



SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

Oakleaze, Gloucester

IMPORTANT - GCSE Options Survey

Dear Parent/Student

Today, Mr O'Neil and I have spoken to Year 9 about their GCSE options. The GCSE options process will take place in the Spring Term and there will be more information presented by Mr Tilley about this in February. However, at this time we like to conduct a survey to get an early idea about pupils' GCSE choices as this can help us to make some decisions about the timetable such as how many sets of optional subjects we are likely to need to staff.

We would therefore like all pupils in Year 9 to fill out a short online form to indicate their current GCSE preferences. Pupils or parents can access the form at the following site:

[Year 9 Options Survey](#)

This email has been sent to both pupils and parents so please try to ensure that only one form per pupil is completed. If multiple forms are completed, we will use the form submitted most recently.

The form should be completed by **Friday 17 December 2021**.

Pupils who are thinking about studying a subject that they have not studied before in Key Stage 3 may wish to look at the school website to learn a bit more about what these subjects entail and can lead onto.

There are some restrictions in choices:

- Maths, English (Language and Literature) and Science (Separate Sciences or Double Award) are compulsory
- Pupils must study a Modern Foreign Language
- Unless opting for full course Religious Studies, pupils will also be required to take a Short Course RS qualification, sat at the end of Year 10
- Pupils may not choose both Business Studies and Economics
- Pupils may not choose both Art and Photography

I hope that this process is clear and reasonably straightforward. If there are any problems using the webform or you have any general enquiries about the GCSE options process, please feel free to email me using dd@strs.org.uk, Mr Tilley (who manages the GCSE Options process) using dpt@strs.org.uk or Mr O'Neil (Head of Year 9) using no@strs.org.uk.

Kind regards,

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