



PHILIPS HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING 2024



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AIMS

1. To help you and your child make the right choices.
2. To provide information about the available options.
3. To answer any questions you may have.

CONTEXT



- Big step up from KS3.
- Up to 20+ exams.
- Measuring system: Progress 8.
- Competition for the best jobs, bigger than ever.

OUR PATHWAYS

5 Pathways

- **ASPIRE: Triple**
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- **SUCCESS**
- **INSPIRE**
- **EXPLORE**

Pupils are allocated Pathways based on KS2 scores, current attainment, effort and independent learning grades.

KS4 Pathways

Pathway	5 hours	4 hours	5 hours	2.5 hours	2.5 hours	2.5 hours	2.5 hours	1 hour
ASPIRE: Triple	English x 2 GCSEs	Mathematics	Triple Science x 3 GCSEs	French	Geography/ History	Triple Science	Option 1	PE
ASPIRE	English x 2 GCSEs	Mathematics	Science x 2 GCSEs	French	Geography/ History	Option 1	Option 2	PE
SUCCESS	English x 2 GCSEs	Mathematics	Science x 2 GCSEs	Health and Social Care	Geography/ History	Option 1	Option 2	PE
INSPIRE	English x 2 GCSEs	Mathematics	Science x 2 GCSEs	Character	Geography/History	Option 1	Option 2	PE
EXPLORE	English x 2 GCSEs	Mathematics	Science x 2 GCSEs	Personal Development Qualifications e.g. Health and Social Care / Character/ D of E / Build Up.		Option 1	Option 2	PE

ASPIRE: Triple

- This pathway will award the pupil the English Baccalaureate (Ebacc).
- Pupils will study English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Triple Science, French and Character
- Pupils will choose between Geography and History
- They will need to rank order 3 choices putting them in order of preference. Choice 1 being the preferred choice and 2 and 3 being the reserves as some combinations may not be possible.

Pathway	5 hours	4 hours	5 hours	2.5 hours	2.5 hours	2.5 hours	2.5 hours	1 hour
ASPIRE: Triple	English x 2 GCSEs	Mathematics	Triple Science x 3 GCSEs	French	Geography/ History	Triple Science	Option 1	PE

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ASPIRE

- This pathway will award the pupil the English Baccalaureate (Ebacc).
- Pupils will study English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Combined Science, French and Character.
- Pupils will choose between Geography and History.
- They will need to rank order 4 choices putting them in order of preference. Choice 1 and 2 being the preferred choices and 3 and 4 being the reserves as some combinations may not be possible.

Pathway	5 hours	4 hours	5 hours	2.5 hours	2.5 hours	2.5 hours	2.5 hours	1 hour
ASPIRE	English x 2 GCSEs	Mathematics	Science x 2 GCSEs	French	Geography/ History	Option 1	Option 2	PE

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SUCCESS

- Pupils will study English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Combined Science, Health and Social Care, and Character.
- Pupils will choose between Geography and History.
- They will need to rank order 4 choices putting them in order of preference. Choice 1 and 2 being the preferred choices and 3 and 4 being the reserves as some combinations may not be possible.

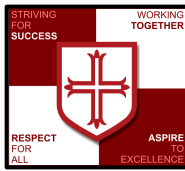
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SUCCESS	English x 2 GCSEs	Mathematics	Science x 2 GCSEs	Health and Social Care	Geography/ History	Option 1	Option 2	PE

INSPIRE

- Pupils will study English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Combined Science, and Character.
- Pupils will choose between Geography and History.
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Pathway	5 hours	4 hours	5 hours	2.5 hours	2.5 hours	2.5 hours	2.5 hours	1 hour
INSPIRE	English x 2 GCSEs	Mathematics	Science x 2 GCSEs	<i>Character</i>	Geography/History	Option 1	Option 2	PE

EXPLORE



- Pupils will study English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Combined Science, Health and Social Care, and Character.
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EXPLORE	English x 2 GCSEs	Mathematics	Science x 2 GCSEs	<i>Personal Development Qualifications e.g. Health and Social Care / Character/ D of E / Build Up.</i>		Option 1	Option 2	PE

Yr 9 Options 2024

PUPILS SHOULD CHOOSE A SUBJECT BECAUSE ...

- They like it
- You are good at it
- They have good KAT scores already (at least working at the required standard)
- They understand the course requirements
- They need it for their next stage in their education, employment or apprenticeship

YOU SHOULD **NOT** CHOOSE A SUBJECT BECAUSE...

- Their friends have picked that option
- They like the teacher

Additional Information...



Go to

www.philipshigh.co.uk/options

For more information about subject choices

Y9

OPTIONS CHOICE VIDEOS

Click on any of the videos below to find out more about the subject.

MATHEMATICS ▶ VIDEO	ENGLISH LITERATURE ▶ VIDEO	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ▶ VIDEO	TRIPLE SCIENCE ▶ VIDEO
COMBINED SCIENCE ▶ VIDEO	HISTORY ▶ VIDEO	GEOGRAPHY ▶ VIDEO	FRENCH ▶ VIDEO
COMPUTER SCIENCE	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY	DANCE

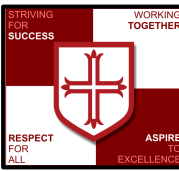
Grades at GCSE/Vocational courses



- Tiering in certain subjects only
- Assessment predominantly by external exam only
- 1-9 grading system at GCSE
- Level 1 Pass-Level 2 Distinction* at Btec

Legacy GCSEs	New GCSE Grades	Vocational Qualifications	
A*	9	Distinction * 8.5	Level 2
	8		
A	7	Distinction 7	
B	6	Merit 5.5	
	5		
C	4	Pass 4	
D	3	Distinction * 3	Level 1
E	2	Distinction 2	
F		Merit 1.5	
G	1	Pass 1	
U	U	Not Yet Achieved (NYA)	

KEY DATES FOR THE OPTION PROCESS



- **Thursday 11th January 2024** – Y9 Options Assembly & Y9 Options Evening.
- **Thursday 25th January 2024** - Year 9 Parents Evening (4pm-7pm).
- **Monday 22nd January to Friday 2nd February 2024**- Year 9 pupils meet with Senior Leadership Team/Head of Year to discuss their options.
- **Friday 9th February 2024** – Deadline to submit completed Option choice forms on the SIMS app. Please contact the school if are experiencing any issues with this.

OPTIONS – IMPORTANT POINTS

- Option packs are personalised.
- Some options may not run if numbers are low.
- If you wish to discuss changing your child's pathway you need to discuss this with a member of SLT.
- School will make the final decision about all courses that are offered to pupils.

OVER SUBSCRIBED COURSES

- Maximum numbers are available on every course.
- Places based on academic performance, effort, behaviour and independent learning. They are not allocated on a 1st come 1st served basis.

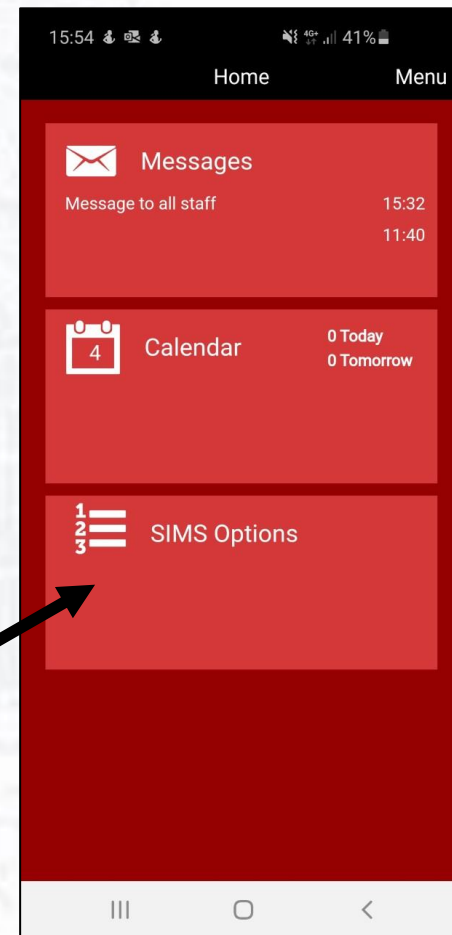
Selecting your Option Choices

- Log-on to the Sims App and follow the instructions.



You may need to use your 3rd Party logon details. E.g. Hotmail or Facebook

Click on Sims Options



Sims App

▼ Pathway: Aspire

Aspire Open

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

Art and Design BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2

Reserve

Business Studies NQF Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Computer Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Dance BTEC Award Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Drama BTEC Award Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Engineering NQF Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Hospitality & Catering NQF Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Health and Social Care
BTEC Award Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Information Technology
BTEC Award Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Music BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2

Reserve

Physical Education BTEC Award Level 1 & 2

Reserve

Photography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Religious Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

Humanities

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

My Choices in Order of Preference

(Total Choices: 0)

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

No courses selected.

My Reserves in Order of Preference

(Total Reserves: 0)



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

No reserves selected.

If you complete the process correctly, the option boxes should turn green.




Aspire Open

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

Art and Design BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve	Business Studies NQF Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Computer Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Dance BTEC Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Drama BTEC Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Engineering NQF Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Hospitality & Catering NQF Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Health and Social Care BTEC Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Information Technology BTEC Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Music BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve
Physical Education BTEC Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Photography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Religious Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve		

Humanities

You have chosen 1 of 1  courses from this list

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course
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Reserve choices will turn orange.



Confirmed choices will turn blue.

Sims App

If you make a mistake, the app will let you know.


If you need help, contact school on:
Options@philipshigh.co.uk

Aspire Open

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

Art and Design BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve	Business Studies NQF Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Computer Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Dance BTEC Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Drama BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 Reserve	Reserve	Engineering NQF Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Hospitality & Catering NQF Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Health and Social Care BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 Choice	Reserve
Information Technology BTEC Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Music BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve
Physical Education BTEC Award Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Photography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Religious Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve		

Humanities

You have chosen 1 of 1  courses from this list

Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Choice
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Careers Advice

Our Careers Advisor Kevin Welch is available to answer any questions you might have regarding the options process and next steps. He is available tonight in the New Entrance Hall.

If you would like him to contact you to discuss, please email Options@philipshigh.co.uk with a brief explanation of your query and he will get back to you.

Questions?

Please spend some time talking to SLT and subject leaders this evening.

Any further questions please email **Options@philipshigh.co.uk**