



Guide to Choosing Your Options

SPEAK TO PEOPLE

Prior to choosing your options, speak to lots of people for advice, such as teachers, careers advisors and your parents.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY?

Consider which subjects you enjoy and that you are good at (2 years is a long time studying a subject you don't like!).

GATHER INFORMATION

Attend special assemblies and information evenings to gain further information.

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT SCHOOL

Think about what you are like at home, as well as in school - what skills have you developed outside of school?

STAY POSITIVE

Keep an open mind and stay positive - it might be that some of your first choices are not available, so have a backup plan.

CONSIDER BTECS

BTECs are more of a vocational qualification. They're continuously assessed, so no final exam.

BALANCE

Try to choose a balance of options to keep a variety of future options open.

WHAT NEXT?

Consider your post-16 plans - choices made now may affect these plans.

QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

Don't try to bite off more than you can chew. Choose a number you are confident that you can juggle.

LEARNING STYLES

Take into account your preferred learning style and consider how the subject you would like to study is taught.

Completing a Belbin self-perception questionnaire will help you identify your strengths, key skills and learning style. This can aid you in your decisions for your next steps.

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