



Year 9 Options Evening

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Culture of Success



- We are committed to achieving our vision by establishing a culture of success, focusing on the following priorities:
- Developing our students to be strong citizens of our school and community.
- Establishing a culture where our students aspire to the very best they can be.
- Embedding a curriculum that is broad, enriched, exciting and ambitious for all our students allowing all students the opportunity to follow their chosen study pathway.
- Enabling all students access to a positive teaching and learning environment meeting the needs of all our students.

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What is the Cox Green Way?

- Opportunity – A positive experience allowing students to fulfil ambition.
- Suitability – We support our learners in making the right choices for themselves.
- Innovation – A curriculum that allows all to be successful. Vocational and academic pathways allowing all to reach their full potential.

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Head of Year 9 Mr Aston



1. Choose what you love
2. Don't worry if you don't know what you want to do
3. Ask questions



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The Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF)

The Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) sets out examples of qualifications that are recognised nationally. The following diagram indicates how GCSE qualifications fit into the framework:

1. Introduction
2. Key Stage 4 Curriculum offer
3. What should inform your decision?
4. Timeline
5. How to fill in the options Form
6. Next steps & Questions

Level 8	Doctorate PhD		
Level 7	Master Degree MA, MSc, MPhil		
Level 6	University Degree BA, BSc		
Level 5		Foundation Degree FdA, FdSc	HND
Level 4			HNC
Level 3	A level AS/A2	BTEC	Apprenticeship
Level 1/2	GCSE 9-1	BTEC/NCert	Apprenticeship

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Options Booklet – available on the school website

Core Subjects

- English Language and English Literature (equivalent to 2 GCSEs)
- Mathematics
- Science
 - Combined Science (equivalent to 2 GCSEs)
 - Three Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry & Physics - 3 GCSEs)

All students follow the Combined Science course, which is worth 2 GCSEs; however, those students who have a current grade of at least a grade 6 can choose to do the 3 separate Science GCSEs as one of their 4 option subjects.

- Core PE (non-GCSE)
- PD (Personal Development)

Options Subjects

GCSE Qualifications

- Art, Craft & Design or Graphics
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- French
- Geography
- History
- Media Studies
- Music
- Physical Education
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Spanish
- Statistics

Vocational Qualifications

- BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Enterprise (Business)
- BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Sport
- BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Health & Social Care
- BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Digital Information Technology
- Level 1/2 Award in Hospitality & Catering

Eng. Lang.	Eng. Lit.	Maths	Science	Science	1	2	3	4
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Qualification Types



Pass Grades	GCSE Grade	GCSE Size Equivalence
Level 2 Distinction*	8+	1
Level 2 Distinction	7	1
Level 2 Merit	5+	1
Level 2 Pass	4	1
Level 1 Distinction	3	1
Level 1 Merit	2	1
Level 1 Pass	1	1

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Year 9 Options 2023



- **16th January – 2nd February:** Year 9 Careers interviews with Ms Thompson
- **2nd February:** Careers fair – You will meet Universities, Colleges, Apprenticeship Training providers and Employers.
- **23rd February:** Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **24th February:** Deadline for choices for options Taster day.
- **9th March:** Taster Day – receive info re Options process and guidance
- **9th March:** Options Evening – presentation in theatre to all parents and carers and talks by all Options KS4 curriculum
- **17th March:** Year 9 choices deadline
- **April:** Letters to parents/students confirming your choices



Picking Options – Online Portal

- To submit their choices your child will need to login to their school email account at <https://mail.google.com/> using their email and their school password.
- In their emails they will receive an email from noreply@sims.co.uk which has an invite link and code.
- Your child will need to create an account on Sims Options Online using this link and we suggest they use the “external” account button then login with their School Google Mail account.
- Once logged in, students should complete their Options choices, selecting 4 options and one reserve, ensuring they change these options into the correct priority order on the right side of the screen.
- Press the **save button** at the top left to save your choices.
- We do require parental approval which means you will then need to login with your account details, approve the choices and submit.
- Parents will also receive the same email to the email account they have registered with the school.
- Following the same process above, registering with your own email address with Sims Option Online, and tick the “Parental Approval” box to verify you are happy with the choices your child has made on the form.
- To return to the Options selection form at any time please visit <https://www.sims-options.co.uk/> and login using the account you have registered with them.



Options Online – Pupil choices



Options

You have chosen courses and reserves from this list.

Alt. Curriculum GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Art & Design GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Business Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Btec Business BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Computer Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Food & Nutrition GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Graphics GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Health & Social Care BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Btec IT 1 BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Media GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
P.E. GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Prod. Design GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Psychology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
R.S. GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Sports L2 BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Statistics GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>		

My Choices in Order of Preference (Total Choices: 0)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No courses selected.

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 0)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No reserves selected.

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Next Steps & Questions



Where to start?

Who to talk to?

Think about your end goals...

...but don't fixate on them.

They are likely to change, and so is the world.

Rooms for Subject Presentations

GCSE & BTEC Subject	Staff	Room
Art, Craft & Design	Mrs Nilsson/ Mrs Linford-Relph	F9
Business Studies and BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Enterprise (Business)	Mr Morris	C1
Careers	Mrs Thompson	Reception Area
Computer Science and BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Digital Information Technology	Mr Dickins	C10
Design & Technology	Mr Chinyangarara	C7
Drama	Mr Brignull	C12
French and Spanish	Mrs Gullick	CB
Geography	Mr Burrows	F3
Graphics	Mrs Nilsson/Miss Collier	F11
History	Mrs Clark	F4
Media Studies	Miss Stockwell	F5
Music	Miss Killick	C13
Physical Education and BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Sport	Mr Gullick	C14
Psychology	Mrs Olmos	C11
Religious Studies	Mrs Kirby	F1
Statistics	Mr Haghazali	C18
Triple Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	Miss Winchcombe	C9
BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award Health & Social Care	Miss Anderson	Room C3
BTEC Level Hospitality and Catering	Mrs Williams	Room C6

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