



*“Today marks the beginning of your next steps at Clifton, as you embark on the next phase of your education. Your journey to GCSEs and beyond begins now and **you** are in the driving seat!”*

Clifton Community School Curriculum & Options 2024

“STRIVING TO GIVE OUR STUDENTS THE BEST POSSIBLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES”



WICKERSLEY
PARTNERSHIP
TRUST.

Options and Opportunities

OUR CURRICULUM INTENT



“At Clifton Community School we want all students to leave **able** and **qualified** to play their full part in an ever-changing world.”

Phase 1: Year 9

YOUR CURRICULUM IN Y9 AT CLIFTON



You currently study Core subjects for 16 lessons



You study 2x Options Suites in your other 4 lessons

Learning Over Time

You are building on what you learnt in Y7&8.

Foundation Year

You are gaining the skills and knowledge you need to continue with the subjects you choose for GCSE.

Phase 2: Year 10

YOUR CURRICULUM IN Y10 AT CLIFTON



You will continue to study Maths, English, Science, PHSCE, RE and PE.



You will choose a Humanities Subject and most of you will study a Language

Specialising

You will also choose **Options Subjects** to Specialise in for your GCSEs.

Your Y10 Curriculum

GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL STUDENT

**Some students
will take...**

- Geography or History
- French or Spanish
- Triple Science
- One Additional Option

**Some students
will take...**

- Geography or History
- French or Spanish
- Two Additional Options

**Some students
will take...**

- Geography or History
- Three Additional Options

Humanities and Languages

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF TAKING THESE SUBJECTS?

- Given your current achievement in these subjects, we believe you **will do well** in them.
- Students who have a GCSE in Humanities and Languages are sought after by **Sixth Forms and Colleges**. It will **set you apart** from the rest of the candidates applying.
- It will **open many doors** for you in terms of **University** and your future **career**.
- People who speak a foreign language **earn 20% more** than those who don't and you will have the opportunity to **live abroad**.

Year 9 Options Suites



You are currently studying **two options** from the list below:

Options Subjects
1. Art
2. Design Technology
3. Sport
4. Health Sciences
5. IT/Business
6. Performing Arts

Next Steps...

Here are the **GCSE subjects** you might want to consider taking based on your current **option suites**.

Year 9 Options Suites

EACH OPTION IN MORE DETAIL

01

Art & Food

- Fine Art
- Photography
- Hospitality



02

Design Technology

- Engineering
- Construction



03

Sport

- Sports Studies
- Dance

04

Social Science

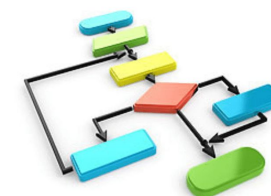
- Child Development
- Health & Social Care



05

IT

- Business
- ICT



06

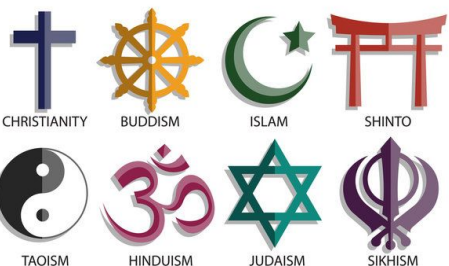
Performing Arts

- Music
- Drama



Additional Choices...

- Religious Education
- Citizenship



Phase 2: Year 10

AN EXAMPLE OF YOUR CHOICES IN Y10

Everyone is currently studying...

Humanities

- Geography
- History

You now need to choose one of the subjects complete your GCSE in...

History

MFL

- Spanish
- French

Spanish

Your Options: Hums and MFL

You will choose
1x Humanities
Subject (*and 1x
Language*).

Phase 2: Year 10

AN EXAMPLE OF YOUR CHOICES IN Y10

If you are currently studying...

Health
Science

- Child Development
- Health & Social Care

Child
Development

Design
Technology

- Engineering
- Construction

Engineering

You now need to choose one of
the Subjects within the Suite to
complete your GCSE in...

Your Additional
Options

An example of
what you might
continue with at
GCSE

Your Options Form

- Your parents have been sent a letter about the Options Process.
- You will be given a personalised form stating which Options Suites you do and which subjects you can choose.
- Take the form home, think about what subjects you wish to do at GCSE and discuss it with your family.

It is now time to make your choice of subject specialism. Please indicate which subjects you would like to do by ticking the box at the side of the subject below (please only choose one subject in each option).

Option 1	
Suite: Craft and Design	
Graphics	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/>
Textiles	<input type="checkbox"/>

Option 2	
Suite: Performing Arts	
Dance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drama	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music	<input type="checkbox"/>

In addition to the above, you also need to choose to specialise in a Humanities subject and a Language. Please indicate your preferences below (please only choose one subject in each option).

Option 3	
Humanities	
Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>
History	<input type="checkbox"/>

Option 4	
Language	
French	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/>

In some cases...

- You may want to re-think your choices. If so, please write this on the notes section at the bottom of the form.
- You must write the **reasons why** you want to change.

If you feel that you do not want to specialise in any subject within your option 1 and option 2, please indicate this in the below box. Please give reasons for this and indicate which subject you would like to do instead. We will try to accommodate all requests where possible and this will be discussed in your individual options meeting. A full list of subjects can be found below.

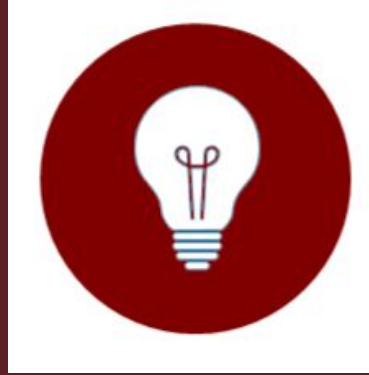
Comments:

Business Studies	Dance	Health and Social Care	Music
Child Development	Drama	Hospitality and Catering	Photography
Citizenship	Engineering	ICT	Religious Studies
Construction	Fine Art	Product Design	Sport Studies

Changes will be
discussed in an
individual
meeting. These
are **not**
guaranteed.

Next Steps

These steps will happen over the next week



DO YOUR RESEARCH

- Speak to your teachers and families and ask them for **advice.**



MAKING A DECISION

- You will complete your Options Form by **Monday 19th February.**
- Some students may then have an **interview** with SLT to **discuss choices.**

Making Your Decisions

DO choose a subject area that...

- You enjoy
- You think is one of your strengths
- Suits your personality
- Matches your ambitions
- Suits your learning style



DO NOT choose a subject area because...

- You like the teacher
- Your friends are doing it
- You think it's easy



THE PROCESS

How we will support your decisions



Assembly

Wednesday
31st Jan –
Information.



Discussion

Discuss your
choices with
your teachers
and families
over the next
week.



Options Forms

These will be
given out next
week.



Decision

Complete your
forms on
Monday 19th
February.



Interviews

Ensure you have
made the right
choice.

Where Can I Go For Advice?

THERE IS LOTS
OF SUPPORT
AVAILABLE IN
SCHOOL



**Mrs Cotton
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Miss Walker**

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**Careers
Experts**