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# Year 10 GCSE Subject Choices

## Presentation to Pupils and Parents

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# Agenda

1. Researching Careers & Current Trends
2. GCSE Subject Options at LGS
3. Requirements for Particular Careers/Courses
4. Completing the GCSE Subject Choices Form

*Mrs Skuce will be available in the Canteen after to answer questions*

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# Section 1

## Researching Careers & Current Trends

# Careers Research

Refer to the Helpsheet

## Year 10 Career Planning Help-Sheet

The earlier you start career planning, the more likely you are to make the right choices. If you are not sure about the career path you would like to follow or the career opportunities that are available when you leave school, follow these steps.

**Step 1:** Think about your abilities and interests. You can use some careers websites to help you.

**Website 1:** Xello

- Go to My School, select My apps and Xello. Login using your c2ken login and password. Complete the Matchmaker quiz in About me to find a range of jobs which may suit your skills.
- You can also complete the other tasks in About Me.

**Website 2:** Careers Service website at www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers

- This website has comprehensive information in video and written form and numerous links to sites for further support.
- Click on "Careers Online Support" and work through the different sections such as "A-Z Careers." This section enables you to read about different job families and research individual careers: the video clips are excellent.

**Website 3:** www.icould.com :

- To explore careers, browse career videos, check out links between subject choice and career and get help making decisions.
- Visit www.icould.com/buzz/ and take the quiz. What do the results suggest?

**Step 2:** Once you have decided on the job family, job, course or subject area that interests you it is important to read relevant literature and visit websites.

- As you become better informed about the job or course you should be able to describe the entry requirements (including relevant subjects), skills required and learn about professional bodies etc.
- Subject teachers will be happy to suggest useful websites describing careers related to the study of their subject.
- ***A Google search often brings positive results eg careers + history***

❖ There are many very good websites for careers in STEM subjects:

- www.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk/
- www.futuresinengineering.com/
- www.rsc.org/ Royal Society of Chemistry
- https://bringitonni.co.uk/bring-it-on/

❖ Website for information on careers using Modern Languages:

- https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/modern-languages

❖ Website for information on careers in the NHS include:

- https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/

Alternatively, contact someone already working in the sector and ask them about their job. Most people will be happy to flag up the positive and negative aspects of their job.

Think about the ways you can acquire new skills and develop those that you already have. There are so many school activities that provide excellent opportunities for you to develop vital transferable skills like teamwork, ICT skills, communication etc.

# Careers Research

xello

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## Careers Research

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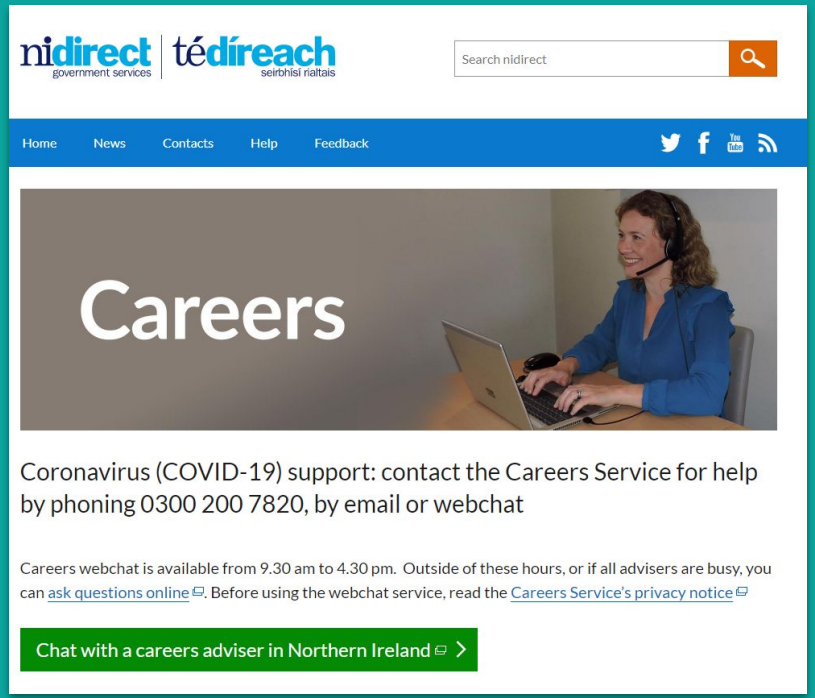
Option to chat with a careers advisor in NI.



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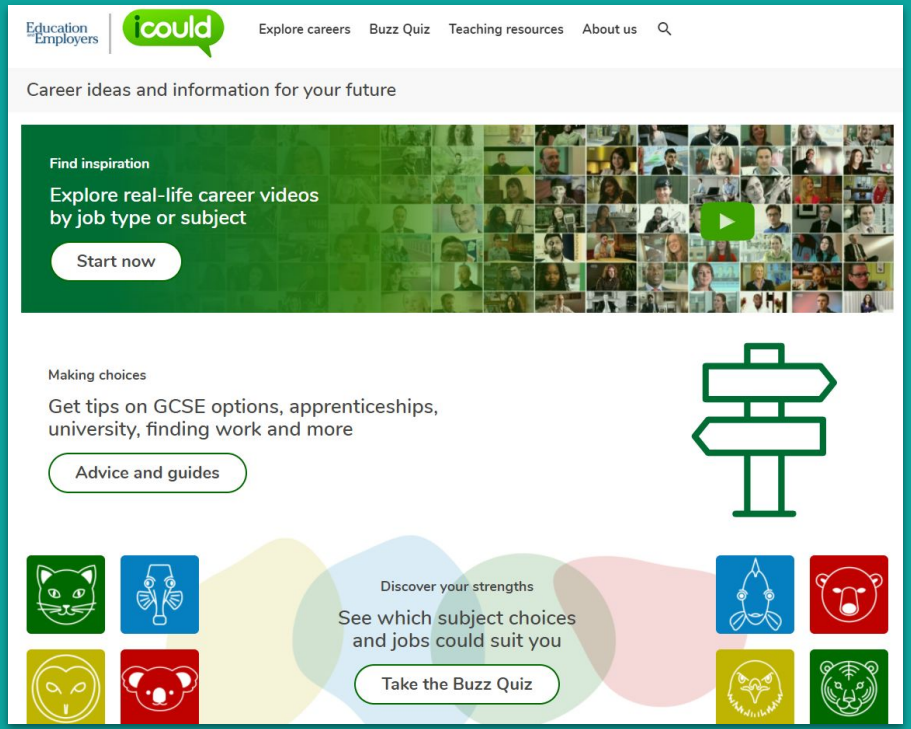


# Careers Research

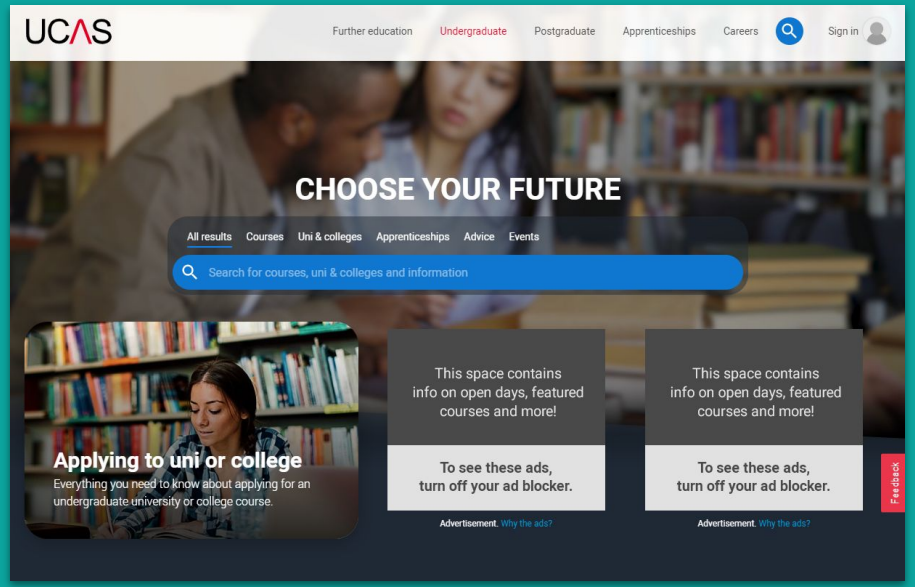
Once you have decided on the job family, job, course or subject area that interests you it is important to **find out what subjects, skills and level of education are needed to enter that career.**

## Careers Research

# www.ucas.com

If you are considering a specific University course you should look up the course on the **UCAS** website: www.ucas.com

This will provide you with a lot of information on entry criteria to courses, what subjects are essential, what grades are needed in different universities, etc.



## Careers Research

# www.ucas.com

Search:

- Courses
- Universities
- Undergraduate
- NI / Elsewhere
- Entry Criteria

18 courses from 1 provider

## French
Queen's University Belfast
Main Site

BA (Hons) | 4 Years
Full-time | 19/09/2022

128
UCAS Tariff Points

Related courses

## Accounting with French
Queen's University Belfast
Main Site

BSc (Hons) | 4 Years
Full-time | 19/09/2022

136
UCAS Tariff Points

Related courses

## Anthropology and French
Queen's University Belfast
Main Site

BA (Hons) | 4 Years
Full-time | 19/09/2022

128
UCAS Tariff Points

Related courses

Feedback

https://digital.ucas.com/coursedisplay/courses/3069ba9a-901e-4adb-ee7a-ad6e84791e07?academicYearId=2022

## Careers Research

# Colleges

If you are considering a course at a regional college like **NRC, NWRC** or **CAFRE** then you should review their prospectus.

- NWRC: **www.nwrc.ac.uk**
- CAFRE: **www.cafre.ac.uk**

## Careers Research

# Apprenticeships

If you are considering a Basic or Higher Level Apprenticeship then look up the specific apprenticeship website.

Many are linked with courses in the NWRC.

From LGS we have had a number of students in recent years who have been accepted to HLAs or Degree Apprenticeships, in a number of areas including Business, Engineering, Accountancy and ICT:

- 2023 - 5 leavers
- 2024 - 8 leavers
- 2025 - 7 leavers

More information:

www.nwrc.ac.uk/training-and-apprenticeships

## Careers Research

# Apprenticeships

Here are just a few examples of some apprenticeships based in industry:

### BT Apprenticeships

https://www.bt.com/careers/early-careers/apprentices

### NIE Apprenticeships

https://www.nienetworks.co.uk/apprenticeships

### PWC Apprenticeships

https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/student-careers/school-careers.html

### Kainos Software Engineer Apprenticeships

https://www.kainos.com/careers/earn-as-you-learn

# #What's Trending Future Job Opportunities

# The following areas are extremely important to the Northern Ireland economy

**ICT, Creative and Digital Media**
Software development, database development, systems architecture and internet specialist skills. Mobile technologies, computer games development and digital entertainment. Cloud computing. AI.  Cyber-security products and services.

**Agri-food sector**
Laboratory technicians, food scientists, bio-technology, machine operatives, supply chain manager.

**Business and financial services**
Accountants, bank officials, underwriters, insurance and investment brokers, actuaries and pensions advisers.

# The following areas are extremely important to the Northern Ireland economy

**Advanced manufacturing and engineering**
This includes careers requiring CAD skills, mechanical and electrical engineering skills including at technician level.

**Renewable energies and recycling**
Mechanical engineers, research and development managers, physical scientists, design and development engineers, biological scientists and biochemists.

**Health and life sciences**
Ambulance paramedics, Physiotherapists, Dentists, Veterinary Nursing, Pharmacists, Nurses, Doctors, Dental hygienists, occupational therapists etc.

## Careers Research

# Questions to Ask

Do I need to go to college or university to become this?

What subjects are essential?

What grades are necessary to get into this course at College or Uni?

Are there alternative ways to get into this course / career?

Are apprenticeships available in this career path?

What skills are mentioned as important? Do I have those yet?

How could I improve those skills? What activities could I try?

**Contact someone already working in the sector and ask them about their job.**

**Most people will be happy to tell you the positive and negative aspects.**

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# Researching Careers & Current Trends

***Summary***

Research career ideas which suit your skills and interests

Keep current career trends in mind

Find out what subjects & qualifications are necessary for each career

If you're undecided keep your options open for as long as possible

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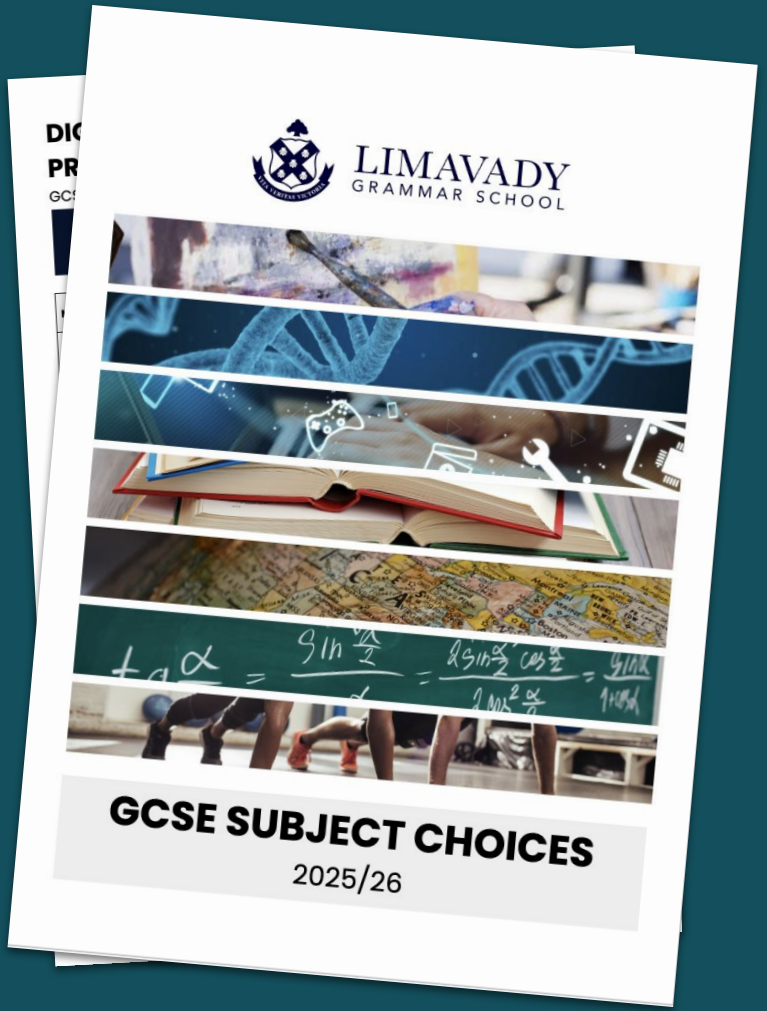
# Section 2

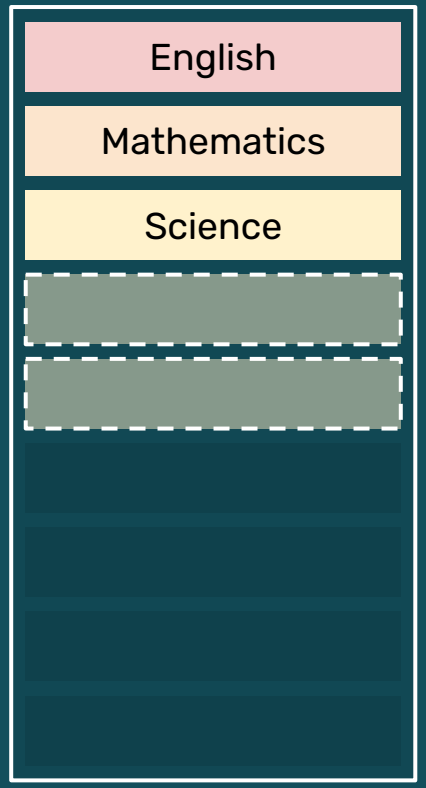
## GCSE Subject Options at LGS

# GCSE Subject Choices Booklet



## GCSE Subject Options at LGS

# Compulsory Subjects




Pupils at LGS will study for **9** GCSEs.

*Including compulsory subjects:*

English | Mathematics | Science*

* The number of optional subjects to choose from will vary depending on the choice of science as explained later in the presentation.

In addition to the compulsory and optional GCSE subjects available, **Games** and **LLW** will be taken as enrichment. There will also be 1 period of statutory **RE enrichment** for all pupils.

GCSE Subject Options at LGS

# Science Options

| |
|---|
| English |
| Mathematics |
| Triple Award Science |
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| Triple Award Science |

At LGS, pupils have the choice of **Single**, **Double** or **Triple** Award Science.

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**Single Award** – All 3 sciences studied. Equivalent to **ONE GCSE** subject and **one grade** is awarded. This leaves ***six*** remaining spaces for optional subject choices.

**Double Award** – All 3 sciences studied. Equivalent to **TWO GCSE** subjects and **two grades** are awarded. This leaves ***five*** remaining spaces for optional subject choices.

**Triple Award** – All 3 sciences studied. Equivalent to **THREE GCSE** subjects and **three grades** are awarded. This leaves ***four*** remaining spaces for optional subject choices.

GCSE Subject Options at LGS

# Science Options

English

Mathematics

Single / Double / Triple Award
Science

Double / Triple Award
Science

Triple Award
Science

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Both Double Award and Triple Award science will allow pupils to progress to A level providing they meet the subject entry criteria.

Only **one** triple award class of **24 pupils** will be formed each year. Applicants are ranked based on their previous science performance and the top 24 applicants are offered first refusal of the places in the class.

GCSE Subject Options at LGS

# Science Options

English

Mathematics

Single / Double / Triple Award
Science

Double / Triple Award
Science

Triple Award
Science

At LGS, pupils have the choice of **Single**, **Double** or **Triple** Award Science.

- It will be in the interest of some students to study Single Award science, and they will be advised of this opportunity by their teacher.
- SA allows for a greater range of subjects to be selected.
- Students experience all three sciences, but study them one at a time.

## GCSE Subject Options at LGS

# GCSE Subject Choices Booklet

For more information on each subject, make use of the GCSE Subject Choices booklet.

This outlines the course pupils would follow in each subject.

It includes information on the form of assessment the GCSE uses: for example the percentage of work within the subject which is assessed by elements of coursework (known as *Controlled Assessment)* or examination.

Consider which style of assessment suits the student when selecting certain GCSEs, be wary of choosing too many coursework heavy subjects.

GCSE Subject Choices

### DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY: PROGRAMMING

GCSE Exam Board: **CCEA**

| Modules | % of GCSE Grade | How it is Assessed | Unit Title |
|---|---|---|---|
| Unit 1 | 30% | External Written Exam (1 hour) | Unit 1: Digital Technology |
| Unit 2 | 40% | External Written Exam (1 ½ hours) | Unit 4: Digital Development Concepts |
| Unit 3 | 30% | Controlled Assessment | Unit 5: Digital Development Practice |

**Career Opportunities**

Opportunities for employment in the Computing and Digital Technology industry have never been better. There is an incredibly high demand in Northern Ireland, and further afield, for the skills and abilities that can be developed through this subject. Career avenues may include Game Design, Database Programmer/Administrator, Programmer, Security Analyst, Software Developer/Engineer, Digital Forensics and Big Data Analytics.

**Other Information**

It should be noted that those pupils who wish to study Digital Technology: Programming must have a strong academic profile, excelling in areas such as Maths and Physics. Programming is a highly academic subject and will require significant determination, resilience, problem solving and perseverance. Pupils must be self-motivated and display a genuine interest in computing.

Pupils who have studied GCSE Digital Technology: Programming will be well placed for further study of Computer Science or Software Systems Development at A Level and beyond. This subject is suitable for those who have an aptitude for subjects that require structured reasoning, such as Mathematics and Physics.

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## GCSE Subject Options at LGS

# Optional Subject Choices

- English
- Mathematics
- Single / Double / Triple Award Science
- Double / Triple Award Science
- Triple Award Science

| | |
|---|---|
| | Art and Design |
| | Business Studies |
| or | Business Communication Systems |
| | Child Development |
| | Digital Technology *Multimedia* |
| or | Digital Technology *Programming* |
| | Drama |
| | English Literature |
| | Food & Nutrition |
| | French |
| | Further Maths |
| | Geography |
| | Health & Social Care |
| | History |
| | Music |
| | Physical Education |
| | Religious Education (full course) |
| | Spanish |
| | Technology *Systems* |
| or | Technology *Product Design* |

GCSE Subject Options at LGS

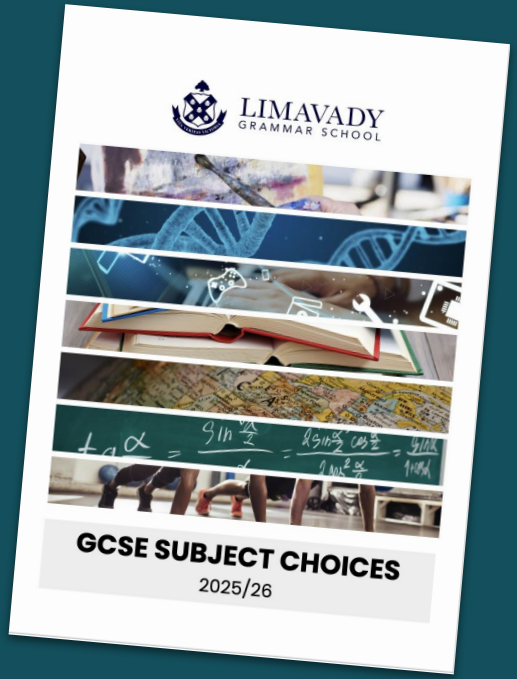
# Religious Studies & LLW

Religious studies & LLW must be taught up to Year 12 as part of the statutory curriculum.

**Students can select to study Religious Studies as a full GCSE.**

Everyone will have one period of RE Enrichment in their timetable. This will follow an Ethics course but will not be examined as a GCSE exam.

Every pupil will have 1 period of LLW per week.



GCSE Subject Options at LGS

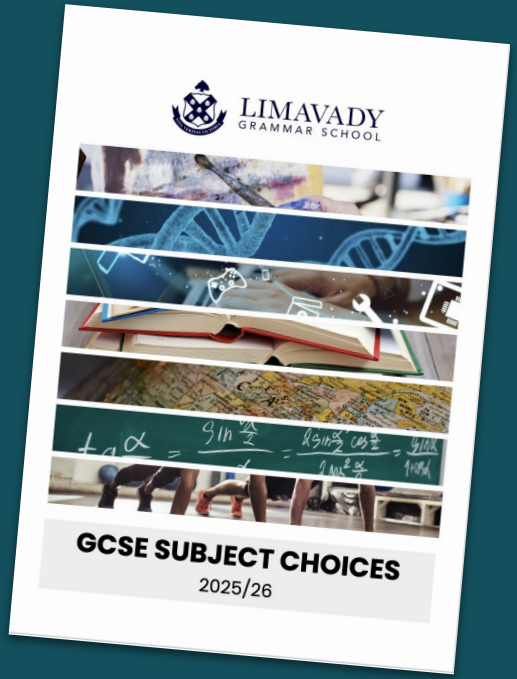
# English Literature

All students will study the **English Language** GCSE.

**English Literature** is not a compulsory subject.

***Points to Note:***

- In Scotland some universities will look for English Literature at GCSE as a discursive subject.
- If English Literature is not studied at GCSE it will rule out studying English at A Level.
- Some Scottish universities prefer teaching and nursing applicants to have either Maths or English Literature at A level.

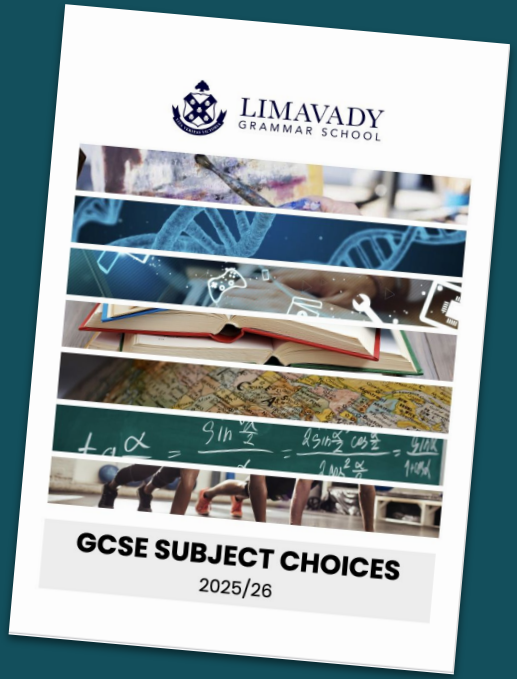


## GCSE Subject Options at LGS

# Modern Foreign Languages

Studying a modern language (**French** or **Spanish**) at GCSE is not compulsory. However, there are some important points to note:

- Some Universities in the Republic of Ireland require a language at GCSE.
- Being able to speak a language is a skill carried through life – not just a GCSE.
- Languages open doors to careers internationally.
- Most Universities require 2 languages at GCSE to study a Language course at Degree level.
- Many courses offer joint honours with languages. Eg: Law, Business, Economics etc.
- Enhances your CV when applying for any internships.



## GCSE Subject Options at LGS

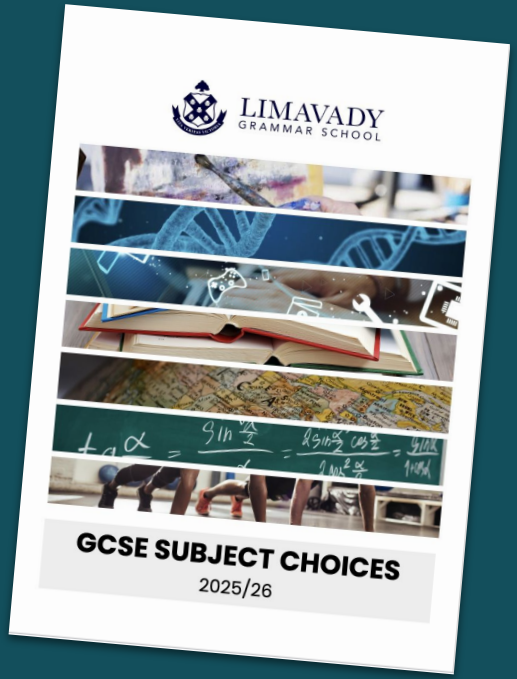
# Further Maths

All students will study the **Mathematics** GCSE.

**Further Mathematics** is not a compulsory subject.

***Points to note:***

- To study **Maths** at A level it is recommended to select **Further Maths** at GCSE.
- Those students who only study Maths will require an A* (or high grade A with certain conditions) to enter Maths at A-Level.
- Pupils considering Further Maths *should* be achieving 75% or more in Maths tracking tests and exams.
- Many Engineering, computer programming and economics courses require A level maths.



GCSE Subject Options at LGS

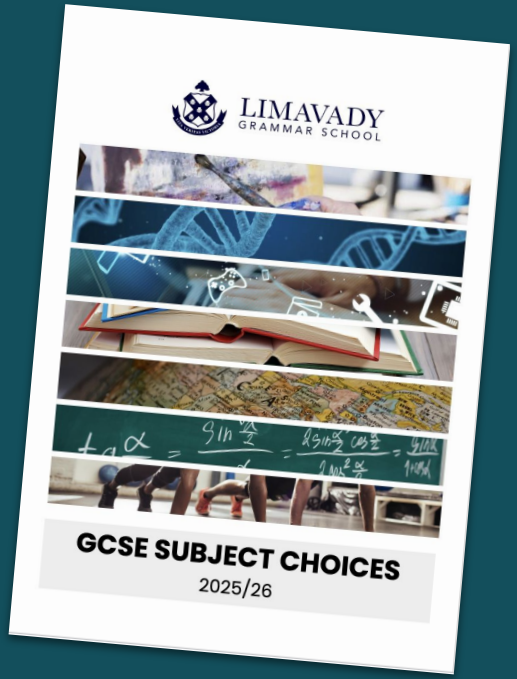
# Physical Education

All students will continue with 2 periods of **Games** each week.

**Physical Education** is not a compulsory subject.

***Points to note:***

- Pupils choosing GCSE PE should be regularly involved in a Sport
- Pupils are encouraged to be active in 2 sports



## GCSE Subject Options at LGS

# New Subjects

### Business Studies

This course provides pupils with an insight into starting, developing and running a business. Topics such as Marketing, Finance and International Business are covered throughout the two year course. Candidates will also have the opportunity to plan and develop their own business plan, all of which will develop their entrepreneurial skills.

or

### Business Communication Systems

Students learn about file management and applications such as word processing, spreadsheets, databases, web authoring, web browsing, email and presentation software. They also study types of business, recruitment, selection, training, marketing, the role of stakeholders and customers, and how best to communicate a message.

### Child Development

This course focus on the development of babies and small children. Covering topics such as pregnancy, childbirth and caring for a newborn baby; the responsibilities involved in parenting and the social, physical, intellectual, communication and emotional development of small children, including their dietary, health and educational needs.

### Health & Social Care

In this course, students will gain knowledge and understanding of the health, social care and early years sectors. Increasing awareness of the issues affecting these sectors, providing an insight into some of the more important aspects of personal wellbeing.

## GCSE Subject Options at LGS

# Subjects with Choices

### Business Studies

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or

### Business Communication Systems

Students learn about file management and applications such as spreadsheets, databases and web authoring. They also study types of business, recruitment, selection, training, marketing, the role of stakeholders and customers.

### Digital Technology *Multimedia*

Develops core skills and understanding with an emphasis on the creative elements such as graphics, animation, sound and website development.

or

### Digital Technology *Programming*

Develops core skills and understanding with an emphasis on programming and learning the languages and concepts that are used to develop modern computer systems.

### Technology *Systems*

Produce an electronic based project. Students are more likely to favour building and designing circuits however, they are also expected to model, manufacture and produce written coursework.

or

### Technology *Product Design*

Produce an outcome that does not include a circuit that they have made. Product Design students predominantly enjoy art, modelling, manufacture and written coursework.

* only one from each of these options can be chosen

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# Section 3

## Requirements for Particular Careers/Courses

# Careers & Examples of Requirements

**Most Engineering Courses** require Maths and Physics at A Level. Some accept Technology instead of Physics.

**Many Architecture Courses** require Art at GCSE and Physics or Double Award to GCSE. Maths, Physics and Art to A Level can be preferences. Some accept Technology at A Level. A portfolio of work will be required.

**Food Science Courses** require Double Award at GCSE and prefer Chemistry and Biology at A Level.

# Careers & Examples of Requirements

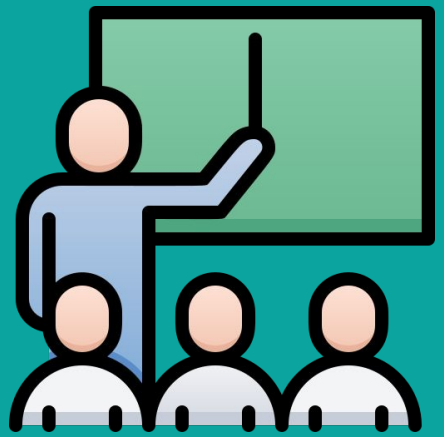
**Modern Language Courses** require two languages at GCSE.

**Many Law Courses** require a very good GCSE profile but most do not ask for specific subjects at A Level.

**Optometry Course** require Double or Triple Award at GCSE.
2 or 3 of Chemistry, Biology, Maths, Physics at A Level (see individual courses). Physics not always asked for but very important.

**Computer Programming Courses** require A-level to include Mathematics or Software Systems Development. GCSE Mathematics grade C.

# Careers & Examples of Requirements



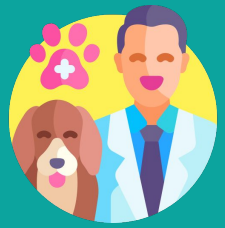
## Teaching

Some Primary Teaching courses require A or B in GCSE English and Maths.

Some Scottish Universities seem to prefer students offering Maths and English beyond GCSE.

Teaching Experience/Observation or working with young people in a voluntary capacity is essential for application.

# Careers & Examples of Requirements



## Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry

These courses are **very competitive.**

Need as many A* grades at GCSE as possible (Eg: 8 or 9) for some of the most competitive courses. You **must** have achieved top grades in Triple or Double Award Science at GCSE.

Studying, and achieving top grades at A Level.

Dentistry requires evidence of manual dexterity, 2 or 3 of Sciences and Maths at A Level is a preference/requirement for many courses and aptitude tests are required for most.

Work Experience, voluntary work and thorough interview preparation is essential.

Applicants are required to complete an Aptitude Test - UCAT (www.ucat.ac.uk)

# Importance of GCSE Results

**Many UK universities use GCSE results to select students for entry, not AS grades.**

Some of these universities include Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, St Andrews, King's College London, Imperial College London, Exeter & Durham.

Therefore your GCSE results can impact the universities which you will be able to apply to.

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# Requirements for Particular Careers/Courses

***Summary***

A-Level subjects have entry criteria,
do you meet the criteria for the subject you wish to study?

All University & College Courses and apprenticeships have entry criteria,
do you know what subjects your course requires or does not accept at A Level?

Have you considered what you will do if you don't achieve enough points or the required grades to return to LGS? Do you have a plan B and C?

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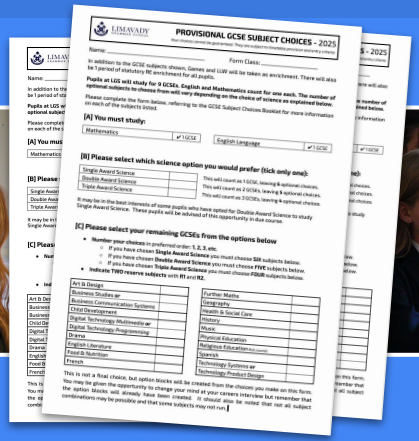
# Section 4

## Completing the Choices Form



PROVISIONAL GCSE SUBJECT CHOICES - 2025

Name: _____ Form Class: _____

In addition to the GCSE subjects shown, Games and LLW will be taken as enrichment. There will also be 1 period of statutory RE enrichment for all pupils.

**Pupils at LGS will study for 9 GCSEs. English and Mathematics count for one each. The number of optional subjects to choose from will vary depending on the choice of science as explained below.**

Please complete the form below, referring to the GCSE Subject Choices Booklet for more information on each of the subjects listed.

**[A] You must study:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mathematics | ✔ 1 GCSE | English Language | ✔ 1 GCSE |

**[B] Please select which science option you would prefer (tick only one):**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Single Award Science | | This will count as 1 GCSE, leaving 8 optional choices. |
| Double Award Science | | This will count as 2 GCSEs, leaving 6 optional choices. |
| Triple Award Science | | This will count as 3 GCSEs, leaving 4 optional choices. |

It may be in the best interests of some pupils who have opted for Double Award Science to study Single Award Science. These pupils will be advised of this opportunity in due course.

**[C] Please select your remaining GCSEs from the options below**

- **Number your choices** in preferred order: 1, 2, 3, etc.
  - If you have chosen **Single Award Science** you must choose **SIX** subjects below.
  - If you have chosen **Double Award Science** you must choose **FIVE** subjects below.
  - If you have chosen **Triple Award Science** you must choose **FOUR** subjects below.
- **Indicate TWO reserve subjects** with **R1** and **R2**.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Art & Design | | Further Maths | |
| Business Studies or | | Geography | |
| Business Communication Systems | | Health & Social Care | |
| Child Development | | History | |
| Digital Technology Multimedia or | | Music | |
| Digital Technology Programming | | Physical Education | |
| Drama | | Religious Education (No Exam) | |
| English Literature | | Spanish | |
| Food & Nutrition | | Technology Systems or | |
| French | | Technology Product Design | |

This is not a float choice, but option blocks will be created from the choices you make on this form. You may be given the opportunity to change your mind at your careers interview but remember that the option blocks will already have been created. It should also be noted that not all subject combinations may be possible and that some subjects may not run.

## Completing the Choices Form

# Importance of this Process

- **Option blocks for the school timetable will be created from the choices the year group make on this form**.
- Pupils will have the **opportunity to change** their mind during the interview process, **but only within the confines of the option blocks.**
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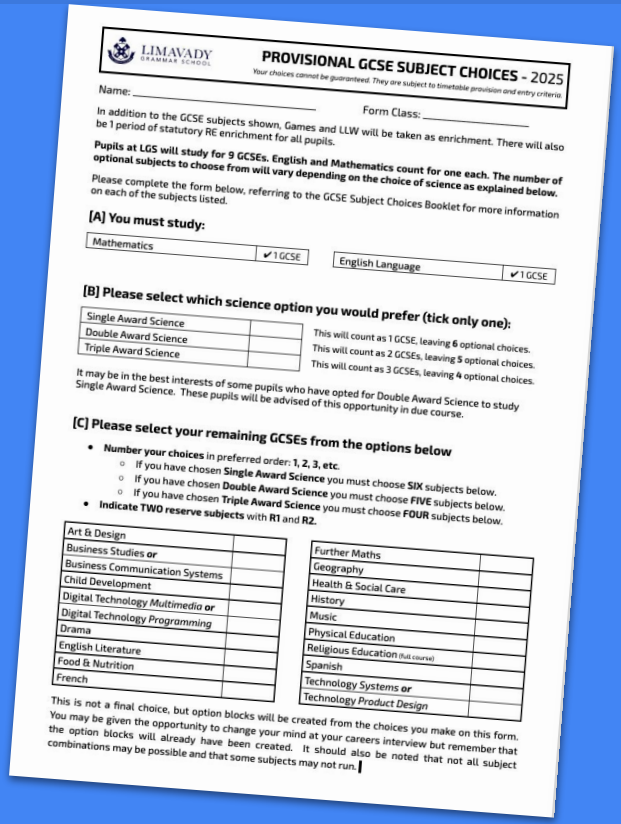

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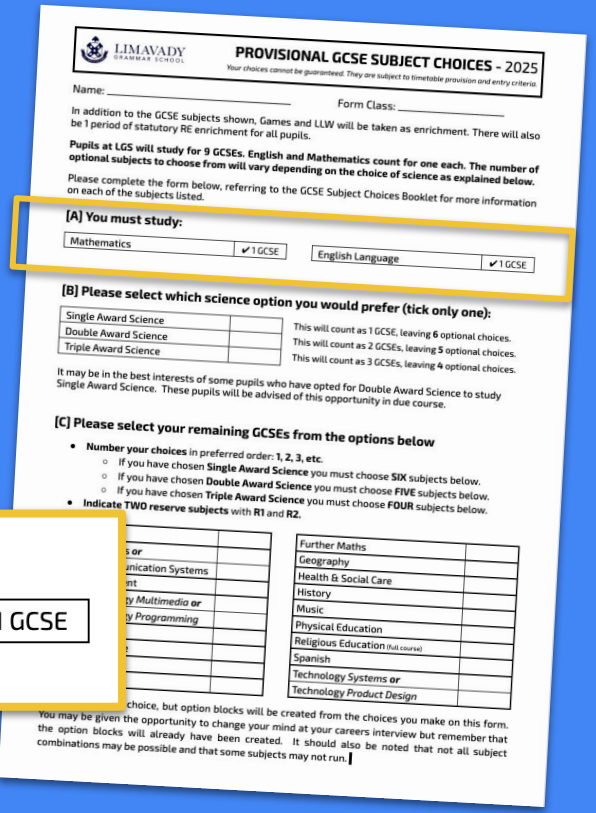

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## Completing the Choices Form

# Science Choice

At this point you must choose between:

- Single Award Science ( 1 GCSE)
- Double Award Science ( 2 GCSEs )
- Triple Award Science ( 3 GCSEs )

**[B] Please select which science option you would prefer (tick only one):**

| | |
|---|---|
| Single Award Science | |
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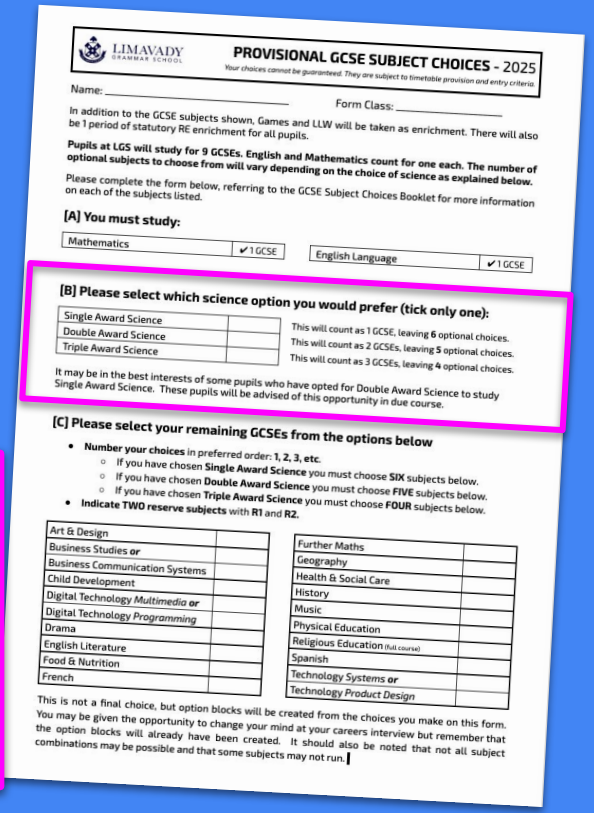

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| Child Development | | History | |
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## Completing the Choices Form

# Optional Subjects

Number your choices in preferred order: **1, 2, 3,** etc.

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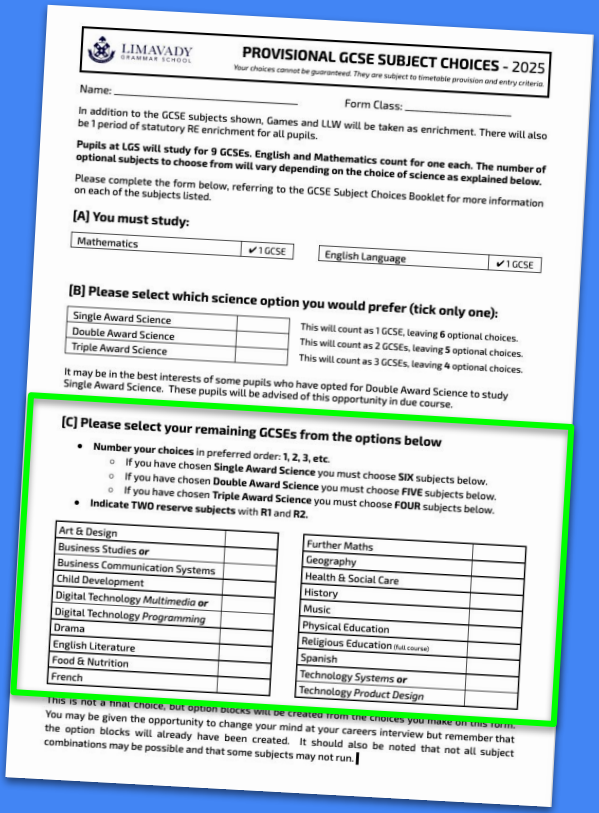

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| Drama | |
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| Further Maths | |
| Geography | |
| Health & Social Care | |
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# Worked Example

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The student has chosen **Double Award Science**

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|---|---|
| Art & Design | |
| Business Studies ***or*** | R2 |
| Business Communication Systems | |
| Child Development | |
| Digital Technology *Multimedia* ***or*** | |
| Digital Technology *Programming* | |
| Drama | |
| English Literature | 1 |
| Food & Nutrition | 5 |
| French | |

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|---|---|
| Further Maths | |
| Geography | R1 |
| Health & Social Care | |
| History | 3 |
| Music | |
| Physical Education | |
| Religious Education (full course) | 2 |
| Spanish | 4 |
| Technology *Systems* ***or*** | |
| Technology *Product Design* | |

Completing the Choices Form

# Worked Example

## Considering a Career in **Architecture**

The student has chosen **Triple Award Science**

| | |
|---|---|
| Art & Design | 1 |
| Business Studies ***or*** | R2 |
| Business Communication Systems | |
| Child Development | |
| Digital Technology *Multimedia* ***or*** | |
| Digital Technology *Programming* | 4 |
| Drama | |
| English Literature | |
| Food & Nutrition | |
| French | |

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| Further Maths | 2 |
| Geography | |
| Health & Social Care | |
| History | |
| Music | |
| Physical Education | R1 |
| Religious Education (full course) | |
| Spanish | |
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| Technology *Product Design* | 3 |

Completing the Choices Form

# Worked Example

## Considering a Career in **Hospitality/Tourism**

The student has chosen **Single Award Science**

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| Art & Design | |
| Business Studies ***or*** | |
| Business Communication Systems | 2 |
| Child Development | R2 |
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Completing the Choices Form

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## Considering a Career in **Engineering/Computing**

The student has chosen **Double Award Science**

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| Art & Design | |
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| Business Communication Systems | |
| Child Development | |
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| Drama | |
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| Further Maths | 3 |
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| Health & Social Care | |
| History | |
| Music | |
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| Spanish | |
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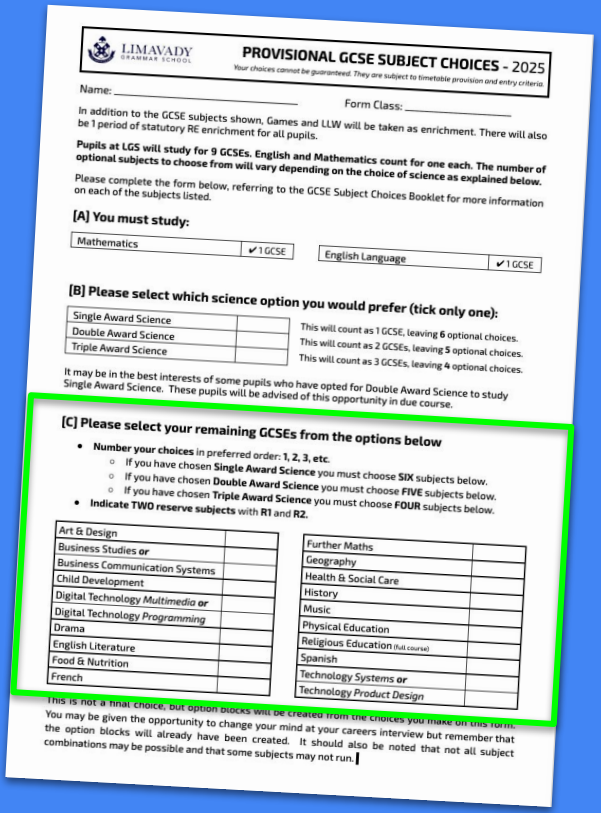
| Technology *Product Design* | |

Completing the Choices Form

# Strategy for choosing GCSE subjects

Five questions to ask yourself:

1. Which subjects are compulsory?
2. What subjects do you **like**?
3. What subjects are you **good** at?
4. What subjects are required for your **future** career pathway?
5. What would this subject combination **rule out** in terms of careers?



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# Timeline

## Friday 19th December 2025

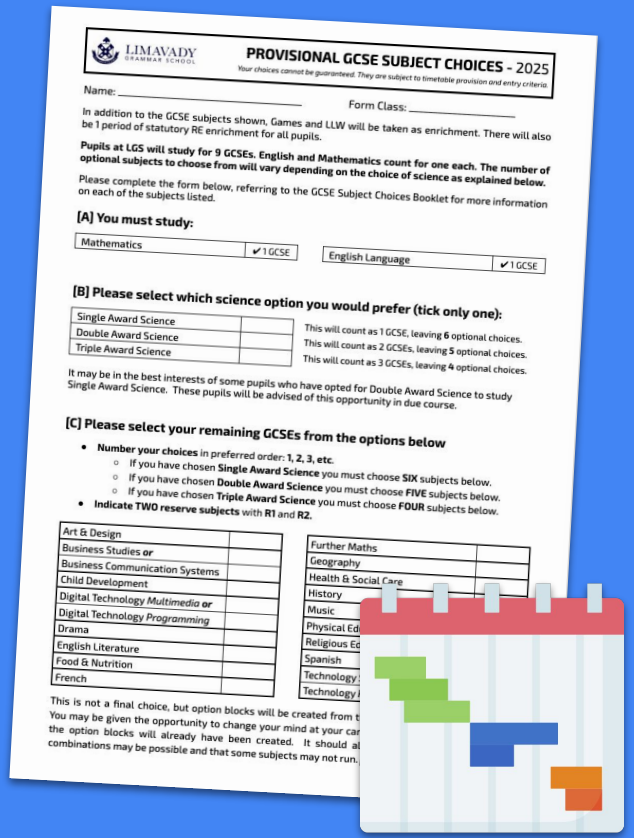
Y10 Parent Teacher Meetings

## Wednesday 14th January 2026

Y10 Subject Choices Form Hand In

## Thursday 5th February 2026

Y10 Individual Subject Choice Interviews



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# Year 10 GCSE Subject Choices

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