



Year 8 Options Frequently Asked Questions February 2022

If my child wants to change options after they have selected them, is that possible?

Yes. In the Summer Term, the final option blocks and group sizes will be decided. Providing there is space in a group and the subject can be swapped within a block, then we can do that. We allow students to swap options all the way into October/November into Year 9.

Does my child have to do the EBACC pathway?

No. It is a suggested pathway but we want children to choose subjects that they really want to do and will be successful at.

Why has my child received a certain options form?

The option form a child receives is based on their primary school Teacher Assessed score and also the progress a child is making in Aston Manor Academy. However, if you think your child needs to be on a different pathway, then this can be discussed.

I don't know what subject my child is good at. How will I know?

When your child receives their report – it will include their PPE results from January and their working at grade.

Can I choose two languages?

Yes. You can choose French and Spanish. However, since you have only done one language this year, I would get advice from Madame Affane or Ms Joseph to see if you have the transferrable language skills to be successful.



How can my child find out about future careers so they make the right options?

We are doing a range of activities in National Careers week, in the week beginning 7th March, which will help support your child in thinking about their future careers. The good thing is, there are only a few careers that may need a specific GCSE moving forward

Is Science compulsory?

Yes. All students must study Combined Science and will achieve 2 GCSE grades, unless they opt for Triple/Separate Science, where they will achieve 3 GCSE grades (GCSE Biology, GCSE Chemistry and GCSE Chemistry). Students studying Combined Science cover topics from all areas from science.

Can I do a DT subject & follow the EBACC pathway?

No. Unfortunately, we do not have the staffing and timetabling capacity for this. I would always recommend to a student who is passionate about doing a Design Technology to do it. You will not be disadvantaged.