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**EXPLORE  
YOUR  
OPTIONS**

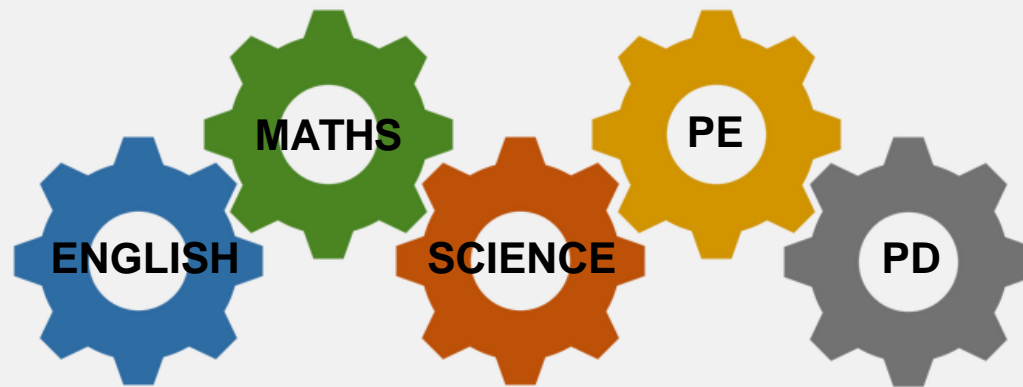


# What are GCSEs?

The acronym GCSE stands for  
**G**eneral **C**ertificate in **S**econdary **E**ducation

The GCSE qualification aims to give you a broad, general knowledge across a range of subjects and there are some subjects that everyone studies.

These include:



# Your Choice

But the great news is you also get to choose some of the subjects you study at GCSE.

This is important because it enables you to focus on specific areas that you may have a passion for or a particular interest in.

They are also important as they enable you to start taking the first steps towards a possible future career path.



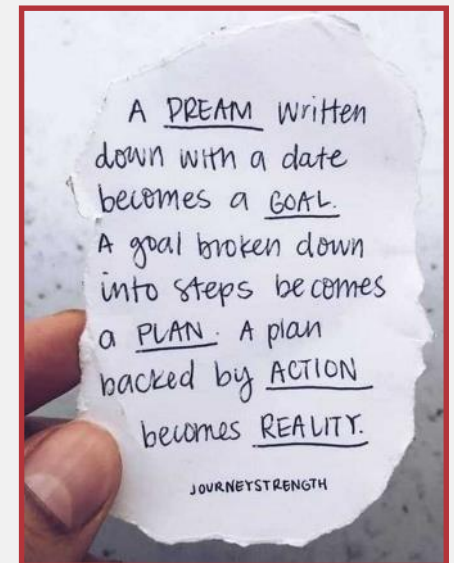
# Get in lane



In other words, you can think of the options process as getting in the right lane so that you can go in the direction you want.

The process of choosing subjects enables you to start a plan based on your interests and ambitions.

So, where are you heading?





# Where Next?

Right now you may not know exactly what you want to do with these options, and that's okay.

It doesn't matter which group you see yourself in because there is no right answer here.

Based on experience we know that you will fall into one of these 3 groups:

## Group 1

I know exactly which job / industry I want to go into.

## Group 2

I have no idea what I want to do after school.

## Group 3

I'm somewhere in between group 1 and 2.


Scroll through the next few pages to see the steps you can take now to help you decide which options are best for you depending on which 'category' you think you fit into.

# Group 1

Some of you may know where you want to go and in this example we can use a step by step approach to deciding what routes you want to take.

This sequence of signposts shows how we can use your destination (what you want to do when you leave school) and trace the steps back to help you to choose GCSE options that lead to your end goal.

Or you might fit into the next group...



'I know exactly which job/industry I want to go into after school'.

I want to be a Solicitor / work in Law.

Look at Post Graduate training.

Look at University Degrees.

Look at appropriate A-Levels.

What are the GCSEs I'll need for the A-Levels.


## Group 2

You can use the information here to help you choose the qualifications that help to leave your options open.

You can focus your planning by considering the subjects you enjoy and are interested in.

This plan gives you a route that enable you to follow a journey, even though the destination is not yet defined.

Or you might fit into the next group...



'I have no idea what I want to do after school'.

Look at subjects that you enjoy now.

Look at subjects that you might enjoy in 2 years.

Look at what jobs these subjects can lead to.

Are these jobs that might interest you?

It's okay to leave your options open at this stage.



## Group 3

You might be somewhere in between group 1 and 2. You might know that you want to go to university or that you'd like to undertake an apprenticeship.

But you might not be sure what course at university you think will be best or what apprenticeship will best suite your skills

As with group 2, this plan gives you a route that enables you to follow a journey, even though the destination is not yet defined.

'I have ideas about my future but I also have some questions'.

Look at subjects that you enjoy now.

Look at subjects that you might enjoy in 2 years.

Look at subjects that can lead onto your idea.

Are there jobs that interest you which lead on from the idea you have?

It's okay to leave your options open at this stage.



# Your Options

So you now know that there are certain subjects that everyone has to study – but you also know that you get to choose some of your subjects.

For September 2021, you will be able to choose 2 subjects from the following list:



Art & Design



Business Studies



Child Development



Drama



Music



PE



Design and  
Technology

To help you decide which subjects would be best for you, we have put together a list of the jobs and careers that people typically go into after studying each of the option subjects on offer at Suthers. Scroll through the next few pages to get an idea of the different directions each subject could take you in...

# Art & Design

## Art & Design

Interior Designer

Architect

Landscape design

Games Designer

Art Historian

Photographer

Crafts & Jewellery

Fine Artist

Textiles and Fashion

Product Design

Graphic Design

Marketing & Advertising

Costume Designer

Education

Gallery Curator

Creative Director



# Business Studies

## Business Studies

Sales Manager

Franchise Owner

HR Manager

Business Advisor

Buyer

Charity Fund Manager

Education

Operations Manager

Accounts Manager

Business Project Manager

Business Consultant

Marketing & Advertising

Chief Executive

Creative Director

Sales Person

Office Manager

# Child Development

## Child Development

Nursery Manager

Social Worker

Nurse

EYFS Teacher

School Nurse

Charity Worker

School Counsellor

Au Pair

Nursery Nurse

Community Care Worker

Midwife

Teaching Assistant

Child Psychologist

Art Therapist

Pre-school assistant

Care Assistant



# Design and Technology

## Design and Technology

Graphic Designer

Sculptor

Games Developer

Software Programmer

Mechanical Engineer

Product Designer

Market Researcher

Fashion Designer

Dressmaker

Hairdresser

Tradesperson

Architect

Construction Manager

Food Technologist

Manufacturing Engineer

Manufacturing Manager

# Drama

## Drama

Director

Producer

Script Writer

Visual Effects

Lighting Engineer

Costumer Designer

Cinematographer

Copy Writer

Actor

Screen Writer

Stage Company Owner

Sound Engineer

Education

Make Up Artist

Author

Creative Director



# Music

## Music

Acoustics Consultant

Musician

Conductor

Music Director

Music Therapist

Instrument Repairer

DJ

Music Teacher

Acoustics Engineer

Composer and Arranger

Producer

Sound Engineer

Instrument Maker

Music Journalist

Live Music Engineer

Education

# Physical Education

## Physical Education

Sports Professional

Fitness Instructor

Leisure Centre Manager

Sports Development Manager

Instructor

Referee

PT Instructor (Armed Forces)

Diet Advisor

Physiotherapist

Personal Trainer

Sports Therapist

Sports Agent

Coach

PE Teacher

Sportswear Designer

Nutritionist

# What now?

Now that you have seen what the options are and you've had a look at possible careers these could lead to, it's time to do a bit more research.

Use the list of possible careers on each subject page to help you dig a bit deeper.



## What to do:

1. Go to <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>
2. When you arrive at the site you will see a search box, type the job title in and press return.
3. It will provide you with a general guide based on the job title that interest you.
4. Using this website enables you to take a virtual walk around the careers that your GCSE choices could lead to.
5. Search as many jobs as you like and if you are interested you can also 'google' the job title and see what information you can find.
6. Have a talk to your family about the information you find.



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