



Audenshaw School

**Year 9 – GCSE Guided
Pathways (Options)**

Guided Pathways – important dates

07 March 2025

AP2 data sent to parents/carers.

17 March 2025

Assembly for students.

20 March 2025

**Introductory meeting for
parents/carers.**

21 March 2025

**SIMS software open for choices
and instructions sent out.**

24 March 2025

CAT4 Testing starts.

25 April 2025

Deadline for students' choices.

Students are less likely to get their first choices if they miss the deadlines.

Core Subjects

These subjects are compulsory for all students.

- English** **Language and Literature (2 GCSEs)**
- Mathematics** **(1 GCSE)**
- Science** **Combined (2 GCSEs) or Triple (3 GCSEs)**
- RE and Life Skills** **For all students**

Science – Combined or Triple?

- ❑ **All students study Science for GCSE.**
- ❑ **Students have the option to chose Triple Science if they are in Sets 1 and 2 and have shown engagement in lessons during Year 9.**
- ❑ **Students should select Triple Science if they are interested in a science-related career or want to take a science A-Level.**
- ❑ **If students choose Triple Science, they will get separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry & Physics.**

Studying a Language – French or Spanish.

- ❑ Curriculum change has enabled students to focus on one language in Years 7-9, doubling their experience of the language and culture.
- ❑ Graduates with a language on average earn more money than those without.
- ❑ It helps you understand a lot more about the world and other cultures.
- ❑ The opportunity for international careers and travel. Many UK citizens work across Europe because they are able to speak another language.

Other GCSE Subjects:

These subjects lead to full GCSE qualifications:

- Art & Design**
- Computer Science/Computing**
- Design & Technology – Food**
- Design & Technology – 3D Design**
- Drama**
- Music**
- Photography**
- Religious Studies**

Vocational courses:

Students should pick these courses if they are interested in these areas for future careers or courses:

- Construction**
- Enterprise**
- ICT**
- Sport**
- Engineering**

A maximum of 3 vocational courses can be studied.

Picking your subjects

- ❑ All students will be studying English, mathematics and science.
- ❑ Students pick one subject (and a reserve) from Block A.

Option A

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

French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Option B</small>	Reserve	Geog GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Option B</small>	Reserve	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Option B</small>	Reserve
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OR

Option A

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

Geog GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Option B</small>	Reserve	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Option B</small>	Reserve	Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in Option B</small>	Reserve
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Picking your subjects

- ❑ All students pick three subjects (and two reserves) from Block B.

Option B

You have chosen courses and reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Construction Level 1/2 Award	Reserve	Computing GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Enterprise BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve	DT Engineering Level 1/2 Award	Reserve
DT Food GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Geog GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
ICT BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve	Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Photography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
R.S. GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Sport Studies BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve
DT 3D Design GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Triple Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve		

Note: Informational messages for Geog, History, and Spanish courses: "This course is also available in Option A"

Useful Information

- When picking the subjects, students should be considering the subjects where they make good progress and engaged in their learning.

History	Below Track	Engaged
Geography	On Track	Exceptional
Spanish	On Track	Exceptional
DT	On Track	Exceptional
IT	On Track	Engaged
RE	Below Track	Engaged
Art	Above Track	Exceptional
Music	Below Track	Exceptional
PE	Below Track	Engaged

He would probably pick Geography and Spanish as he is doing well in these two subjects.

The student is making progress in Art so this would be a good choice.

He can still pick another subject, for example DT.

Subject Information

- ❑ The information about every course is on the school website.
- ❑ This includes links to the course websites and all the assessments.
- ❑ Careers information is also included.

Guided Pathways – Subject selection.

- ❑ Read the Subject information document.
- ❑ Use the aspirations advice and recent progress data report to decide which courses are the most suitable.
- ❑ Students should pick one subject from Block A (plus a reserve) and three from Block B (two reserves).
- ❑ Use all the information you have to discuss their preferences at home.
- ❑ Select subjects using www.sims-options.co.uk (deadline Friday 25 April). Details next slide.
- ❑ Subjects are confirmed at a later date.
- ❑ **If you need advice please send an email to guidedpathways@audenshawschool.org.uk and a leadership team member will be in touch.**

Online subject pre-selection system - SIMS

- ❑ Parents and carers can use the SIMS app that the school uses.
- ❑ If not registered on the app, you will get an invite to use this.
- ❑ The subject choices are can be submitted using www.sims-options.co.uk
- ❑ You should pick one subject from Block A (plus a reserve) and three from Block B (two reserves).
- ❑ **If you need extra advice please email guidedpathways@audenshawschool.org.uk and a member of the leadership team will be in touch.**

Online subject pre-selection system – for students

- ❑ The subject choices are submitted using www.sims-options.co.uk
- ❑ Students log on using their school email address.
22surnameinitial@audenshawschool.org.uk.
Use the password they use to login to school computers.
- ❑ This will open the system for pre-selection.
- ❑ You should pick one subject from Block A (plus a reserve) and three from Block B (two reserves).
- ❑ **For extra advice please email guidedpathways@audenshawschool.org.uk and a member of the leadership team will be in touch.**


Incomplete sheet looks like this

Option A

You have chosen courses and reserves from this list


Geog GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

 This course is also available in Option B


History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

 This course is also available in Option B

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

 This course is also available in Option B

Option B

You have chosen courses and reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Construction Level 1/2 Award

Reserve

Computing GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Enterprise BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2

Reserve

DT Engineering Level 1/2 Award

Reserve

DT Food GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course


Reserve


Geog GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

 This course is also available in Option A

 This course is also available in Option A

ICT BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2

Reserve

Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Photography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

R.S. GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve


Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Sport Studies

BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2

Reserve

 This course is also available in Option A

DT 3D Design GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course



Reserve

Triple Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course


Reserve

Choices turn blue when selected.


Option A

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


Geog GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course *Choice*

 This course is also available in Option B



History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in Option B

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 You have selected this course in Option B

Option B

You have chosen 3 of 3  courses and 0 of 2  reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

DT Food GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course *Choice*

ICT BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2


R.S. GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

DT 3D Design GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Construction Level 1/2 Award


Enterprise BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2

Geog GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 You have selected this course in Option A

Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course *Choice*


 This course is also available in Option A

Triple Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Computing GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

DT Engineering Level 1/2 Award

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course



 This course is also available in Option A

Photography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course


Sport Studies BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2

Reserves turn orange when selected.


Option A

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


Geog GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course *choice* Reserve

 This course is also available in Option B



History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course *reserve* Reserve

 This course is also available in Option B

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve

 You have selected this course in Option B

Option B

You have chosen 3 of 3  courses and 2 of 2  reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course *reserve* Reserve

Construction Level 1/2 Award Reserve

Computing GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course *choice* Reserve

Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve


Enterprise BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 Reserve


DT Engineering Level 1/2 Award Reserve

DT Food GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course *choice* Reserve

Geog GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve

 You have selected this course in Option A

 You have selected this course in Option A


ICT BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 Reserve

Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve

Photography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve

R.S. GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course *choice* Reserve

 This course is also available in Option A

Sport Studies BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 Reserve

DT 3D Design GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve

Triple Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve

Example of completed sheet.
You should put the choices and reserves in order of preference.
This is done by dragging and dropping in the list.

Option A

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

Geog GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
<small>i This course is also available in Option B</small>	<small>i This course is also available in Option B</small>	<small>i You have selected this course in Option B</small>

Option B

You have chosen 3 of 3 courses and 2 of 2 reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Construction Level 1/2 Award <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Computing GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Enterprise BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	DT Engineering Level 1/2 Award <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
DT Food GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Geog GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
ICT BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<small>i You have selected this course in Option A</small>	<small>i You have selected this course in Option A</small>
R.S. GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Photography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
DT 3D Design GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Sport Studies BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
	<small>i This course is also available in Option A</small>	
	Triple Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	

My Choices in Order of Preference

To change your order of preference select the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 Geog**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option A
- 2 DT Food**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option B
- 3 Spanish**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option B
- 4 Computing**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option B

Selected subjects in order

My Reserves in Order of Preference

To change your order of preference select the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 History**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option A
- 2 Art**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option B
- 3 Enterprise**
BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 Option B

Example of completed sheet.

Option A

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

Geog GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Choice Reserve	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Choice Reserve	Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve
<small>i This course is also available in Option B</small>	<small>i This course is also available in Option B</small>	<small>i You have selected this course in Option B</small>

Option B

You have chosen 3 of 3 courses and 2 of 2 reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Choice Reserve	Construction Level 1/2 Award Reserve	Computing GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve
Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	Enterprise BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 Reserve	DT Engineering Level 1/2 Award Reserve
DT Food GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	Geog GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve
<small>i You have selected this course in Option A</small>	<small>i You have selected this course in Option A</small>	<small>i You have selected this course in Option A</small>
ICT BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 Reserve	Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	Photography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve
R.S. GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Choice Reserve	Sport Studies BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 Reserve
<small>i This course is also available in Option A</small>		
DT 3D Design GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	Triple Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	

My Choices in Order of Preference

To change your order of preference select the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 Geog**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option A
- 2 DT Food**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option B
- 3 Spanish**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option B
- 4 Computing**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option B

Selected subjects in order

For popular subjects like Photography, Sport and Triple Science, students need to have these as one of their highest ranked preferences.

My Reserves in Order of Preference

To change your order of preference select the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 History**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option A
- 2 Art**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option B
- 3 Enterprise**
BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 Option B

Example of completed sheet.

Option A

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

Geog GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Choice Reserve	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Choice Reserve	Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve
<small>i This course is also available in Option B</small>	<small>i This course is also available in Option B</small>	<small>i You have selected this course in Option B</small>

Option B

You have chosen 3 of 3 courses and 2 of 2 reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Choice Reserve	Construction Level 1/2 Award Reserve	Computing GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve
Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	Enterprise BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 Reserve	DT Engineering Level 1/2 Award Reserve
DT Food GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	Geog GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve
<small>i You have selected this course in Option A</small>	<small>i You have selected this course in Option A</small>	<small>i You have selected this course in Option A</small>
ICT BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 Reserve	Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	Photography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve
R.S. GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Choice Reserve	Sport Studies BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 Reserve
<small>i This course is also available in Option A</small>		
DT 3D Design GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	Triple Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	

My Choices in Order of Preference

To change your order of preference select the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 Geog**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option A
- 2 DT Food**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option B
- 3 Spanish**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option B
- 4 Computing**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option B

Selected subjects in order

My Reserves in Order of Preference

To change your order of preference select the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 History**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option A
- 2 Art**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Option B
- 3 Enterprise**
BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 Option B

When you submit the choices, there is no notification sent that these have been received.

This is due to the software that SIMS uses.

Common Questions

Will I get my first choice subjects?

Most students get their first choices although some unusual combinations might not fit. You will be contacted if there are any problems.

Can I change my mind?

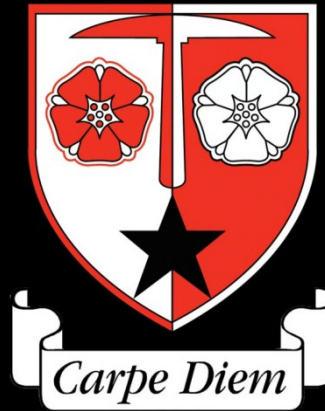
Think very carefully about your choices now as it becomes more difficult to make changes later.

Are there any subjects that you can't do together?

Students are not able to do Art and 3D Design.

Do I still do PE if I don't choose BTEC Sport?

All students will still have Games lessons each week.



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