

The Year 9 Options Process at Arden December 2022



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Results Overview

Year 11 Highlights

- Progress 8 = **+0.8**
- Ranked **187 / 3721** schools using DfE figures
- Our results keep getting better, against the national downward trend
- Our PP students do as well as anyone else
- Children with SEND made better progress than everyone else
- Almost half our GCSE grades were 7, 8 or 9
- 3 students achieved 10 grade 9s
- 6 students achieved 9 grade 9s

Results Overview

Year 13 Highlights

- Average grade is B+
- (Value added +0.27)
- Almost half the grades were A or A*
- An amazing 80% are in their first choice of university.
- 10 students achieved A* A* A*

Two types of qualification

	GCSE	Vocational
Assessment structure	Final end of year 11 examination	Coursework and examinations
Can exams be retaken?	No	Yes
Does the course include practical work?	Not usually	Yes
How many can my child take?	7 to 10	up to 3

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BTEC, VCTC,
Technical Award

GCSE 1-9 grading structure

New grading structure	Old grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DFE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

Vocational Grading Structure

GCSE Grading



Vocational Grading Level Two



Level One



Core Subjects

All students take these subjects during KS4:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- PE (not examined)
- CPD & PSHE (not examined)
 - PSHE - Personal Social Health Education
 - CPD - Character & Personal Development

ArdenValues

aiming higher

Courage
Friendship

Determination
Equality **Inspiration**
Respect
Excellence





How can you earn Achievements?



Showing **PRIDE** in your learning



Participation



Respect



Independence



Determination



Energy

And Displaying the Arden Values around school

- ✓ *10 achievements* Postcard from Head of Year
- ✓ *20 achievements* Letter home from Head of Key Stage
- ✓ *30 achievements* Letter home from the Deputy Head and an award
- ✓ *40 achievements* Letter from Mr Warwood.

Top 30 pupils at the end of the year will receive an Achievement colour.



Two Science Pathways

	Separate Science	Combined Science
How many GCSEs for each course?	Three biology, physics, chemistry	Two
Assessment structure	Six papers 1:45 hrs in length	Six papers 1:15 hrs in length
Lesson time per fortnight	12	7
Does this course enable my child to do science Alevels?	Yes	Yes
How is my child graded?	Each grade is separate to the others on a 1-9 scale	An average of all the papers on an 19 point scale from 1 1 to 9 9

Language Courses



GCSE French



GCSE German



GCSE Spanish

Humanities Courses

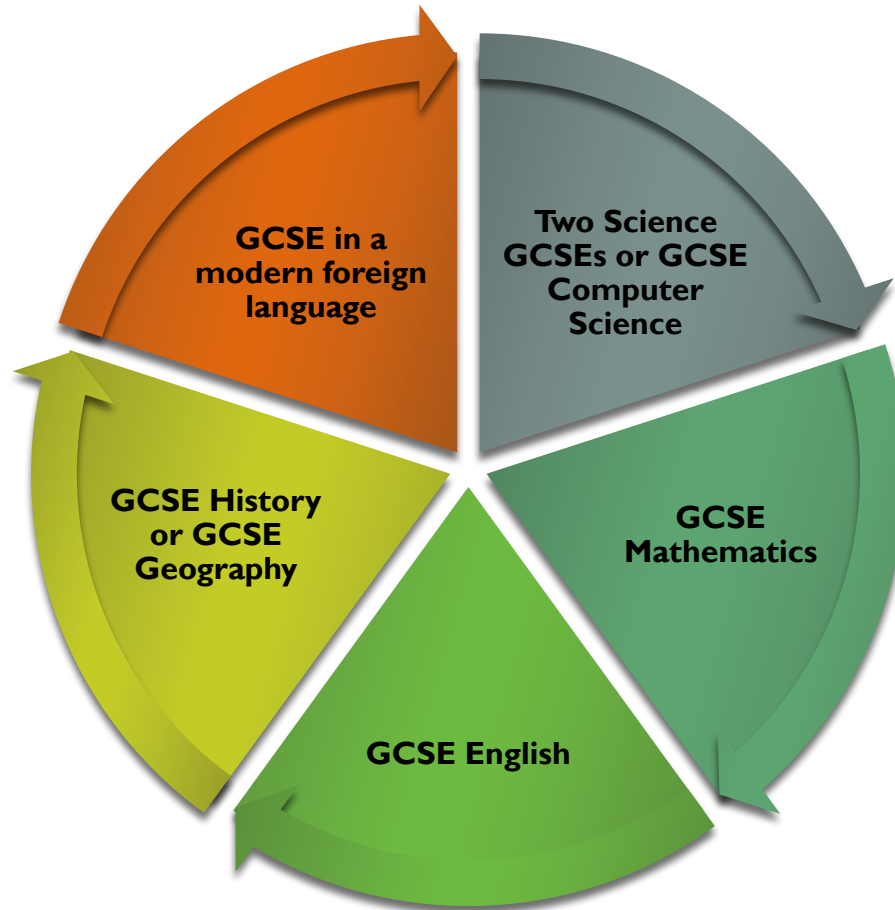


GCSE History



GCSE Geography

English Baccalaureate



Vocational Courses



Sport



Enterprise



Health &
Social Care



Travel &
Tourism



Hospitality &
Catering



Hair & Beauty



Creative IT



Engineering



Music
Technology

Practical GCSE Courses

- Art
- PE
- Media
- Food & Nutrition
- Design & Technology
 - Year 11 specialise in:
 - Graphics, Product Design, Textiles or Resistant Materials
- Computer Science*
- Drama
- Music

Full list of all courses

Vocational
Creative IT
Engineering
Enterprise
Hair and Beauty
Health and Social Care
Hospitality and Catering
Music Technology
Sport
Travel and Tourism

GCSE	
Art	Business
Computer Science	German
Design Technology (Resistant materials / Graphics / Textiles / Product Design)	Triple Science (Separate Biology Chemistry Physics)
Drama	History
Food and Nutrition	Music
French	Physical Education
Geography	Religious Studies
Media	Spanish

How to Select the 5 options

Block 1
Choose One Subject
History
Geography

Block 2		
Choose One Subject		
Enterprise	Creative IT	German
Sport	French	Spanish

Block 3		
Choose Three Subjects and Two Reserve Choices		
Creative IT	Travel and Tourism	German
Engineering	Art	History
Enterprise	Computer Science	Triple Science
Hair and Beauty	Design Technology	Media
Health and Social Care	Drama	Music
Hospitality and Catering	Food and Nutrition	Physical Education
Music Technology	French	Religious Studies
Sport	Geography	Spanish
		Business

Options Timeline

When	What	Parent/Guardian to do list
Dec 22	Online Options Brochure	Go through this with your child.
Dec 22	Options Website	Watch the subject videos together. Encourage them to go and talk to subject teachers to ask more questions.
Jan 23	Options Assemblies	Ask them what they thought of the assemblies and the information they learnt about each subject.
18th Jan 23	Initial Options Choices	Before the 18th help your child pick a provisional list of options using all the information they have gathered so far
9th Feb 23	Parent Consultation Meetings	Last minute information gathering and questions before final options submission.
9th to 15th Feb 23	Final Options Choices	Help your child complete their final option choices. Not a first come first served, but deadline is the 15th Feb 23
24th April 23	Deadline for changes	Before this date email any requests for changes, with reasons, to Miss Page. It may not be possible to make the requested change.
1st 3 weeks in Sept 23	Consider Option Changes	If there is a valid reason Miss Page & Mr Anwar will consider changing a subject. As long as the impact on the student and their other opinions is not excessive. Requests must be made via email, outlining the reasons. Meetings and further discussion may be required.



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