

# Carrickfergus Academy

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Year 10 GCSE Option Choices

2022



# Online Expectations; Please....

- Keep Microphones on mute and cameras off
- Keep messaging & other interactions courteous & appropriate
- Let the presentation roll & ask questions at the end
- Re-join if we get a crash during the session



# INTRODUCTION

- Where can I get information?
- How do I complete the online form?
- Who do I ask if I have a question/issue/problem?
- When is the process completed?
- What else is happening as part of the Options process?

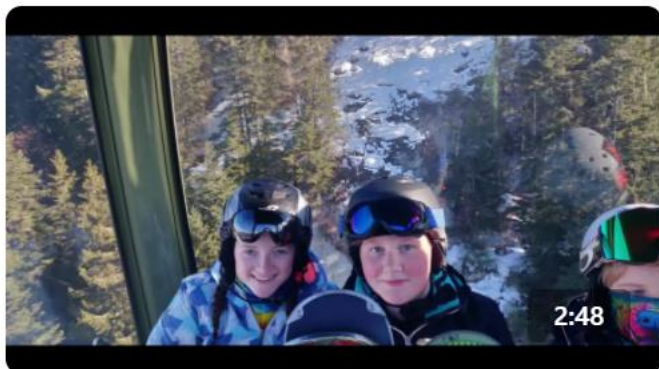


# WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION – School Facebook Page



## Videos

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YEAR 10 – GCSE OPTIONS CHOICES INFORMATION BOOKLET

Dear Year 10 Parent & Pupils,

The GCSE Options Booklet with all courses GCSE & equivalent courses detailed can be found by clicking on the link... [See more](#)

**GCSE OPTIONS**

**YEAR 10 BOOKLET 2022**



Name:  Class:



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Year 10 GCSE Options Booklet 2021 - PDF Version for Forums.pdf





# WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION – School Website

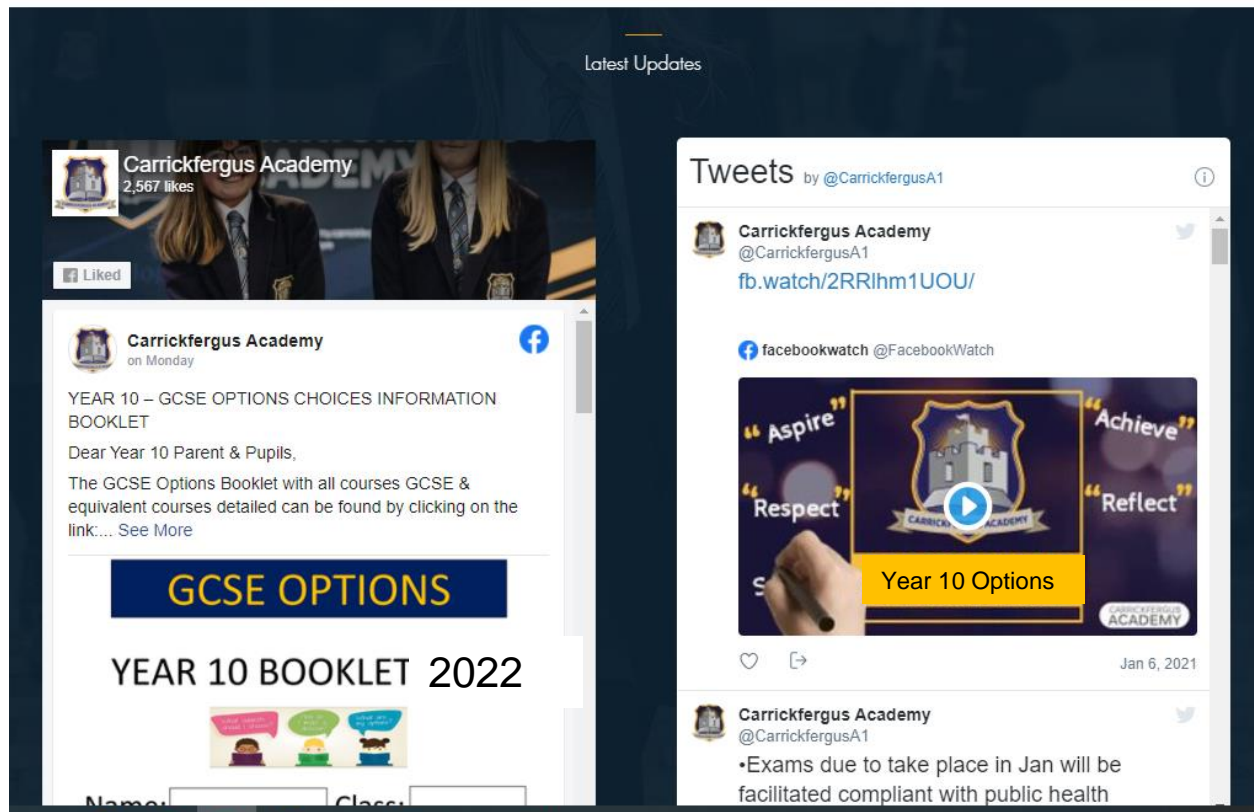
## Carrickfergus Academy

Welcome to Carrickfergus Academy, an all ability, non-selective school for pupils aged 11-18 in the Carrickfergus area and beyond. As a school, we are committed to providing all the young people in our community with an educational experience that promotes aspiration, excellence and endeavour in a caring, pupil centred environment.

The school itself is situated across two neighbouring campuses, with Key Stage 3 pupils on the Junior Campus who then transition to Key Stage 4 and Sixth Form on the Senior Campus.

Dr P Downing  
Principal

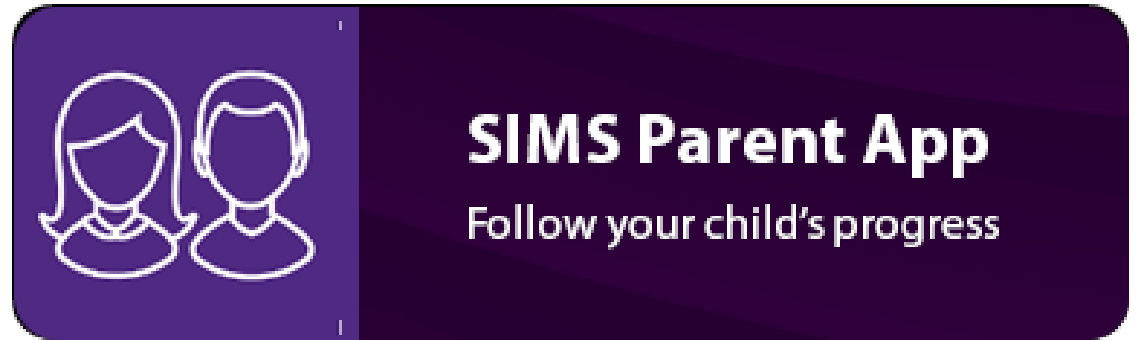
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The screenshot shows a 'Latest Updates' section with two posts. The left post is a Facebook update from Carrickfergus Academy, dated Monday, featuring a 'GCSE OPTIONS YEAR 10 BOOKLET 2022' with a 'See More' link. The right post is a tweet from @CarrickfergusA1, dated Jan 6, 2021, featuring a video thumbnail with the text 'Year 10 Options' and the school's crest. The video thumbnail also includes the words 'Aspire', 'Achieve', 'Respect', and 'Reflect' around the crest.



# WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION – Other Sources:



Google Classroom



# GCSEs at Carrickfergus Academy

- Pupils will study 8 subjects
- This will include English, Maths, Science & Learning for Life & Work/ Princes Trust.
- English and Maths will be streamed classes.
- Science options (CCEA Double Award, CCEA Single Award, OCN Science) depend on your overall performance this year in Science.
- Pupils will then take four extra optional subjects



# Choosing GCSEs!

- Choose what you are good at and what you enjoy.
- Do not choose because you think you will have a certain teacher at GCSE.
- What do you want to do long term – study A levels, go to Further Education College, go directly into employment?
- Are you better at doing lots of exams or coursework?
- We will use guiding principles during your careers / options interviews.





# GCSE Options Guidance

Average Level for English, Maths, Science – 9, 8, 7	Average Level for English, Maths, Science – 6,5, 4	Average Level for English, Maths, Science – 3,2,1
Free choice Science	Not Double Award unless they have 7/8/9 in that subject	OCN Science
LLW	LLW / Princes Trust determined by English Class placement	Princes Trust
Choice from Art, Further Maths, Ancient History, Business Studies, Child Development, History, BTEC Horticulture, Media, BTEC IT, BTEC Sport, BTEC Travel and Tourism, Hospitality, Geography, French, Spanish, RE, Maths, English Literature, Technology, Health and Social Care, Music, OCR Cambridge Technical IT.	Choice from Art, Ancient History, Business Communication Systems, Child Development, History, BTEC Horticulture, Media, BTEC IT, BTEC Sport, BTEC Travel and Tourism, OCN Diet, Food and Hospitality, Occ Studies Joinery and Electrical, Occ Studies Beauty and Business, Hospitality, Geography, French, Spanish, RE, Music, Health and Social Care, OCR Cambridge Technical IT, English Literature (level 5 or above)  Recommended minimum two BTEC /OCN / Occupational Studies or vocational qualification	Choice from Art, Business Communication Systems, Child Development, History, BTEC Horticulture, BTEC Sport, BTEC Travel and Tourism, OCN Diet, Food & Hospitality, Occ Studies Joinery and Electrical, Occ Studies Beauty and Business, RE, Music, Health and Social Care, OCR Cambridge Technical IT.  Recommended that students takes mainly BTEC / OCN / Occupational Studies or vocational qualifications are chosen

# Optional Subjects – a few things to consider!

- We build the option blocks based on most common combinations of choices.
- This means that it is unlikely everyone will get all their choices.
- During your interviews, we will use the guiding principles to help pupils choose the most appropriate GCSE subject choices
- Some classes may be oversubscribed.
- Classes which are very small in number may not run.



# HOW DO I COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM?

Questions

Responses

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## Year 10 - GCSE Options Form 2022 ROUND 1

This is the FIRST GCSE Options Form in the 2021 process. This form should be completed after reading the instructions below.

INSTRUCTIONS - Starting Notes:



# WHO DO I ASK IF I HAVE A PROBLEM?

## **I have a subject question:**

- Subject Teacher (Google Classroom)

OR

- Subject Leader (Email addresses at the back of the Options Booklet)

## **I have a question about the process:**

- Form Tutor
- Online form
- Any other forum (Facebook)



# Careers Education -What Pathways Do Our Students Take?

We want our Year 10 Students to think ahead about the Pathways available to them after GCSE.

**At the end of GCSE Studies last year our Year 12 students chose the following Pathways**

Return to school to study A levels – numbers increasing each year

Further Education - at Belfast Met or NRC

Apprenticeships - in Joinery/Construction/Engineering/Mechanics

Employment – Forces/Retail/Hospitality

## Careers Education – Did You Know...?

Decisions made now can impact future decisions – think carefully and seek advice!

Our students start planning their Personal Career Pathways from Year 8

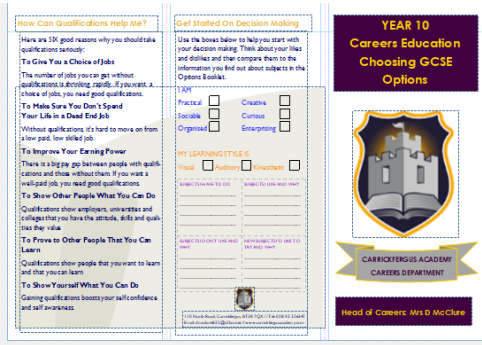
## Careers Education

**Every young person needs high-quality career guidance to make informed decisions about their future. (Gatsby Education)**





# Careers Guidance – Where Can I get more Information?



Leaflets about Subject Choices can be found on the school Website

Classes have been introduced to GCSE Subjects through a series of Presentations in Form Class and lessons in Employability classes

## External Website links

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/subject-choices-year-10>

(especially good if you aren't sure what career pathway would suit you)

<https://www.findyourfuture.org.uk/choices-at-14>

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/gcses/choosing-your-gcses>



# QUESTIONS

Please post/ask any questions through the chat  
OR through the online forums

