

How important are GCSE choices?

Your career may seem a long way off, but your GCSE option choices are not.

The choices you make in Key Stage 3 can directly affect the pathways that are open to you later in life.

Your GCSE choices matter...

Entry requirements for *some* university courses (alongside A-level or other level three qualifications you need) include specific GCSE subjects and grades.

Maths and English GCSEs are mentioned most frequently by universities - these are compulsory school subjects and it's important to do well in these areas.

Don't Panic

Whatever you choose, you'll still have a broad range of career and university options

Making smart GCSE choices



Do

choose your optional subjects because you think you'll be good at them and they will interest you

You are likely to be more willing to learn, therefore get better grades 😊

Don't

choose subjects because you want to be with a friend or your favourite teacher



Your friendship may not last or the teacher may leave 😭