

GCSE OPTIONS DOS & DON'TS

DO



Choose Subjects That Excite You

You're going to be spending lots of time in lessons and working at home on it!



Find Out What The GCSE Course Looks Like

Ask your teacher how the GCSE is different from the work you have done already – PE is VERY different, for example!



Think About The Workload

Try and balance the workload of your subjects – you might want to avoid taking too many subjects that involve essay writing or coursework.



Research Your Options Thoroughly

And give some consideration to post-16 study and your career choices.

DON'T



Choose Subjects Because Of Your Friends

Don't pick a subject just because your friends are doing it – you may end up in different classes anyway!



Choose A Subject Because Of The Teacher

You may end up with a different teacher at GCSE.



Worry Too Much About Your A Level Choices

Some A Levels will be available to you if you haven't taken the GCSE, as long as you do well in the subjects you do take.



Get Too Stressed And Rush Your Decision

It's really important that you think about your options calmly and logically.