

Chessington Option Process



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The options process aims to provide students and parents with all the information to make informed decisions about GCSE options.

The aim is not to choose a career but building skills and guiding students towards subjects:

- they are good at
- they will enjoy
- may be beneficial in the future

The number of subjects your child will study...



COMPULSORY

English Language + Literature (2 GCSE)

Mathematics GCSE

Science 2 GCSEs Combined OR 3 Separate Sciences

Core PE Non-examined core curriculum

PLUS

4 OPTION COURSES

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Vocational subjects



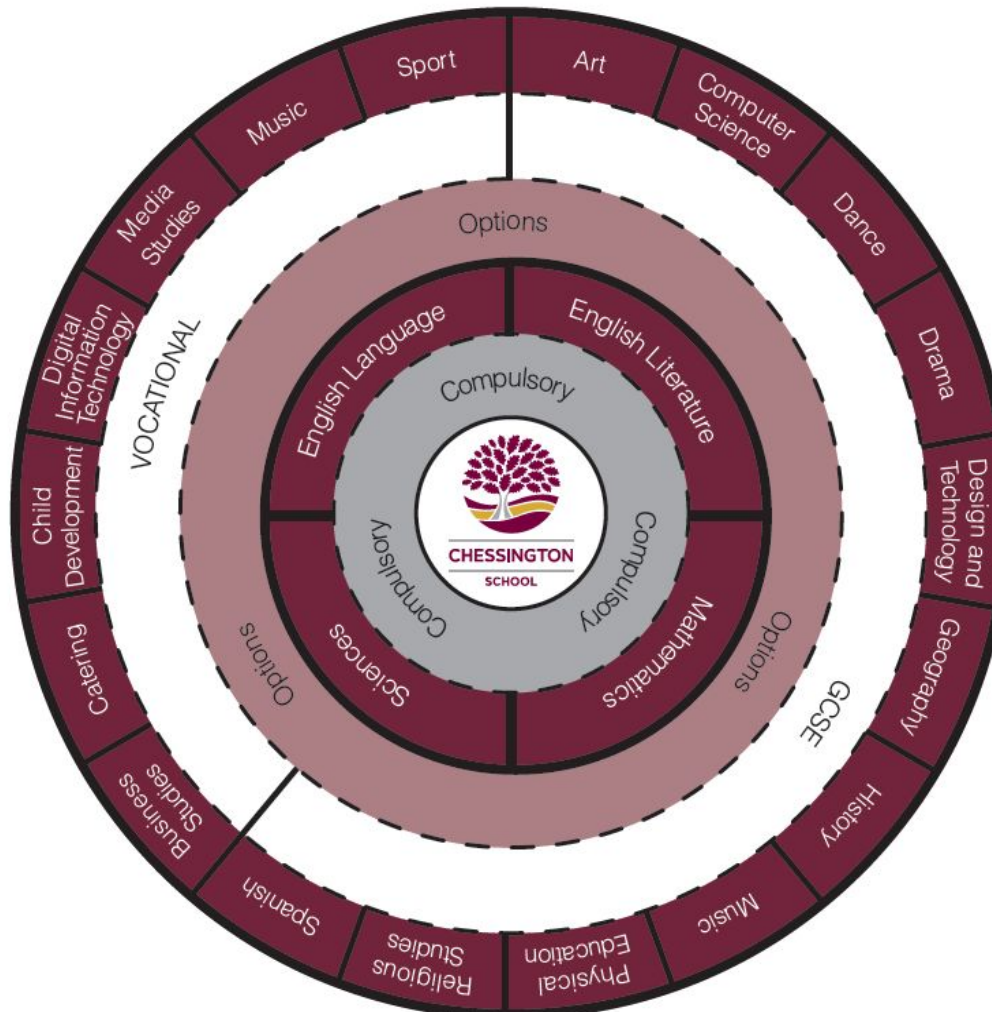
- Vocational subjects are intended to sit alongside traditional GCSEs and strengthen preparation for future employment (DfE)
- Both GCSE & vocational subjects are recognised by colleges and universities.

GCSE vs Vocational

GCSE	Vocational
More academic / theory based learning	Learning often applies to real life situations
All aspects are examined at the end of Year 11. There is little or no coursework.	Involve coursework completed throughout the course or at specific points during the course. Usually one exam at the end of Y11.
Often require students to remember and apply subject knowledge	May suit learners who find chunking the course into different segments helpful.

We advise students take no more than 2 vocational subjects in order to balance workload.

Subjects at Chessington



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Thinking about future skills and careers



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HISTORY

Skills you develop

Research, analysing evidence, argument and communication

- Lawyer
- Journalist
- Civil servant
- Teacher
- Museum/heritage professional



COMPUTER SCIENCE

Skills you develop

Coding, logic, problem-solving, computational thinking, attention to detail

- Software developer
- Cyber security analyst
- Games developer
- Data scientist
- AI engineer



CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Skills you develop

Communication, understanding development, safeguarding, observation

- Teacher
- Nursery practitioner
- Social worker
- Speech & language therapist
- Paediatric nurse



CATERING

Skills you develop

Organisation, practical skills, nutrition, teamwork, working under pressure

- Chef
- Nutrition professional
- Hospitality manager
- Food technologist
- Events manager

All Year 9 students will complete a Careers unit as part of the options process during CPDW lessons before making their options choices.

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How students should make their choices

Future pathways

Enjoyment

Strengths

Balance
of
subjects

Assessment
method

What should not drive options decisions



Friendships

Liking the
teacher

It sounds easy

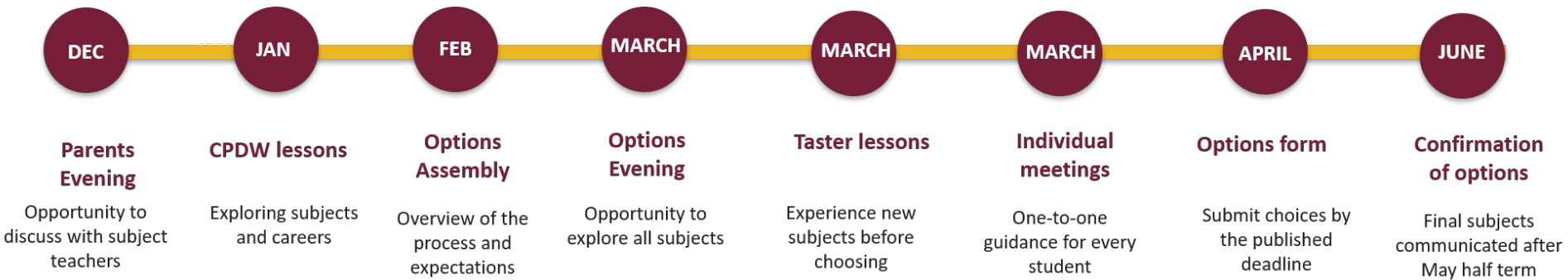
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Support available



- Tutor
- Ms Bingham - Head of Year
- Subject Teachers
- Parents/Carers
- Mrs Jackson - Careers Advisor
- Mrs Dowell - Learning Support

The options timeline



Students will have various opportunities to learn about the different subjects available and experience these before making their choices.

Being successful at Chessington



- Different pathways
- Different destinations
- Every student's success matters



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