

## Y9 Options -Frequently Asked Questions 2022

**1) Will there still be taster lessons?**

Yes, taster lessons occurred on **Tuesday 27 January**

**2) When will I get my option form?**

Options forms will be handed out on the **Thursday 10 March** during tutor time.

**3) When do I have to hand in my option form?**

They can be handed back to form tutors from **Friday 11 March to Friday 18 March**. The deadline is **Friday 18 March**.

**4) What happens if my form is handed in late?**

All the option forms that are handed in by the deadline will be dealt with first. If your form is late, it will be one of the last ones in the year group that we look at. This means that there is a greater chance that you will not get the option choices you want.

**5) Can I take just one of the EBacc subjects even though I have been recommended the EBacc pathway?**

Yes. We will have recommended the EBacc pathway as this pathway has been identified by the Government as a pathway that shows academic rigour and we are firm believers that taking a language, Spanish, broadens cultural horizons and has cognitive benefits across the full curriculum. However, the final decision rests with you and your family, therefore, although not recommended, you can take one of either Spanish, History or Geography, if you desire. Simply use option 1 to indicate this and then use the other 3 as free options

**6) If I choose to do Combined Science do I need to indicate this on my options form?**

No. Combined Science is part of the core offer and, therefore, does not take up an option. A science should only be opted for if you are following the separate Science pathway.

**7) I would like to know some more information from a subject Head of Department. How do I contact them?**

Email addresses are on both the subject videos and on the options flipbook. Alternatively you can email [enquiries@newfield.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newfield.sheffield.sch.uk) with your request and we will forward the email to the relevant person.

**8) I would like to discuss something with one of the teaching staff about options. How do I contact them?**

You have the opportunity to discuss options with subject teachers during the Parents Evening on **2 March**. If more information is required then you can email the teacher directly or alternatively you can email [enquiries@newfield.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newfield.sheffield.sch.uk) with your request and we will forward the email to the relevant person.

**9) You usually have options interviews where students and their families meet with a member of the senior team in school to discuss option choices. Will this happen this year?**

All students have had the opportunity to complete an interview via Edulink with a senior member of staff in school over the dates **21 February to Wednesday 2 March**. If you could not attend one of these sessions then staff will be trying to contact you before the deadline date of the **18 March**. Alternatively, you can email [enquiries@newfield.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newfield.sheffield.sch.uk) to try to arrange a meeting outside of these dates and this will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.

**10) What do I do if I want to change one of my option choices after the deadline?**

This is possible, but we put in a lot of effort to make sure students have all the information they require to make the right choices. If you really want to make a change, we ask parents to email enquiries@newfield.sheffield.sch.uk with the specific request. We will sort out all the original option choices first and only when this has been done will we consider any option changes. The order we process these changes will be in date order (the earliest request will be looked at first etc). We will inform students if we are able to make the changes they want, usually after Easter.

**11) What happens if there are not enough students who opt for a subject and it will not be running?**

We will discuss this with you as soon as it is apparent that the course will not be viable. During the discussion we will check if you are still happy with your Reserve Choice or if there is another subject you would prefer to do.

**12) What if the combination of choices I have chosen is not possible?**

We will discuss this with you as soon as it is apparent that the course will not be viable. During the discussion we will check if you are still happy with your Reserve Choice or if there is another subject you would prefer to do.

**13) When will I find out if I can study all the subjects I have chosen?**

We will send out a letter in the final half term of the year (June) to confirm your choices. You cannot make any changes when these letters have been sent out.

**Important Dates**

**Wednesday 9 February** – Launch of the options flipbook

**Monday 21 February – Wednesday 2 March** Senior Leaders options guidance interviews

**Wednesday 2 March** - Subject parental meetings

**Thursday 10 March** - Option forms given out in tutor time

**Thursday 10 March** – Options Evening

**Friday 18 March** - Options Deadline