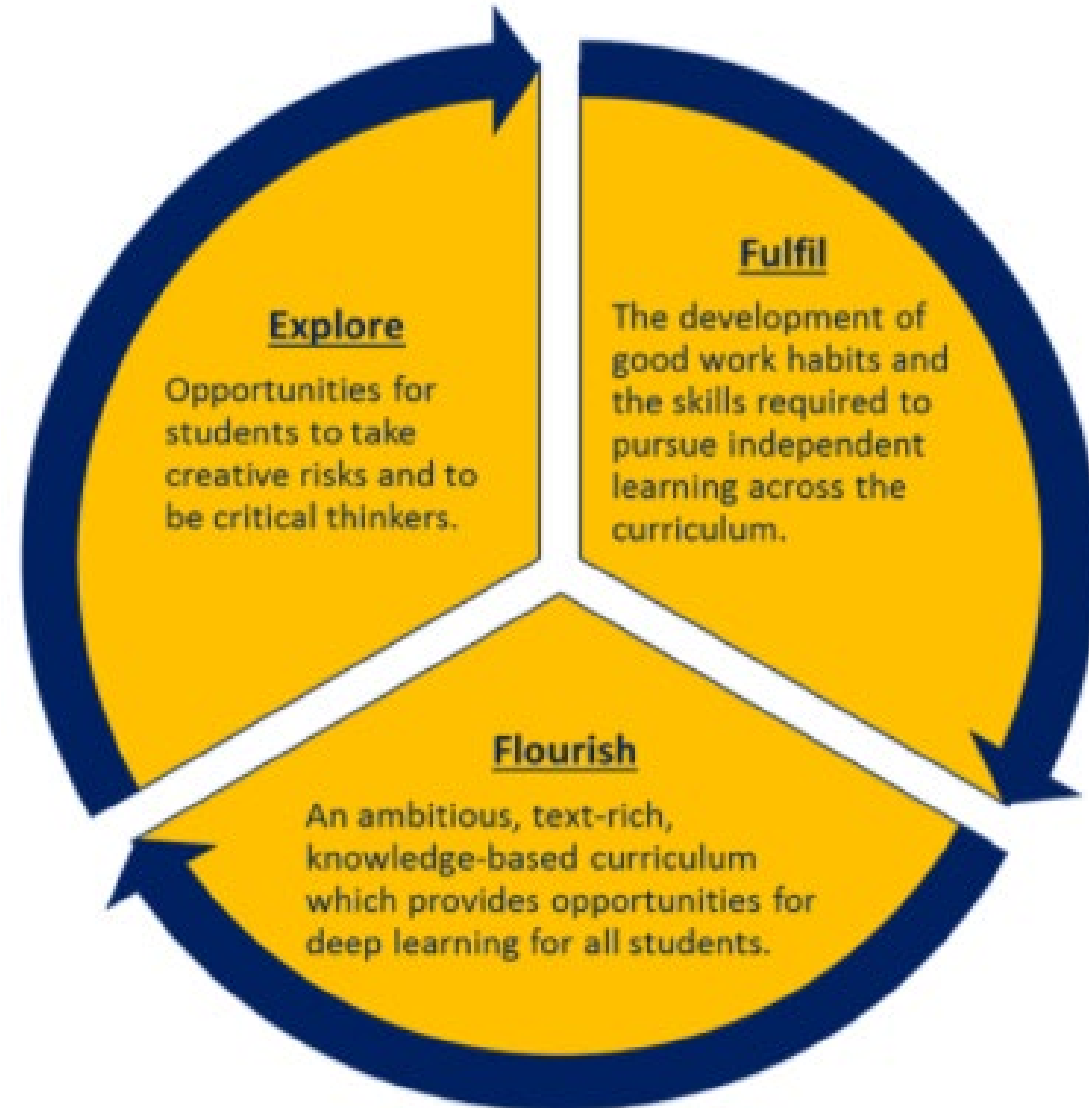


# GCSE Guided Choices (Option) process 2025



# Our curriculum vision

Our intent is to provide a broad, balanced curriculum: one which embraces our core beliefs to **Explore, Fulfil, and Flourish**, providing the deep knowledge and understanding needed to allow all pupils to develop into **independent, inquisitive, imaginative** and **insightful** citizens who contribute positively to their communities.



# Timeline

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March:** GCSE Guided Choices (Options) talk

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** On site talk to teachers about the different subjects on offer.

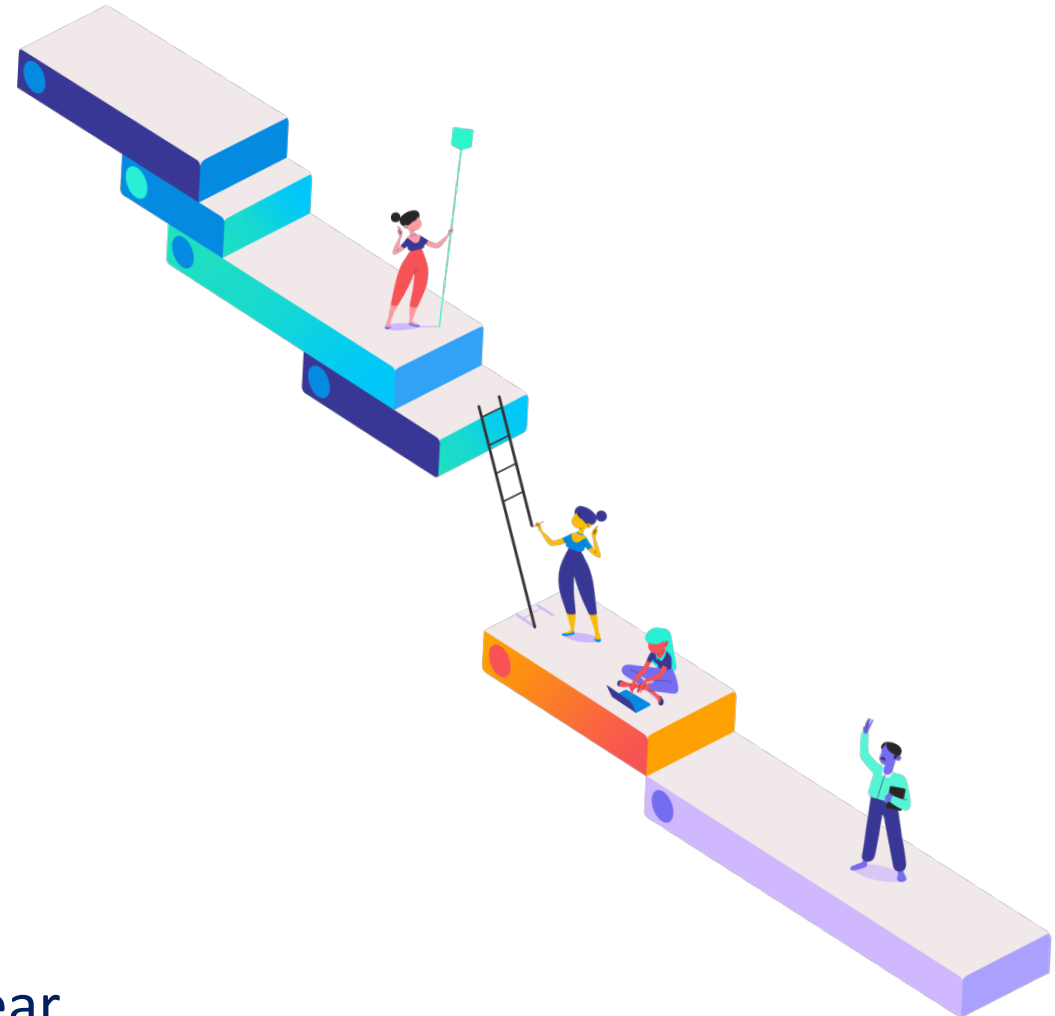
**Banstead, Caius and Frankland: 5:00-5:45pm**

**Morden and Saxie: 5:40-6:20pm**

**Thompson and Trappes: 6:20-7:00pm**

**By 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Complete choices using SIMS online.

**Summer term:** Confirmation of your curriculum next year



# Choices to be made

In Year 10 and 11 all pupils will study:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Core PE
- PSHE

Most pupils make four choices. The Academy would anticipate that **most** pupils would pick **one subject from each of the following families of subjects:**

Humanities	Languages	Creative Arts	Performing Arts	Enterprise
Geography History Religious Studies	French German Spanish *Additional Study Support	Art and Design Design and Technology (DT) Food Preparation and Nutrition (FPN) Photography Textiles  <i>Pupils cannot take Textiles and Photography together. However, Art can be taken alongside either Photography or Textiles, but ONLY under consultation with the Faculty Lead (Miss Sharpe).</i>  <i>We do not recommend pupils take more than two options from this option Block, as each option has a demanding NEA requirement, and this would not be suited to all pupils.</i>	Dance Drama Music PE	Computing Economics Media Studies

# Choices to be made

- Balance
- Keeping your options open
- Challenging
- Enjoyable

Not one size fits all.

Personalisation is the key aim to delivering our curriculum vision for everyone.

Choices are guided after consultation between pupils, parents and teachers

**Name:** Year 10 PupilA

**Compulsory subjects:** English, Maths, Science, PE, (PSHE)

**Guided choices:** History, Drama, Textiles, French

**Name:** Year 10 PupilB

**Compulsory subjects:** English, Maths, Science, PE, (PSHE)

**Guided choices:** Spanish, Photography, History, Geography

**Name:** Year 10 PupilC

**Compulsory subjects:** English, Maths, Science, PE, (PSHE)

**Guided choices:** PE, FPN, Music, DT

**Name:** Year 10 PupilD

**Compulsory subjects:** English, Maths, Science, PE, (PSHE)

**Guided choices:** Art, Photography, Textiles, DT

# GCSE Grading

New grading		Old grading
9	=	A*
8		
7		A
6		
5	=	B
4		C
3		
2	=	D
1		E
		F
		G
U	=	U

# Progress and Attainment 8



**English**

Double-weighted\*



**Maths**

Double-weighted



**EBacc qualifications**

(sciences, computer science, geography,  
history and languages)



**'Open group'**

**Remaining EBacc qualifications and  
other approved qualifications**

(GCSEs and other approved academic, arts or vocational  
qualifications)

*\*Higher score of English Language or English Literature  
double-weighted if a student has taken both qualifications*

# Careers

## Unifrog careers checklist:

- **Have you completed the following on [www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)**
- **Interests profile** (complete the quiz)
- **Personality profile** (complete the quiz)
- **Careers library** (favourite a number of careers that you're interested in)
- **Subject library** (favourite a number of subjects that you're interested in)





# Guided Choices Evening Locations

**Parking on top car park by Astroturf**

**All subjects based in D - block**

Banstead, Caius and Frankland: 5:00-5:45pm

Morden and Saxie: 5:40-6:20pm

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SUBJECT	ROOMS
Art & Tech (DT, Food Preparation and Nutrition, Textiles, Photography)	D6 & D7
Economics	D14
Computer Science	D14
Drama	Old Gym
Dance	Old Gym
Geography	D8
History	D10
Languages	D1
Media Studies	D3
Music	Old Gym
PE	D3
Religious Studies	D10
SEND	Canteen

# Questions to ask

What am I good at?

Why is studying this subject a good idea?

What do I like doing?



How does the GCSE work in this subject?

What will help me get where I want to go next?

# Making the right choices

Choose subjects which:

- you are confident you will do well in.
- will **challenge you** and sustain your interest and engagement.
- you will be assessed and taught in a way that suits your strengths.
- **keep your academic options open** in the future.
- support your future career plans.

**Enjoy and be excited by the conversations and the choices that you can now make**