

Options 2025

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Pershire High School

Key Dates

Tuesday 18th March	Year 9 Options assembly
Thursday 20th March	Year 9 Options Evening
Monday 31st March	Deadline for the completion of Options Online
March - June	Interviews (if appropriate)
July	Notification to students and parents of allocated option subjects

Reformed GCSEs

- Graded 9 -1
- Result based on a final exam plus NEAs (Non Examination Assessments) for some subjects

GCSE equivalents

- OCR Cambridge Nationals and Eduqas Technical Awards
- Graded Distinction* to Pass (Level 1 or 2) using a combination of exams and NEAs.

Reformed GCSE Grades 9 - 1

Reformed GCSE	Equivalent to Old GCSE
9	Top 20% of those at G 7 or above
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5 Good Pass	Top 2/3 of the old grade C
4 Standard Pass	Bottom 1/3 of the old grade C
3	D
2	E
1	F/G

Qualification Levels

Entry Level – just below GCSE level

Level One – equivalent to GCSE grades 1 - 3

Level Two – equivalent to GCSE grades 4 - 9

Maths, Languages and Science have tiered entry:

Foundation G 1-5, Higher G 4-9



GCSE equivalents (Levels 1 & 2)

Child Development (Cambridge National)

Enterprise & Marketing (Cambridge National)

Performing Arts (Eduqas Tech Award)

Sports Science (Cambridge National)

GCSE equivalents (Levels 1 & 2)

	GCSE Equivalent		Reformed GCSE
Level 2	Distinction*	D*2	9
			8
	Distinction	D2	7
	Merit	M2	6
			5 Good Pass
Pass	P2	4 Standard Pass	
Level 1	Distinction	D1	3
	Merit	M1	2
	Pass	P1	1

The Core Curriculum

- English Language and English Literature (8)
- Mathematics (7)
- Science (2 GCSEs) (11)
- Society and Ethics – includes Religious Studies, PSHE, Citizenship & Careers (1)
- Physical Education (3)



Science

AQA Combined Science

- AQA Trilogy
- All students have 11 lessons in Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- 2 GCSEs (eg 7-7 or 6-5)

AQA Separate Sciences

- 3 GCSEs – one in each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- Only available as an option.
- Additional 5 lessons across the sciences
- Cover extra content and explore skills and knowledge in more depth

Foundation or Higher level entry (as with Maths and MFL)

Students may continue on to science at A Level regardless of route providing they meet the entry requirements.

What is the EBacc?

The Department for Education recommends students study these core subjects, which make up the English Baccalaureate (EBacc), to help keep options for young people open:

- English Language and English Literature
- Maths
- Combined Science or Separate Sciences
- History or Geography
- French or Spanish*

*Note – you must be studying the language in Key Stage 3 in order to take it for GCSE

What is the EBacc?

The EBacc is not a qualification in its own right – it's a combination of GCSE subjects, including a language, that offer an important range of knowledge and skills to young people.

EBacc future proofs your prospects

You may not have decided on your future career path yet, but by choosing the EBacc at GCSE you will have access to a full range of employment options when you leave school.

The EBacc is also recommended by Britain's most prestigious universities.

Languages give young people a competitive edge

Studying French or Spanish can be extremely rewarding and exciting, providing an insight into other cultures and opening the doors to travel and employment opportunities.

They can also broaden your horizons, helping you flourish in new environments. While it can be a challenge, learning a language will greatly enhance your future opportunities.

Employers value languages, as they are increasingly important to make sure we can compete in the global market.

4 Option Pathway

- Students should follow a **broad and balanced** curriculum
- Choose subjects you enjoy but keep your options open and develop a range of skills including linguistic, practical and artistic

The English Baccalaureate (EBacc):

- Students aiming for all G 5 or higher should seriously consider a combination which leads to the recognition of the EBacc

French or Spanish

and Geography and/or History

and two other optional subjects

How do you make your choices?


- We use a system called SIMS Online
- Instructions on how to register and log on are in the back of your Options booklet
- When you log in, this is what you will see...

List 1


Please note: you may only choose French or Spanish if you are currently studying that language.

You have chosen **0 of 1** courses from this list


French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in List 2


Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in List 2

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in List 2

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in List 2

List 2

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You may not choose both Business and Enterprising & Marketing.

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

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Business Studies

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Child Development

Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Computer Science

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Enterprise and Marketing

Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Food & Nutrition

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course


Reserve


French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

 This course is also available in List 1

 This course is also available in List 1

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course


Reserve

Horticulture Other

Reserve

Media GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

 This course is also available in List 1

Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Performing Arts Level 1/2 Award

Reserve

Religious Studies

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve


Sports Science

Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

 This course is also available in List 1

Triple Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course


Reserve

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 This course is also available in List 2

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in List 2

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in List 2


First choose one subject from List 1

List 1


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French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in List 2

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course


 This course is also available in List 2

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in List 2

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course



Choice

 This course is also available in List 2

List 2

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

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Business Studies

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Child Development

Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Computer Science

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Enterprise and Marketing

Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Food & Nutrition

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course


Reserve


French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course


Reserve

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

 This course is also available in List 1

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History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Horticulture Other

Reserve

Media GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Performing Arts Level 1/2 Award

Reserve


Religious Studies

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

 You have selected this course in List 1

Sports Science

Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Triple Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Then choose three subjects from List 2 and two reserves

List 2

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You have chosen courses and reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Business Studies

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Child Development

Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Computer Science

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Enterprise and Marketing

Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Food & Nutrition

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

i This course is also available in List 1

i This course is also available in List 1

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Horticulture Other

Reserve

Media GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

i This course is also available in List 1

Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Performing Arts Level 1/2 Award

Reserve

Religious Studies

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Sports Science

Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

i You have selected this course in List 1

Triple Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course


Reserve

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French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in List 2

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course


 You have selected this course in List 2

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

 This course is also available in List 2

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course



Choice

 This course is also available in List 2

List 2

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

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Business Studies

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Child Development

Reserve

Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Computer Science

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Enterprise and Marketing

Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Food & Nutrition


GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Reserve


French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

 This course is also available in List 1


Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

 This course is also available in List 1

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

 This course is also available in List 1

Horticulture Other

Reserve

Media GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Performing Arts Level 1/2 Award

Reserve


Religious Studies

GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

 You have selected this course in List 1

Sports Science

Choice

Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Triple Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

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Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>		

List 2

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

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Business Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Child Development Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Computer Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Enterprise and Marketing Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Food & Nutrition GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 1</small>	Reserve	Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 1</small>	Reserve
History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 1</small>	Reserve	Horticulture Other	Reserve	Media GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Performing Arts Level 1/2 Award	Reserve	Religious Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <small>You have selected this course in List 1</small>	Reserve	Sports Science Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Triple Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve				

My Choices in Order of Preference (Total Choices: 4)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- Triple Science**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course List 2
- Sports Science**
Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 List 2
- Geography**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course List 2
- Spanish**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course List 1

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 2)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- Food & Nutrition**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course List 2
- Child Development**
Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 List 2

My Choices in Order of Preference

(Total Choices: 4)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

1 Spanish
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course List 1

2 Triple Science
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course List 2

3 Geography
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course List 2

4 Sports Science
Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 List 2



Then put your choices and reserves in order of preference

My Reserves in Order of Preference

(Total Reserves: 2)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

1 Child Development
Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 List 2

2 Food & Nutrition
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course List 2



When you have made your choices, this is what it should look like...

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Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <i>Choice</i> <small>i This course is also available in List 2</small>		

List 2

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Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	Business Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	Child Development Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 Reserve
Computer Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	Enterprise and Marketing Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 Reserve
Food & Nutrition GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve <small>i This course is also available in List 1</small>	Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve <small>i This course is also available in List 1</small>
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Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve	Performing Arts Level 1/2 Award Reserve	Religious Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve
Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve <small>i You have selected this course in List 1</small>	Sports Science Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 Reserve	Technology GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve
Triple Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Reserve		

My Choices in Order of Preference (Total Choices: 4)

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- Spanish**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course List 1
- Triple Science**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course List 2
- Geography**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course List 2
- Sports Science**
Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 List 2

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 2)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- Child Development**
Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 List 2
- Food & Nutrition**
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course List 2

Approval and Comments

▼ Student Comments

Add any comments here

▼ Parent/Carer Approval

Parent/Carer Approval



Please note!

- Not every combination is possible.
- Some subjects may be oversubscribed.
- Some may not be popular enough to run.
- **Reserve** subject choices are essential.
- Put thought into your **preference order**.
- Interview with a senior member of staff if we cannot fulfil all of your subject choices.

Options Online Registration - Students

The logo consists of the letters "SIMS" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered within a square border.

- You will receive an email to your school account from SIMS Online.
- Click on '**Accept this Invitation**' at the start of the email and follow the instructions.
- Then enter your Date of Birth and click **Verify**
- The next screen confirms your details and has an Invitation Code pre-populated. Click **Register**.
- Set up a SIMS account, following the instructions
- For subsequent logins use this link www.sims-options.co.uk and sign in with your new SIMS login.

Options Online Registration – Parents

The logo for SIMS, consisting of the letters "SIMS" in a bold, sans-serif font, enclosed within a square border.

- You have received an invitational email from SIMS and also one from PHS with a guidance document.
- Click on **‘Accept this Invitation’** at the start of the email and follow the instructions.
- The next screen confirms your details and has an Invitation Code pre-populated. Click **Register**.
- Then enter **your son/daughter’s** Date of Birth and click **Verify**.
- Create a SIMS account or use a third party login (Google, Facebook etc.)
- Download the SIMS Parent App or use this link www.sims-parent.co.uk and use your SIMS login or third-party login
- Look for Options
- You can see (but not edit!) your son/daughter’s choices (once made) and give your **approval** by ticking the box at the bottom.



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Messages

0 New



SIMS Options

You should have been sent an email on the 6th of March from noreply@sims.co.uk

You're invited to start using SIMS Parent to manage your child's personal details at Pershore High School. If enabled by the school, you can also view child's attendance, school reports, homework assignments and more.

Simply accept this invitation and register within 90 days.

Accept Invitation

If the button above doesn't work, copy and paste the following link into your browser.

<https://registration.sims.co.uk>

Should you need to enter it, your personal invite code is: **SDGFS54FDG**

Once you've registered you can sign in using your web browser at www.sims-parent.co.uk.

You can also use the app for convenience when you're out and about.

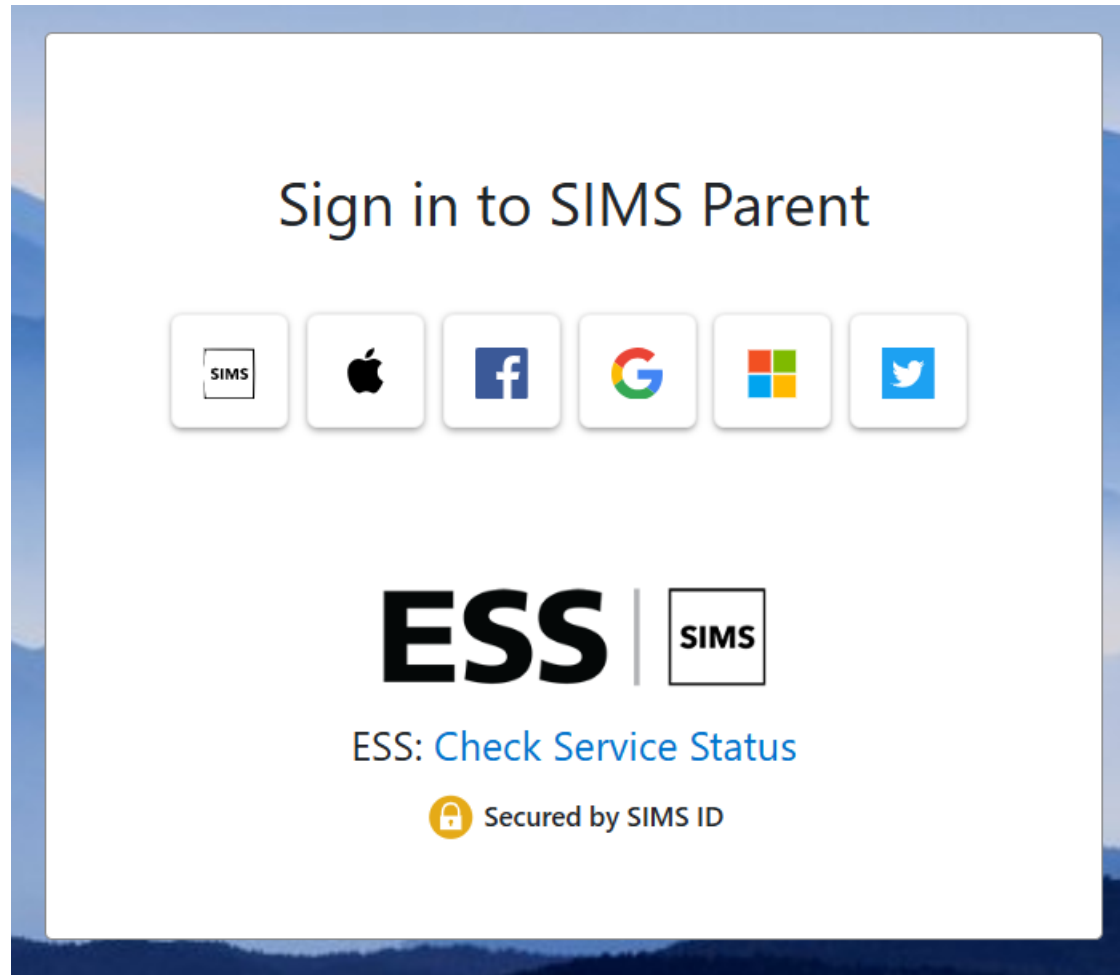


Sent on behalf of,

Pershore High School

- If you have not received this email, it will be resent on Monday.
- If you still have not received it, then please email office@pershire.worcs.sch.uk and we will investigate

Remember how you logged on the first time, as you will need to log on in the same way each time you use the software.



Choosing options...

The Options Online portal will be 'live' from tomorrow until 31st March

1. Register with Options Online
2. Make their choices
3. Get parental approval



What next?



- Think carefully
- Make decisions for the right reasons
- Ask for advice from others

Deadline is Monday 31st March

(no advantage in early submission)

What if you change your mind...



Changes can be made up until the end of September...

...but this will be subject to the timetable and space

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**We're here to help you
make the right choices**