



# WOODBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

## KEY STAGE 3 GUIDED CHOICES EVENING



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## Compulsory Curriculum

Compulsory curriculum for all year 9 students:

English		Maths			Science			Design & Tech	PE
History	Geog	RE	Art	Mu	Dr	Cm	Li	Language Choice	Other Choice

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## Early Guided Choices

Language Choice	Other Choice
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- Two subjects to choose, one of which must be one of the languages studied in Year 8.
- The year 9 course will prepare the students to take the subject at GCSE or Technical Level.

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## Study Support

Study Support	Other Choice
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- A small number of students will be on the study support pathway
- They will be given study support for one choice and any other subject for the other choice

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## Subjects Available

### Languages

French

Spanish

German

Russian

### Other Subjects

Art

Computer Science

Health & Social Care

Information Technology

Design & Technology (Product and Graphics)

Child Development

Business Studies

Physical Education

Music

Drama

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## Two Languages?

- Woodbridge is unique in that it offers students the chance to take two languages up to GCSE level.
- Students who perform well at languages should speak to their language teachers for advice and are **strongly advised** to continue with two languages.

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## Future Choices

In year 9, students will have two further choices to make for Key Stage 4 (pink boxes):

<b>Language Choice</b>	<b>Early Choice</b>	<b>History or Geography</b>	<b>New Choice</b>
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## Future Choices

- You should continue with the two subjects you have chosen into year 10 and 11. Choose wisely now so that you do not waste a year.
- All the subjects offered now will be offered again next year.
- We will look at all of your choices again next year to make sure that they are right for you.

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## Types of Courses

### Technical Award

- Cambridge National (CNAT) or Eduqas
- Coursework-based with some exams
- Units of work throughout the course
- Graded Pass / Merit / Distinction

### GCSE

- Assessment is mostly or completely by exams
- Some non-examination assessment (NEA)
- Two-year courses – exams in year 11
- Graded 9-1

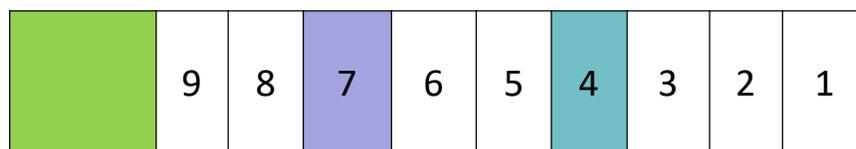
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## GCSE Grades



Old grade A

Old grade C

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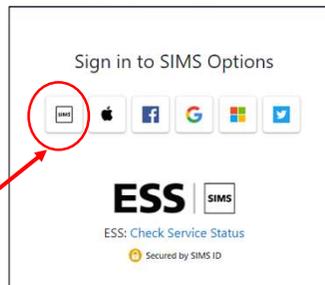
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## Guided Choices Form: SIMS Options

Students can access SIMS Options in two ways:

- Download the SIMS app and click on Options
- Go to [www.sims-options.co.uk](http://www.sims-options.co.uk) and log in



Students must be registered in order to access either the app or the website.

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## Guided Choices Form: Language

### Language Choice

Please choose **one language**. You may choose your other language in the other choice below if you wish. If the languages department has said that you should study two languages, we would strongly advise you to do so.

You have chosen 1 of 1 courses from this list

<b>French</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Other Choice</small>	<b>German</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Other Choice</small>
<b>Russian</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Other Choice</small>	<b>Spanish</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Other Choice</small>

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## Guided Choices Form: Other Choice

**Other Choice**

Please choose **one other choice**. You may choose a second language if you wish. If the languages department has said that you should study two languages, we would strongly advise you to do so.  
You should also choose **one reserve** from the this list.

You have chosen 1 of 1 courses and 1 of 1 reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	<b>Business Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course</b>	Reserve
Computer Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	<b>Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course</b>	Reserve
French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>You have selected this course in Language Choice</small>	Reserve	German GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Language Choice</small>	Reserve
Design & Technology (Graphics) GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Health & Social Care Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Information Technologies Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Media Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
<b>Design &amp; Technology (Prod Des) GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course</b>	Reserve	Physical Education GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Religious Studies: Philosophy GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Russian GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Language Choice</small>	Reserve
Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Language Choice</small>	Reserve		Reserve

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## Guided Choices Form: Summary

**My Choices in Order of Preference** (Total Choices: 2)

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

- 1 French  
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Language Choice
- 2 Business Studies  
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Other Choice

**My Reserves in Order of Preference** (Total Reserves: 1)

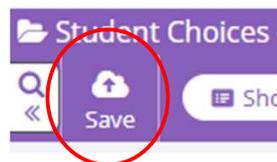
To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 Design & Technology (Prod Des)  
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Other Choice

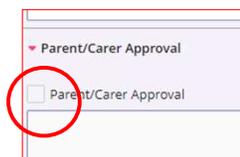
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## Guided Choices Form: Save

Click **'Save'** to confirm and submit your choices. The Save icon is usually at the top of the options screen.



No need to tick 'parental approval'. This feature is switched off.



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## Closing Points

- Not every combination of subjects will be possible, and some courses have limited places.
- Think about the **reserve choice** carefully. **You must be happy to study it.**
- Choices will be checked against progress data to ensure that the right choice is made.

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## Closing Points

- Students may have a meeting with Mr Clifton to check their choices.
- A course will not run if there are not enough students taking it.
- No changes after the start of Year 9 in September 2025.

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## Choices Open Evening: Thursday

- Pick up a guided choices booklet tomorrow at school. This contains lots of information to help you decide.
- Subject staff are available tomorrow at school. You can also email staff if you have questions.
- We will be available tomorrow in the Wynndale hall and foyer to answer questions. We will also answer some questions at the end of this presentation.
- I am available via email if you have any questions:  
[jclifton@woodbridgehigh.co.uk](mailto:jclifton@woodbridgehigh.co.uk)

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## Deadline

Forms must be completed online by:

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

If the form is completed late, it may mean that students will not get their first choices.

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## Closing Points

**Thank you and good luck  
with your choices!**



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