



Year 8 - GCSE options



# Y8 GCSE options at Bedale High School



**“Aiming high for 2023”**

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### How to choose what options to study?

#### The do's.....

- Do choose subjects that you are good at;
- Do talk to your parents and teachers about your options;
- Do select an option based on what you are likely to enjoy;
- Do think ahead - consider subjects which will lead into post-16 options and beyond.

#### The don'ts.....

- Don't think there are any "easy" options;
- Don't choose a subject because your friends are opting for it.

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### What are my options at POST 16?

- A school sixth form
- A college
- An apprenticeship
- A job with training
- A traineeship



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### How will courses be assessed and graded?

- **Examinations**
- **Non-Examinations Assessments**
- **It is important to understand the new framework**

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Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Old grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

Strong pass

Standard pass

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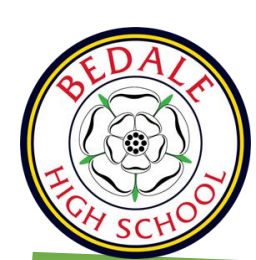


### Bedale High School core values at GCSE:

- Outstanding levels of attendance;
- Commitment to excellence;
- Making the most of every lesson;
- Being a highly supportive student;
- Focus on teamwork and ARC.....



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# Options timeline



13<sup>th</sup> Feb

Conversation with  
Enhanced and  
supported pathway



13th Feb

Options  
booklets sent  
home



Half term

Time to think about  
what options you  
might choose



26<sup>TH</sup> Feb

Parents evening



2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>  
March

A week of  
options  
assemblies



9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>  
March

A week of support  
from tutors

OPTION FORMS ARE DUE IN ON THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL

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### Three “pathways”:

- **Enhanced** – recommendation for top set (Triple) Science and a foreign language;
- **Standard** – the majority of the year group will be expected to follow this route;
- **Supported** – one less subject choice, negotiated with parents. Extra Maths and English plus support.



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# Understanding the form

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**Key Stage 4 (2020 – 2023) ~ Year 8**

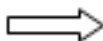
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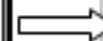
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Ensure you fully understand the content and requirements of each course.



### **Step 2**

Select the correct amount of subjects in each option block as indicated below.



### **Step 3**

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<b>Option A Choices</b> Choose one subject and place a 'X' in the box	History	
	Geography	
	Computer Science	

<b>Option B Choices</b> Choose 3 <b>subjects</b> and mark 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> in the box. Mark 2 <b>Reserve</b> subjects with a letter R.  <b>N.B.</b> If you have ticked <u>Hist</u> or <u>Geog</u> in Option A, you must not select this again in Option B.	Art	
	Computer Science	
	Design and Technology	
	Drama	
	Food Prep & Nutrition	
	French	
	Geography	
	German	
	History	
	Media	
	Music	
	Physical Education	
	Sport Studies	
	Textiles	

You have 3 choices but DO NOT pick the same as in Option A.

In this box you mark you 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice and 2 reserve.

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**Please note:** Every effort has been made to ensure the options in this guide will continue. It should be understood, however, that some option choices could be either under or oversubscribed and your 'Reserve' option will be selected as the alternative.

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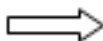
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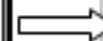
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One final thought:

**“Believe you can and you are halfway there.”**

**Theodore Roosevelt**



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