

YEAR 9 OPTIONS PROCESS

2023



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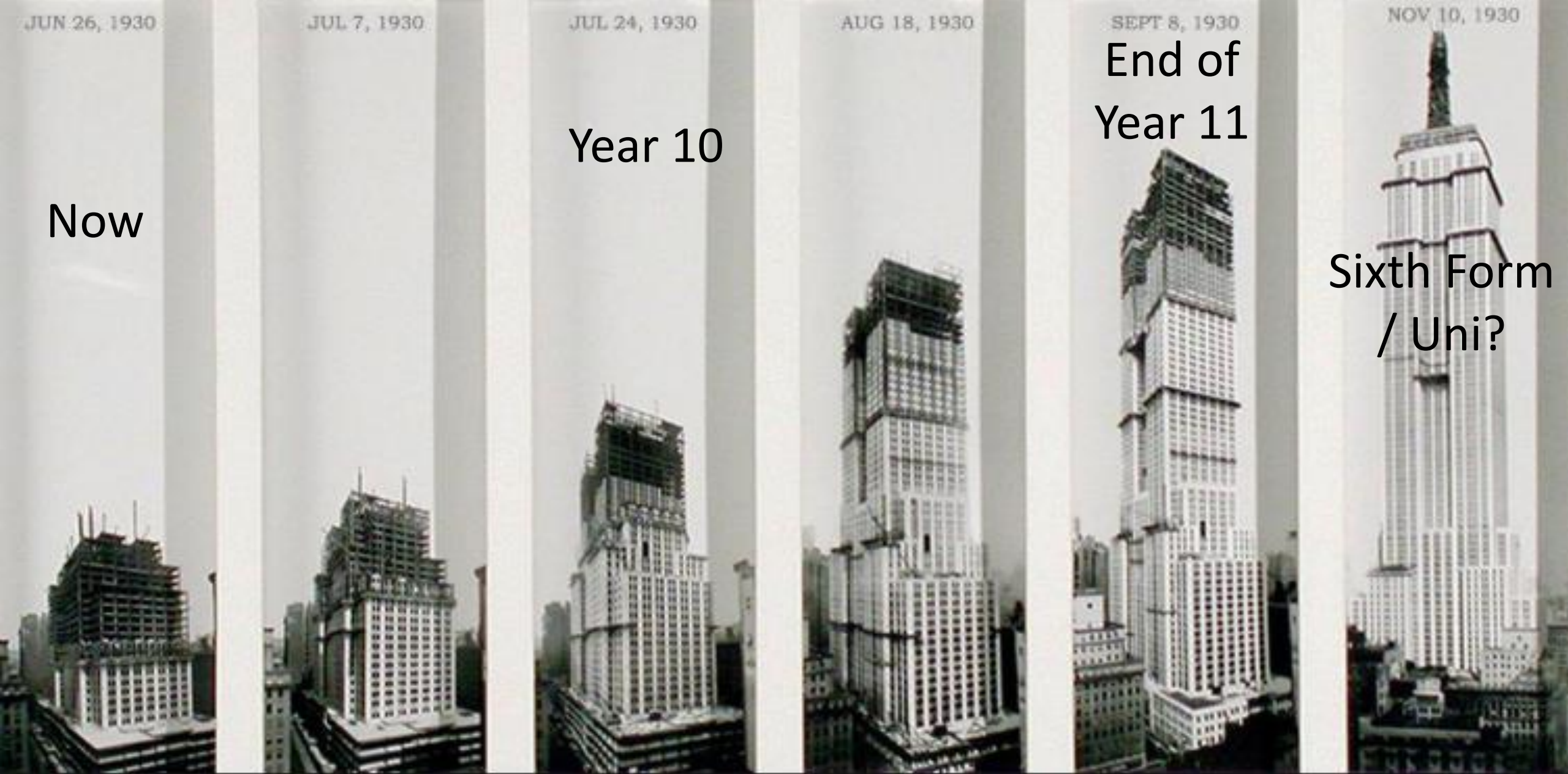
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Now

Year 10

End of
Year 11

Sixth Form
/ Uni?



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Career ambitions 'already limited by age of seven'

By Sean Coughlan
BBC News family and education correspondent

🕒 15 October 2019 | 🗨️



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The findings show that in primary school, boys from wealthier homes are more likely to expect to become lawyers or managers while girls from deprived backgrounds are expecting to go into hairdressing or shop work.



"We need to stop children ruling out options because they believe, implicitly or explicitly, that their future career choices are limited by their gender, ethnicity or socio-economic background.



BUT



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Warning over youth career aspiration-reality disconnect

By Katherine Sellgren
BBC News education and family reporter

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📍 Bloomberg Quicktake  @Quicktake

October 1, 2018

There's a huge gap between millennials' dream job versus reality



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The career hopes and dreams of young people in the UK are at odds with the types of jobs available, a study warns.

Research by the charity Education and Employers suggests five times as many 17- and 18-year-olds in the UK want to work in art, culture, entertainment and sport as there are jobs available.

And this disconnect means far too many are "destined for disappointment".



THE OPTIONS PROCESS



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THE CURRICULUM

- In Year 10 and 11 all students (except in exceptional circumstances) will study English Language (one GCSE), English Literature (one GCSE), Maths (one GCSE) and Science (for most students two GCSEs in a double award).
- Alongside study for GCSEs, there is the non examined curriculum, which includes Core PE, Philosophy and Ethics and PSHE.
- The PE, Philosophy and Ethics and PSHE curriculum enables and encourages students to:
- have a good grasp of issues facing...
 - ...them personally (e.g. sex and relationships, personal finance, career planning)
 - ...society as a whole (e.g. crime and punishment, medical ethics, the impact of social media)
- lead active and healthy lifestyles
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- NB: students will NOT be entered for the Religious Studies GCSE examinations unless they choose Religious Studies as a GCSE Option.



OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

- No pathways
- Everyone needs to make four choices. The only restriction is that one of the choices must be History, Geography, French or German.
- Combinations including more than one humanities and/or language are perfectly acceptable
- Students who find academic work particularly challenging:
 - We have some options that aren't listed.
 - We will be in touch with students and their families for whom this is the case to discuss the possibilities.
 - In the first instance we ask they make four 'regular' choices alongside their peers.



WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

Humanities and Languages	Arts (visual and performing)	Technologies	Others
History	Art	Computer Science	Religious Studies
Geography	Art (Fashion and Textiles)	Creative iMedia	Business Studies
French	Dance	Design and Technology	Child Development
German	Drama	Engineering	Health and Social Care
	Music	Creative Craft	PE / Sports Science
	Music Performance	Food and Nutrition	Separate Science



SEPARATE SCIENCE / COMPUTER SCIENCE ENGINEERING

- Not to be underestimated:
 - Need to have strong grades



PE GCSE / SPORT SCIENCE

- Practical elements...



MUSIC / MUSIC PERFORMANCE

- Practical and theory elements...



WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD CHOOSE THEN?



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FIRST THINGS FIRST...

...they are all hard. Harder than when I did them. Much, much harder than they were 5-10 years ago.

Students can think with careers in mind but the key advice is:

“Pick what you enjoy and pick what you are good at.”

Keep coursework vs exams in mind.



Season: JUNE 2018

Name: Harry

Gender: Male

Date of Birth:

Candidate Number: 5323

ULN: 9855812475

UCI: 240550165323T

Name on Certificates:

Year: 11

Registration Group: 11MRH J15

Admission Number: 019967

Timetabled Components

Date	Start	Duration	Board	Level	Element	Component
Mon 14/05/2018	09:00	90	OCR	GCSE/9FC	J276: Computer Science	J276/01: Comp Sci: Computer Systems Wrtn
Mon 14/05/2018	13:00	0	AQA	GCSE/9FC	80620A: Religious Studies A Option OA	8062/17: Religious Studies A P1-7 Sikhism
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Tue 15/05/2018	13:00	75	AQA	GCSE/DA	8464H: Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier H	8464/B/1H: Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P1H
Wed 16/05/2018	09:00	75	AQA	GCSE/9FC	8582: Physical Education	8582/1: Physical Education Paper 1
Wed 16/05/2018	13:00	105	AQA	GCSE/9FC	80620A: Religious Studies A Option OA	8062/2A: Religious Studies A P2A Excl Text
Thu 17/05/2018	09:00	75	AQA	GCSE/DA	8464H: Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier H	8464/C/1H: Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P1H
Thu 17/05/2018	13:00	90	OCR	GCSE/9FC	J276: Computer Science	J276/02: Comp Sci: Algrthms & Prgmmng Wrtn
Fri 18/05/2018	13:00	75	AQA	GCSE/9FC	8582: Physical Education	8582/2: Physical Education Paper 2
Tue 22/05/2018	09:00	105	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/9FC	1ET0: English Literature	1ET0 01: Shakesp. & Post 1914 Lit.
Tue 22/05/2018	13:00	90	AQA	GCSE/9FC	8035: Geography	8035/1: Geography Paper 1
Wed 23/05/2018	09:00	45	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/B	5BS01: Business Studies 1	5BS0101: Intro.to Small Business
Wed 23/05/2018	13:00	75	AQA	GCSE/DA	8464H: Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier H	8464/P/1H: Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P1H
Thu 24/05/2018	09:00	90	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/9FC	1MA1F: Mathematics Option F	1MA1 1F: Non Calculator (F)
Fri 25/05/2018	09:00	135	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/9FC	1ET0: English Literature	1ET0 02: 19C Now/Poetry Since 1789
Tue 05/06/2018	09:00	105	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/9FC	1EN0: English Language	1EN0 01: Fiction & Imag.Writing
Tue 05/06/2018	13:00	90	AQA	GCSE/9FC	8035: Geography	8035/2: Geography Paper 2
Wed 08/06/2018	13:00	90	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/B	5BS05: Business Studies 5	5BS0501: Economic Understanding
Thu 07/06/2018	09:00	90	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/9FC	1MA1F: Mathematics Option F	1MA1 2F: Calculator (F)
Fri 08/06/2018	09:00	120	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE/9FC	1EN0: English Language	1EN0 02: Non-Fic. & Trans.Writing
Mon 11/06/2018	09:00	75	AQA	GCSE/DA	8464H: Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier H	8464/B/2H: Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P2H
Mon 11/06/2018	13:00	75	AQA	GCSE/9FC	8035: Geography	8035/3: Geography Paper 3

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‘Teacher’ advice for Year 9 students:

- “Don’t choose what your friends are doing – you might not end up in the same group.
- Don’t choose a subject because you like a particular teacher; you may not have that teacher in Year 10.
- Don’t choose something because it is ‘new’ without researching what it really is.



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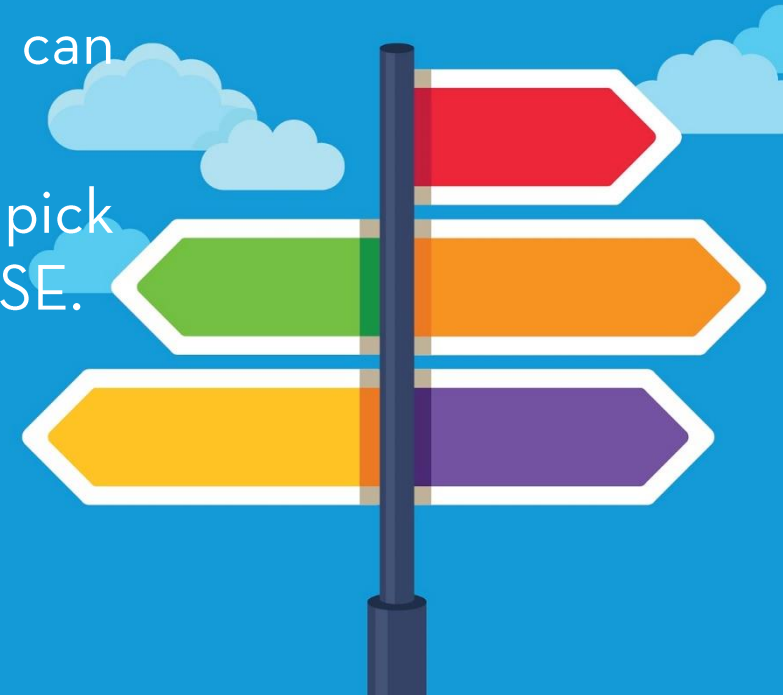


Subjects and Related Careers

Very few career routes require specific GCSE subjects.

For a few degrees, apprenticeships and A Levels, you will be expected to have taken specific GCSE subjects, for example:

- Medicine [all areas] and veterinary sciences – separate science is the ‘regular’ route but not essential.
- Art and design pathways – a portfolio is essential (and can be part-curated using work from a GCSE course)
- Language based routes – it would not be possible to pick up a language at A level if it hasn’t been studied for GCSE.



Need More Advice?

- Use our website: <https://website.droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk/index.php/student-development-and-support/careers/>
- Discuss your options with Lindsay, our Independent Careers Adviser in school. You can reach her at: group-careers@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk
- Talk to your subject teachers
- Talk to your tutor - we are still on the other end of an email
- Contact an adviser from the National Careers Service FREE
 - on 0800 100 900
- Talk to your child



FAQs

- What is the timeline?
 - Deadline for students making choices is Monday 20th March (via the DSHS Launchpad)
- Will all students get all their choices?
 - Importance of reserve choice
- Can students change their mind?

