

# 14 - 16 EDUCATION

## Guided Choices

A GUIDE TO YOUR CHILD'S PATHWAY

2018 - 2020

What is their curriculum going to be made up of?

## The Core Curriculum

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Combined Science
- Core Physical Education
- Moral Studies
- PSHE
- Personal Tutorial Programme

## The Options Curriculum

2 Main types of courses available

GCSEs

Vocational Qualifications

BTECs

Cambridge National Certificate

Technical Awards

## GCSEs

- Some GCSEs will have an element of controlled assessment that will be assessed internally
- All GCSEs will have at least one exam at the end of the course. For most subjects this will be the only method of assessment.
- Students will be awarded through grades 9 - 1

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## Vocational Qualifications

- They are vocational in content and are designed to prepare students for employment in a specific industry or profession.

**Please don't think that Vocational qualifications are not highly valued. Level 2 qualifications have exactly the same weighting as GCSEs**

- They are awarded at the same level as GCSEs, with grades of Pass, Merit or Distinction/Distinction\*

## Some important points

- Talk to your son/daughter about what their interests are.
- Find out what they would like to do in the future.
- Jobs for 16 years olds are now virtually non-existent. The key to their future is in good education, good training and developing skills and abilities that employers want.

## Some important points

- The English Baccalaureate qualification is a 'gold star' qualification that is highly recognised by elite Universities.
- To achieve this English Baccalaureate qualification, students must take:  
Spanish and Geography  
or  
Spanish and History



## Some important points

- Check your son/daughter is choosing subjects for the right reasons.
- Try to encourage a variety in their choices - this will allow more choice at Post 16.
- We make every effort to make everyone's choices work. However, this is sometimes not possible.
- We can not guarantee that an individual course will run.

## The right reasons include

- They are good at/enjoy that subject.
- They know that these subjects will help my career choice, because I have found out about it.
- They have achieved good marks and exam grades in a subject.
- University expectations.

## The wrong reasons would include

- They like the teacher.
- They think the other choices are boring / too difficult.
- All their friends are doing that subject.
- They think it will help them get a job at 16.

## Finding their way in education & work

- They should be thinking about what they might like to be doing after Year 11 – possible courses at the sixth form centre (B07), college and university.
- Kudos Careers Software.
- Mrs Rudd – careers advisor (B07).
- Talking to their Personal Tutor.
- Sam Learning are also attending tonight (C02).

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## Kudos

Kudos is the leading career development service helping you to explore, develop and maximise your potential.



### Log in

Username

Password

Forgotten your details?

LOGIN

### Sign up

Enter licence code

How do I get a licence code?

SIGN UP

WHAT IS KUDOS?



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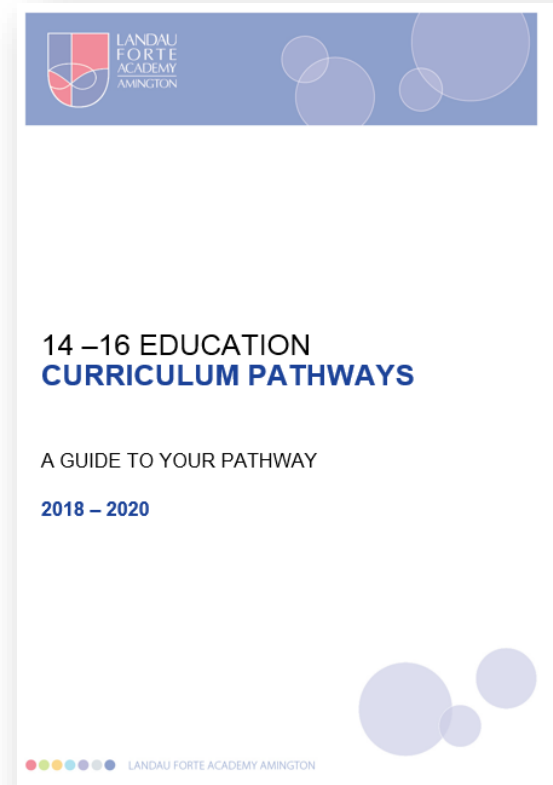
## ATTENDANCE

- Regular attendance and good punctuality are crucial.
- Students with poor attendance find it hard to catch up.

## How to decide what options to take?

## Making informed Decisions

- Read through the Curriculum Pathways booklet with your son or daughter.





- Read through the **YOUR PATHWAY** letter with your son or daughter.



## YOUR PATHWAY

### WILLIAM HAMER

At Landau Forte Academy Amington we offer a curriculum for our students that will prepare them to continue into Post-16 education and beyond, or employment with training. We will provide a range of appropriate qualifications for students according to their individual needs and strengths.

Through the curriculum, students will develop extensive knowledge and understanding, increasing their competence in a wide range of skills, ensuring that they are equipped to progress into Post-16 education and eventually higher education or employment with training.

William must select 4 options using an online portal via a link to which has already been emailed to William's Academy email address. William will be able to request 4 subjects from the two available option pots below and be able to select a reserve option in case it's not possible to provide the 4 requested. Students cannot select the same subject in both pots.

#### Option pot 1

William must select 1 subject from the option pot 1:

GCSE Geography  
GCSE History  
GCSE Spanish  
GCSE Triple Science

#### Option pot 2

William will have to select his remaining 3 options and a reserve from the following subjects:

GCSE Art and Design	GCSE Religious Studies (Philosophy and Applied Ethics)
GCSE Business Studies	GCSE Spanish
GCSE Computer Science	GCSE Triple Science
GCSE Drama	GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition
OCR Cambridge National Certificate in Enterprise and Marketing	GCSE Design & Technology (Product Design)
GCSE Geography	GCSE Design & Technology (Textile Design)
GCSE History	BTEC First Award in Engineering
OCR Cambridge National Certificate in ICT	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care
BTEC First Award in Music	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Studies
BTEC First award in Performing Arts: Dance	
GCSE Physical Education	

If you have any queries regarding the above choices please contact Sam Farley by telephoning the Academy or emailing [sfarley@lfata.org.uk](mailto:sfarley@lfata.org.uk) and a meeting will be arranged with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Following the Guided Choices Evening, you will be in a position to discuss the courses on offer with your child. William will then need to complete their curriculum request on the online portal by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**, they can do this either in the Academy or at home.

We make every effort to make everyone's choices work. However, this is sometimes not possible, either because the combinations will not fit into the timetable or because not enough people have chosen a subject for it to run and therefore we cannot guarantee individual courses will run. That is why we ask you to make a reserve choice which we will use if we have to. We may also feel it appropriate to make changes to pathways or choices as the year goes on. If we do, we will contact you.

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GCSE Triple Science

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GCSE Art and Design  
GCSE Business Studies  
GCSE Computer Science  
GCSE Drama  
OCR Cambridge National Certificate in Enterprise  
and Marketing  
GCSE Geography  
GCSE History  
OCR Cambridge National Certificate in ICT  
BTEC First Award in Music  
BTEC First award in Performing Arts: Dance  
GCSE Physical Education

GCSE Religious Studies (Philosophy and Applied  
Ethics)  
GCSE Spanish  
GCSE Triple Science  
GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition  
GCSE Design & Technology (Product Design)  
GCSE Design & Technology (Textile Design)  
BTEC First Award in Engineering  
OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in  
Health and Social Care  
OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in  
Sport Studies

**The following combinations are not allowed:**

(GCSE Drama) and (BTEC First award in Performing Arts Dance)

(Enterprise and Marketing) and (GCSE Business Studies)

(Textile Design) and (Product Design)

(GCSE Physical Education) and (Sport Studies)

## Making informed Decisions

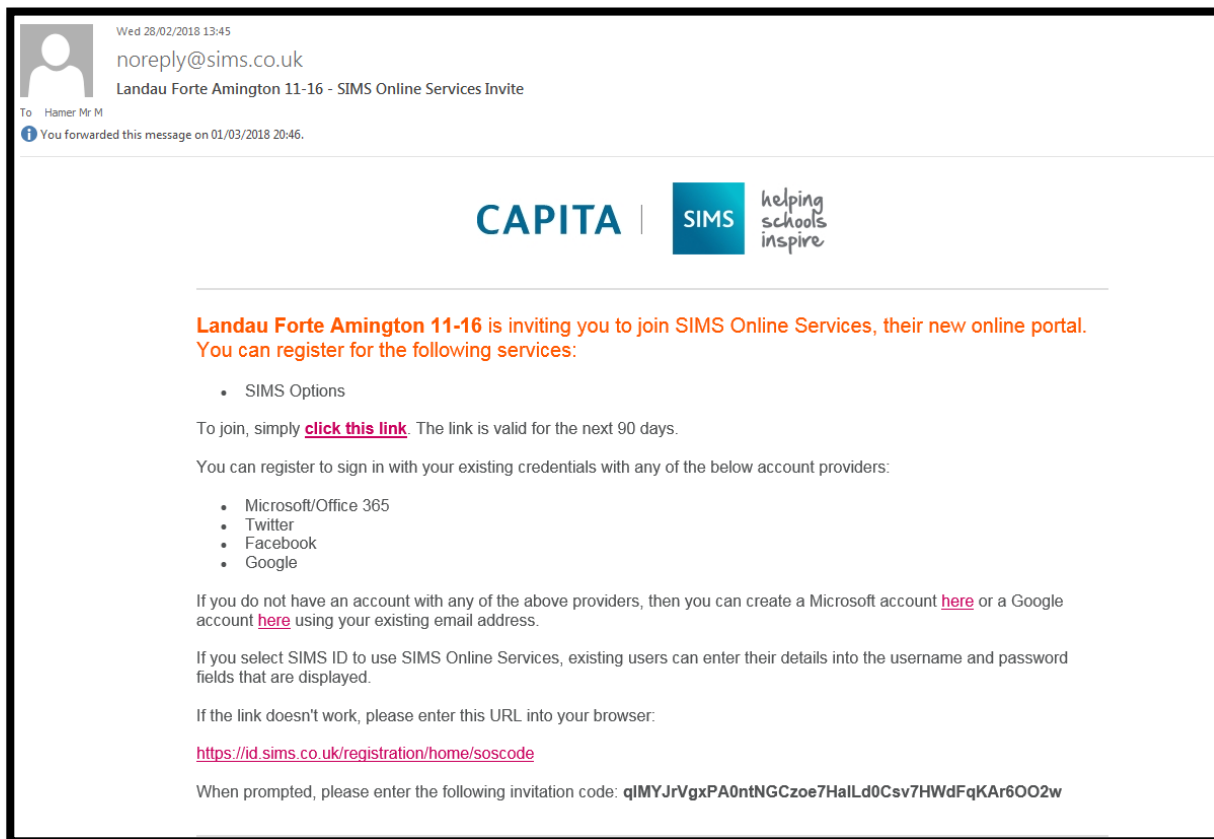
- Talk to your children & their Learning Tutors.
- English and Mathematics will be in E wing tonight.
- The other subject specialists will be in B and C wings.
- Data and previous attainment - latest tracking report is included in your pack.
- Students should talk to their Personal Tutors about their options during Personal Tutor Time.

## How will your child tell us about the subjects that they would prefer to study?

- In consultation with your child, you will need to agree to 4 option subjects in order of preference and a 5<sup>th</sup> as a reserve.
- Your son/daughter will need to request these options via an online option portal.

## Important email

- Your child should have received an email via their Academy email address.



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- Once registered they will have access to SIMS options (from tomorrow)

## SIMS Options

You can access SIMS Options [here](#).

**Personal Details**

Full Name: [Text Box] Date of Birth: [Text Box] Photograph: [Image Box]

Year Taught In: [Text Box] Registration Group: [Text Box] House: [Text Box]

Preferred Discipline: [Text Box] Alternative/Additional Subjects: [Text Box] City School: [Text Box]

**Pathway: B**

**Option pot 1**

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course ☐ This course is also available in Option pot 2

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course ☐ This course is also available in Option pot 2

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course ☐ This course is also available in Option pot 2

Triple Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course ☐ This course is also available in Option pot 2

**Option pot 2**

You have chosen 0 of 3 courses and 0 of 1 reserves from this list

Art and Design GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Business Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Computer Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Enterprise and Marketing Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This course is also available in Option pot 1	Reserve
History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This course is also available in Option pot 1	Reserve	ICT Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Music BTCC Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Performing Arts (Dance) BTCC Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Physical Education GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Philosophy & Applied Ethics GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This course is also available in Option pot 1	Reserve	Triple Science GCSE Full Course	Reserve
Food Preparation & Nutrition GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Product Design GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Textile Design GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Engineering BTCC Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Health and Social Care Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Sport Studies Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve

**Priority Choices** (Total Choices: 0)

Course priorities do not need to be sorted by order of preference.

No priority courses selected.

**My Choices** (Total Choices: 0)

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

No courses selected.

**My Reserves** (Total Reserves: 0)

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

No reserves selected.

**Student Comments**

Add any comments here

**Parent/Carer Approval**

☐ Parent/Carer Approval



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## How to complete your Options Online

[www.sims-options.co.uk](http://www.sims-options.co.uk)

▼ Personal Details

Personal Details

▼ Pathway: B



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## How to complete your Options Online

### Option pot 1


You must select 1 subject from option pot 1

You have chosen 1 of 1  courses from this list


**Geography** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in Option pot 2


**History** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in Option pot 2

**Spanish** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in Option pot 2

**Triple Science** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in Option pot 2

### Priority Choices

(Total Choices: 1)

Course priorities do not need to be sorted by order of preference.

**1 Spanish**

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option pot 1

### My Choices

(Total Choices: 0)

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



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## How to complete your Options Online

**Spanish** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

*i* This course is also available in Option pot 2

**Triple Science** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

*i* This course is also available in Option pot 2

### Option pot 2

You must select 3 subjects from option pot 2 and a reserve option.

Please note:

You can not select both of (GCSE Drama) and (BTEC First award in Performing Arts Dance)

You can not select both (Enterprise and Marketing) and (GCSE Business Studies)

You can not select both (Textile Design) and (Product Design)

You can not select both (GCSE Physical Education) and (Sport Studies)

You have chosen 3 of 3 ☒ courses and 1 of 1 ☒ reserves from this list

**Art and Design** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

**Computer Science** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

**Enterprise and Marketing**

Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

**History** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

*i* This course is also available in Option pot 1

**Music** BTEC Award Level 1 & 2

Reserve

**Physical Education** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

**Business Studies** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

**Drama** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

**Geography** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

*i* This course is also available in Option pot 1

**ICT** Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

**Performing Arts (Dance)**

BTEC Award Level 1 & 2

Reserve

**Philosophy & Applied Ethics**

Reserve

### My Choices

(Total Choices: 3)

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

**1 History**

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option pot 2

**2 Computer Science**

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option pot 2

**3 Business Studies**

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option pot 2

### My Reserves

(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 Geography**

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option pot 2

## When must this be done by?

- Options must be requested by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, using the online portal.
- You will receive a letter confirming what option choices have been requested.
- Final confirmation letters will be sent out during May, with new courses starting in June.