and employment opportunities. They can also broaden pupils' horizons, helping them flourish in new environments.

If your child finds languages difficult, don't forget that they will have been studying them for much less time than their other subjects and, while it can be a challenge, learning a language will greatly enhance their future opportunities.

What's more, we know that employers value languages, as they are increasingly important to make sure we can compete in the global market. Because of this, languages are increasingly becoming a requirement for many graduate schemes, such as those offered by Lidl.

"Having language skills under your belt will help make you stand out from the crowd, whether you're applying for an entry level position, a management role or an internal transfer."

Steve Cassidy, Senior Vice President & Managing Director, UK & Ireland, Hilton

The Russell Group has named languages as subjects that open doors to more degrees at universities.

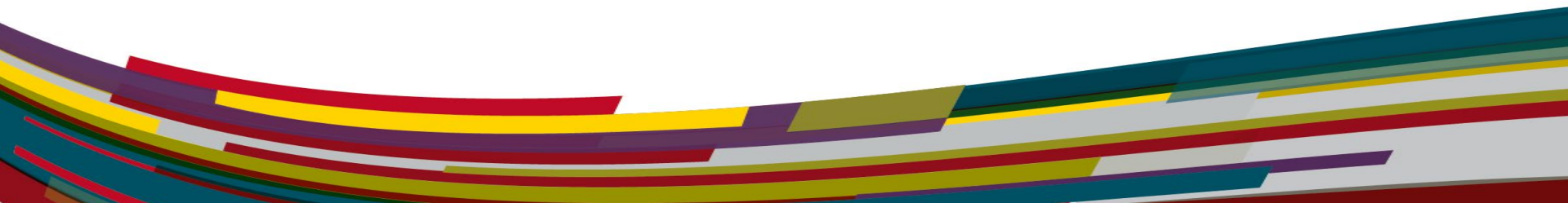
(The Russell Group is a group of 24 universities with a shared focus on research and a reputation for academic achievement)

"Young people skilled in the languages of Europe, China and other key markets around the world, can look forward to exciting and rewarding careers."

Dr Adam Marshall, Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce

In addition to those subjects you will already have had a chance to study, in Year 10 you can also pick up:

- Triple Science
- REP
- Business Studies
- Economics
- Film Studies
- Health & Social Care
- Hospitality & Catering
- PE



29th February 5:30pm – 7:30pm

- Please use tonight to speak to teachers in their departments about the subjects you are interested in studying in Year 9
- Key staff including myself, Mr Stone and Mrs Akram available

How do I submit my options?

You should have already received instructions about how to access Sims Lite – this will be active from tomorrow, Friday 1st March. Please complete and return no later than 9am, Friday 15th March.

Students who submit their forms **ON TIME** will be given priority where there are class limits.

All subjects run subject to demand and staff availability.

Questions re Option Choices / Technical difficulties

Please email options@myton.co.uk

March 2025

GCSE Choices Evening – exact date TBC.

