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# Subject information for Key Stage 4 options, 2026

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**Year 9**

**GCSE and Vocational qualification**

**Options information event**

**Thursday 12Th February 2026, 4.30-7pm**

**At Priory Pembroke Academy every student has the opportunity to study a broad and balanced suite of qualifications, including the English Baccalaureate combination of GCSEs in English, Mathematics, Science, Modern Foreign Languages and one of the humanities subjects; either History or Geography.**

## In 2026, students will be able to select from our widest range of options subjects ever!

**Please speak to subject staff for details of new courses.**

**Details of the option subjects and process can be found on the Academy website by scanning this QR code**

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact your child's form tutor or email pembrokeenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk

# Year 9 Options Timeline

**12th February 2026**

Introduction to Options Assembly. Option Booklets issued to students

**12th February 2026**

Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options Information Evening

**23rd February - 13th March 2026**

Tutor Time discussion and activities focused on options and careers, including work with Mx Sadler and Miss Smith

**13th March 2026**

'Options' feature will be opened on the SIMs Student and SIMs Parent apps

**27th March 2026**

Deadline for student option choices to be submitted.

**June 2026**

Final Options confirmed.

**September 2026**

Begin studying chosen GCSEs and Vocational subjects

# Questions to ask yourself as you think about your options:

- What subjects am I passionate and curious about?
- What am I good at?  Where are my strengths?
- Do I know what is involved in each subject?
- Have I kept all pathways open? Is my choice balanced?

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# Careers questions to ask yourself:

- Have I considered different subject types? Further Education providers and employers want to see students who have good qualifications in a range of subject areas.

- Have I spoken to Miss Smith or Mx Sadler and considered post-16 courses?
- Will the options I am considering help me to achieve a place on the course?
  - What career areas (if any) do I have in mind?
  - Do the subjects I wish to study support my career idea?

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# Questions to ask yourself as you think about your options:

- Have I read the options book carefully?
  - **What will I be learning?**
  - **How will I be learning it?** Don't assume a subject is 'practical'. All subjects contain theory work which must be completed to pass the course.
  - **How will I be assessed?** A subject with project work will require you to work to strict deadlines.

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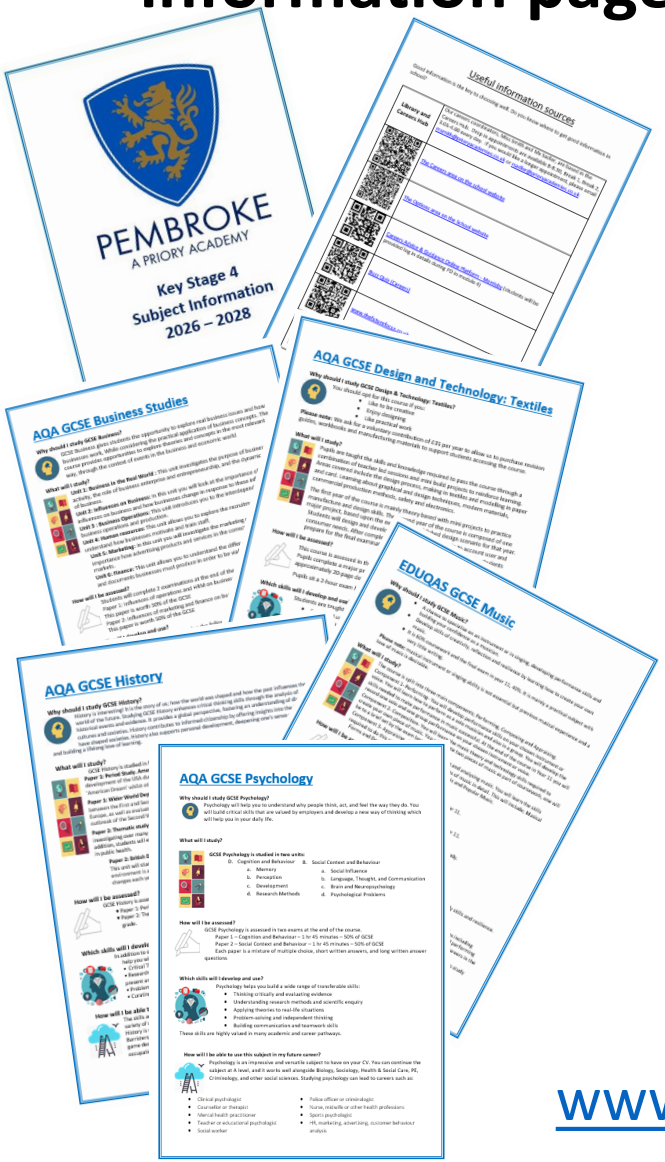
# Pembroke Academy Website Options information page



www.priorypembroke.co.uk – Options information

# Option choices - 2026-2028

- GCSE Fine Art
- GCSE Business Studies
- GCSE Citizenship
- GCSE Computer Science
- **GCSE DT: Textiles**
- GCSE DT: Timber
- GCSE Drama
- GCSE Geography
- **BTEC Health and Social Care**
- GCSE History
- Vocational Award: Hospitality and Catering
- GCSE Media Studies
- **GCSE Music**
- GCSE Photography
- **GCSE Psychology**
- GCSE Religious Studies
- GCSE Spanish
- BTEC Tech award in Sport
- GCSE Statistics
- GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics (Triple Science)

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# What will the Year 10 timetable look like?

| Subject | English | | | | | Maths | | | | Science | | | | PE | Option 1 | | | | Option 2 | | | Option 3 | | | Life / RS |
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| Week 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |

| Subject | English | | | | Maths | | | | Science | | | | | PE | Option 1 | | | Option 2 | | | | Option 3 | | | |
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| Week 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

# Options will be selected through the SIMs Student App

SIMS Student

**Or** on a computer by logging into https://www.sims-student.co.uk. Remember to click the Microsoft icon to log into your account.

**Please collect a copy of the guide to completing options through SIMs from the sign in desk.**

SIMS PARENT

Parents and carers will be able to view and approve their child's choices via the SIMs Parent App.

**If you need support with either SIMs app, please speak to Mrs Warnock**

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# Completing your option form

When choosing subjects please bear in mind the following points:-

- Ensure you put **reserve choices**, leaving a blank does not mean you will automatically get your first choice.
- We reserve the right to alter subjects offered at any time, but will only do so in exceptional circumstances.
- **We also reserve the right not to run courses for which insufficient pupils opt.**

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