



Welcome to our Year 9 into 10 Parents Evening

Getting your options right

Quick Recap

- In year 9 all pupils have been taking

Core Subjects	EBAC	3 Options from
English Literature English Language Maths Science RE PE (core)	French/Polish Geography History	Art/DT Business Computer Science Drama Food Health & SC Music Media PE

What has been happening in Year 9

- Pupils have been introduced to new optional subjects, they have been working on developing the core skills and knowledge required to be successful in their GCSE's.
- Pupils have been given the opportunity to experience their optional subjects and help them decide if they would like to continue with them moving forward.
- Staff have been assessing/monitoring pupils' knowledge and skills in the subject and determining the most suitable pathway for them.

What changes in Year 10?

* Pupils will be guided by their science teachers if they believe triple science is an appropriate option for them.

- In year 10 pupils will start their GCSE's

Core Subjects	EBAC	3 Options from	Additional Option
English Literature English Language Maths Science RE PE (core not a GCSE)	French/Polish Geography History	Art/DT/Graphics/RM Business Computer Science Drama Food Health & SC Media Music PE (option)	Triple Science*
<p>Stays the same</p>	<p>Must continue with a language and choose <u>either Geography or History</u></p>	<p>Continue with <u>2</u> of the 3 subjects</p>	<p>There is the opportunity to study triple science – if chosen as an option, <u>you must drop 2 rather than 1</u> other subject</p>

History or Geography?

- History and Geography will run one option lesson each with our classes over the next 2 weeks w/b 8 Feb.
- There will be a taster lesson given by the students' usual class teacher in their lesson.
- They will explain the course content and assessment criteria with the aim of including some activities and providing students opportunity to ask questions.
- The presentation will also be available on Teams after the lesson.

Summary of the most important points

- You can only continue with the subjects you are currently studying.
- You cannot pick up a new subject at this stage.
- Tutors will be monitoring choices to ensure that pupils do not select new subjects.
- You can only drop one of your optional subjects - except where you chose Triple science and then you must drop two of your options.
- You can only continue with **either** Geography or History not both.

Examples

	Pupil A – drops Geography and RM	Pupil B – drops History and H&SC	Pupil C – Drops Geography and Graphics	Pupil D – Picks triple science and drops History, Textiles and Business
Must continue with all subjects	English Lit & Lang (2) Maths Science (x2) RE PE (core – NON GCSE)	English Lit & Lang (2) Maths Science (x2) RE PE (core – NON GCSE)	English Lit & Lang (2) Maths Science (x2) RE PE (core – NON GCSE)	English Lit & Lang (2) Maths Science (x2) RE PE (core – NON GCSE)
Must continue with a language and either Hist or Geog	French or Polish History Geography	French or Polish History Geography	French or Polish History Geography	French or Polish History Geography
Must drop one subject	RM Business Computer Science	Art H&SC PE	Graphics Food Drama	Triple Science Textiles Business Music
Number of GCSE's	10 GCSE's	10 GCSE's	10 GCSE's	10 GCSE's

Pupils not currently studying a language

	Pupil E – Not previously studying a language
Must continue with all subjects	English Lit & Lang (2) Maths Science (x2) RE PE (core – NON GCSE)
Must continue with a language and either Hist or Geog	Arts Award PSD History or Geography
Must drop one subject	RM Business Computer Science
Number of GCSE's	10 GCSE's

Key Change - Pathways

- As part of our commitment to meeting the needs of each pupil we have increased our vocational provision.
- For most of our subjects we now offer a vocational equivalent this includes;

GCSE	Vocational
Business	NCFE Business Enterprise
Computer Science	BTEC Digital IT
Drama & Music	BTEC Performance Studies
Media	BTEC Media
Food	BTEC Food
PE	BTEC Sport
OCR National H&SC (GCSE not available)	OCR National H&SC

Pathways

- During Year 9, each pupil is being monitored by their subject teacher to assess which pathway is the most suitable for them.
- Each subject teacher has now indicated which pathway is most suitable for every pupil if they decide to continue with the subject into year 10.
- When completing their options on SIMS online, pupils will only see the pathway chosen for them by their subject teacher/HoD.
- I have asked each department to have a conversation with the pupils they have indicated should be following a vocational pathway.

How do Vocational Qualifications compare?

Qualification grading and performance table points

How do the BTEC Tech Awards match up to the 2019 Performance table points?

Level	Qualification Grade	2019 Performance table points (based on 2018)
Level 2	Distinction*	8.5
	Distinction	7
	Merit	5.5
	Pass	4
Level 1	Distinction	3
	Merit	2
	Pass	1.25

Benefits of vocational courses?

- Vocational courses allow pupils to achieve as they go via coursework, which means they are more likely to obtain better grades than if they take GCSE's which are purely examined.
- It gives pupils more control over their outcomes.
- As a school we can work together to meet the individual needs of each pupil and to create positive learning environments.
- It helps pupils prepare for the world of work or further studies (or both via apprenticeships).

Vocational & Academic Pathways at Newman Sixth

- Our Vocational pathway continues through to Newman Sixth.
- Any pupil taking a Vocational pathway in year 10-11 will have a clear pathway to Newman Sixth.

A-level	Vocational
Business	OCR Business & LIBF Finance
Computer Science	BTEC Digital IT
Drama	BTEC Performing Arts
PE	BTEC Sport Studies
	OCR National H&SC
Science	Applied Science
	BTEC Psychology

Academic Pathways at Newman Sixth

- The following subjects are currently available in Newman Sixth.

Core	EBAC	Open
English Lit English Language Maths Further Maths Biology Chemistry Physics	French* (starting in 2021) Computer Science History Geography	Accounting Art & Design Business Drama Economics Law Media Psychology RE/Ethics Sociology

Completing your options

- This year we are rolling out options on SIMS online.
- Option choices will be completed by the pupils during their PSHE session on 2nd March.
- Each pupil will be allocated a slot during PSHE on 9th February to discuss their options and to raise any questions they might have.
- Your key point of contact during this process is your tutor. If you have any questions, please go through them first. Email addresses can be found at the end of this presentation.

Using SIMS Online Options

- The process is very straight forward, you have three choices to make (as previously outlined). You can watch the short video below which will show you what it will look like.
- [Did you know how easy it is for a student to make their subject selections in SIMS Options? - YouTube](#)
- Your tutor will guide you through the process.

Student Actions

1. An email will be delivered to each student from the school invited by noreply@sims.co.uk
2. Students will be instructed to click on the link provided, or copy the URL provided into a web browser.
3. They will then be asked to sign in with the Microsoft option.
4. Once logged on they will need to enter the code provided in the registration email into the invitation code field.
5. They then need to verify the account by answering a security question i.e. D.O.B etc.
6. Students are then required to log into the account to gain access to their option plan.

Making your options

Save Show Notes Hide Notes

Humanities

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Languages

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course PSD BTEC Certificate Level 2 Polish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Vocational Option A

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Vocational Option B</small>	Business S NQF Level 1 & 2 <small>This course is also available in Vocational Option B</small>	Graphics GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Vocational Option B</small>
H&S Care OCR Nationals Certificate Level 2 <small>This course is also available in Vocational Option B</small>	Media Studies BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 <small>This course is also available in Vocational Option B</small>	Performance Skills NQF Level 1 & 2
Resistant Materials BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 <small>This course is also available in Vocational Option B</small>	Textiles GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	

Vocational Option B

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Vocational Option A</small>	Business S NQF Level 1 & 2 <small>This course is also available in Vocational Option A</small>	Food BTEC Award Level 1
Graphics GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Vocational Option A</small>	H&S Care OCR Nationals Certificate Level 2 <small>This course is also available in Vocational Option A</small>	Information Technology BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2
Media Studies BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 <small>This course is also available in Vocational Option A</small>	OPTION PE BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Resistant Materials BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 <small>This course is also available in Vocational Option A</small>

My Choices in Order of Preference

To change your order of preference select a choice and would like to move it to.

No courses selected.

Quick Summary

You have 3 possible choices to make

1. History or Geography
2. Select 2 of my 3 current options to continue with
3. If you select Triple Science, you can only continue with 1 of your 3 current options.

You can only continue with the optional subjects you are currently studying (or the vocational equivalent). You must not select a new option.

Contacts

Please contact your form tutor with any questions in the first instance

9W – Miss Smith Ssmith@cardinalnewmanschool.net

9H – Mr Bell MBell@cardinalnewmanschool.net

9M – Miss McSweeney SMcSweeney@cardinalnewmanschool.net

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9G – Miss McKetty pmcketty@cardinalnewmanschool.net

9GR – Mr Mulholland LMulholland@cardinalnewmanschool.net

9HE – Mr Haparari dhaparari@cardinalnewmanschool.net

9HU – Miss Leon LLEon@cardinalnewmanschool.net

9A Ms Kelly YKelly@cardinalnewmanschool.net

If you would like to discuss the process further, you can speak to Mr Kirby (HOY 9).