

Penryn College 2019 GCSE Options

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Students - please sit with your
family members.

BREADTH & BALANCE



KEY STAGE 4 - THE CORE

What do you HAVE to do?

- English - Language and Literature (2 GCSEs)
- Mathematics (1 GCSE)
- Science - Combined or Triple (2 or 3 GCSEs)
- At the very least one of Computer Science, Geography, History, French or Spanish (1 GCSE)

Totalling = (6 - 8 GCSEs)

COMPLEMENTARY CORE

- ▶ Physical Education*
- ▶ Religious Studies*
- ▶ Life Skills
 - ▶ Work Related Learning including Careers Education & Work Experience
 - ▶ PSHE with Citizenship

(*possible “top-up” to “full” GCSEs or BTEC)



ENGLISH BACCALAUREATE (EBacc)

- **5 standard passes (at Grade 4) or 5 strong passes (at Grade 5)** in **all** of GCSE English, Mathematics, two Sciences, History or Geography, and a Language.

The EBacc is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers. (DfE Dec 2018)

Remember – employers, further and higher education want the highest possible grades in all your subjects.

HOW MANY OPTIONS DO I GET?

1 choice of a Science pathway:

Triple or Combined Science

(Your Science teacher will help you.)

1 of : Computer Science or French or
Geography or History or Spanish,



2 of : Any other different subjects from
the whole list, (including 2 reserves)

1 of : PE or RE, that you want to turn into a full
qualification.

SCIENCE PATHWAYS

COMBINED SCIENCE: TRILOGY (6x1h15)

- Worth 2 GCSEs in the core scientific elements
- Science and Additional Science for all pupils)

TRIPLE SCIENCE (6x1h45)

- Worth 3 GCSEs in Biology, Physics, Chemistry
- More content at a higher level
- Students who perform well in Science (T Grade 6/7 EM 6)

MAIN OPTIONS

- Art, Craft & Design
- Art & Design: Textiles Design
- Enterprise & Marketing
- Computer Science*
- Creative iMedia
- Creative Media Production
- Dance
- Design Technology
- Drama
- French*
- Food Prep & Nutrition
- Geography*
- Graphic Design
- Health & Social Care
- History*
- Hospitality & Catering
- Music GCSE and BTEC
- Spanish*

* E Bacc

Purple indicates a **Technical** Award
e.g. BTEC/oe.

OPTION PROCESS

The option process involves using a complicated programming system to obtain the best match of students' options choices with the least number of clashes.

Occasionally there are clashes and a reserve is used. Very occasionally some courses are under subscribed and do not run – students need to review their choices and we support them in this process with advice and guidance.

Students must make reserve choices so that the next best alternative allocations can be quickly found.

Please pick reserves that you are happy to study.

HOW DO I ACCESS THE FORM

- ▶ All 'Main' priority contacts with an email, as per the information you have supplied via the data forms, will receive a registration email from the school, **noreply@sims.co.uk**
- ▶ This email contains a unique code
- ▶ You will need this code to set up your SIMS Online Services account. If you have not yet received a registration email, please check your **junk folder** before contacting your school
- ▶ To register for SIMS Online Services products, you will need one of the following accounts: Microsoft, Office 365, Google, Facebook, Twitter.

HOW DO I ACCESS THE FORM

- ▶ Users should register with a Microsoft, Office 365, Google, Facebook or Twitter account. Click the icon for the relevant Third Party account and you will be directed to sign in using your existing details.
- ▶ For verification purposes, parents are required to enter the Date of Birth of one of their children attending the school. (Students are required to enter their own Date of Birth).
- ▶ Once registration has been completed successfully, pupil/students can access their details and parents can access their child's details.

REGISTRATION IS NOW COMPLETE

WHAT DOES THE FORM LOOK LIKE?

Student Choices - Plan Status Design

Show Notes Hide Notes Save

Welcome to the Penryn College 2019 Year 9 options process.

Please use this on-line form to make your choices and let us know what option subjects you would like to study in Year 10 in September 2019. Remember you are studying **English, Maths and Science**. You must also study **RE, PE and Life Skills** which includes **Citizenship and Work Related Learning**.

It is very important that you have a **broad and balanced** selection of subjects, which does not restrict the choices available to you when you leave Penryn College.

Science Option

Triple Science, comprising of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, is a challenging and broad course which studies each subject at considerably more depth and complexity. We recommend that students who are consistently working at or above a Grade 6 **may** be considered; if you are unsure of which Science pathway you should follow please talk to your Science teacher.

If you want to be successful in either Science pathway it is necessary for you to spend a significant amount of work and studying outside of lesson time. Triple Science equals 3 separate GCSEs and gets 9 periods a week, Combined Science equals 2 GCSEs and gets 7 periods a week. If you study Triple Science you will not receive the same amount of Personal Study time.

If you would like to be considered for a particular Science course please make your preference and complete the **Student Comment** box with an explanation.

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

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

EBacc Option

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.

PRIORITIES & RESERVES

Main Option Block

You have chosen 2 of 2 courses and 2 of 2 reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Hospitality & Catering
NQF Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Design Technology
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Enterprise & Marketing
Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

i This course is also available in EBacc Option

Food & Nutrition CP
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

i This course is also available in EBacc Option

Graphic Design NQF Level 1 & 2

Reserve

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

i This course is also available in EBacc Option

Health & Social Care
BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2

Reserve

Creative iMedia CP
Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Computer Science
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Creative Media Production
BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2

Reserve

i This course is also available in EBacc Option

Music BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2

Reserve

Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

TELL US WHY

- ▶ Use the Comments boxes at the bottom of the form to tell us why you want to pick certain courses, there is a **Student** box as well as a **Parent** box.

COMBINATION RULES

We use these rules to ensure that students are not taking too many subjects or overlapping similar content.

Consideration: Avoiding picking all of the Creative Performing Arts; e.g. Drama and Dance. *How much time do you have after school is an important factor to consider with both of these subjects? The same could also be said for Portfolio subjects that require a significant amount of extra work outside of the classroom.*

Rules: *Certain combinations of subjects cannot be taken together as the qualification/content is the same.*

- You cannot pick both Art, Craft & Design and Textiles Design (both are GCSE Art and Design),
- You cannot pick both Food Preparation & Nutrition and Hospitality & Catering (content is too similar),
- You cannot pick both Media Qualifications (content is too similar),
- You cannot pick both Music Qualifications (content is too similar).

SUPPORT IN CHOOSING YOUR OPTIONS

Students must choose options that fit with their careers aims, their strengths and skills, and the subjects that they enjoy.

The parent or the student can speak to the following members of staff for help with their choices:

- Their tutor.
- Their subject teacher.
- The Head of Department for the subject.
- Mr Lushington.
- Careers Southwest Advisor.

Contact – Miss Rachael Bastian 01326 372379 ext 1268
or e-mail rabastian@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk

KEY DATES

Lifestyle lessons on Careers and Options choices

Presentation Assembly to pupils, Option Booklets to pupils.

Tutor discussions on going Spring Term

Parents Evening 14th January

Options advice Drop-in (AO 9am - 1pm) 25th January

Option choice forms returned 6th February

Inform pupils of their option allocation 5th April

Changes will only be considered in extreme circumstances.

Please choose carefully.

KEY STAGE 3

**Yr 9 Exams - from
17th – 21st June.
Timetable TBC**

WHO TO SEE?

- ▶ Subject staff available in the street and the TIA to answer any questions you may have
- ▶ EBacc talk at 7.20pm in Kernewek Hall
- ▶ SLT will be happy to answer any general questions

SLT will be situated opposite the canteen.

QUESTIONS?

Please see us afterwards,
SLT are more than happy to
meet families in the Street
once the talks have finished.



**Ask the subject staff in the
Street and the TIA**

