

Camden School for Girls

KS4 Options Information

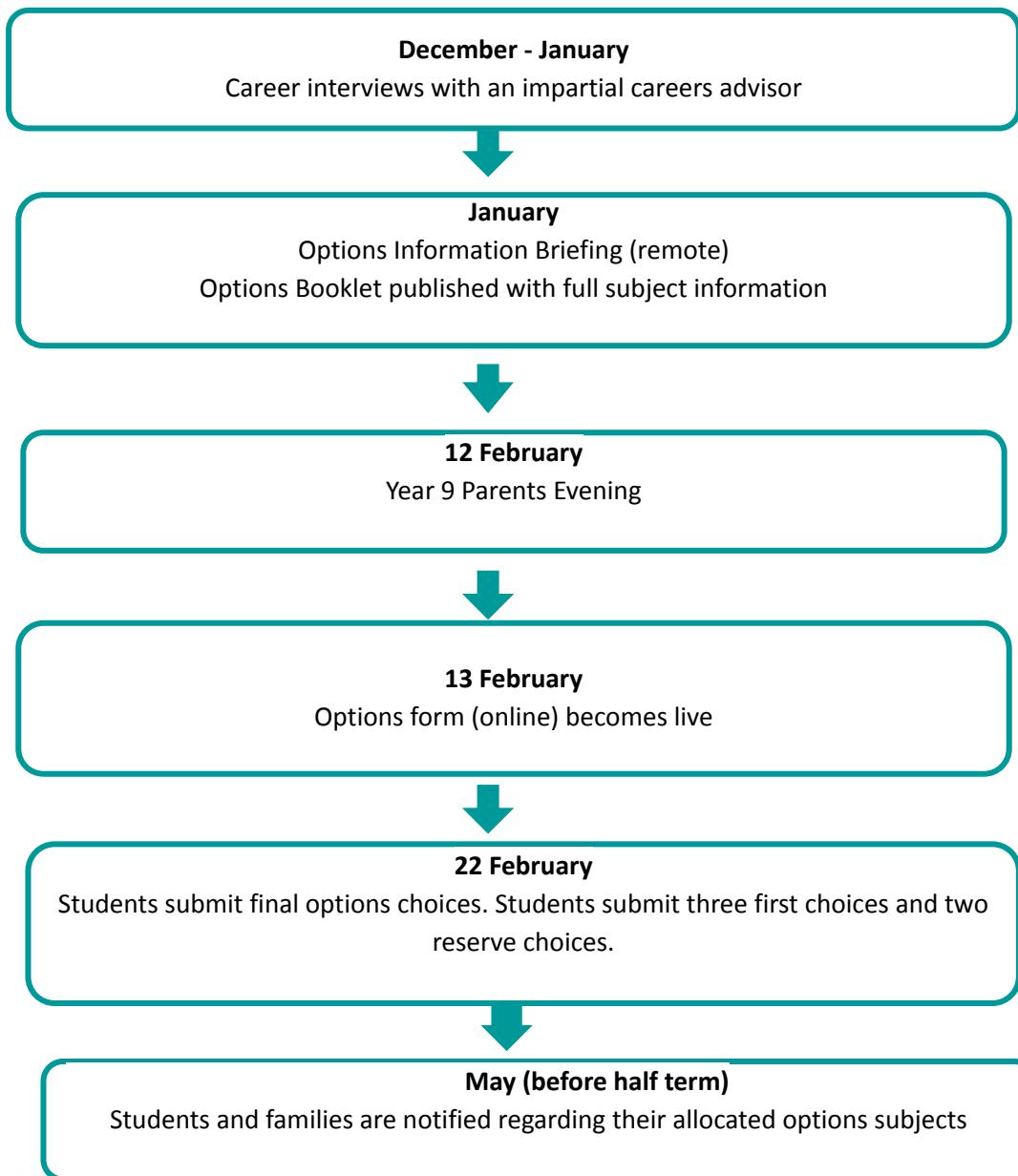
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Introductions

- Kateryna Law - Headteacher
- Deirdre Toman - Assistant Headteacher
- Katie Brown - Head of Year 9

The Options Process



What are Options?

- Key Stage 4 = Year 10 and Year 11.
- Core subjects = compulsory subjects = 6 GCSEs:
 - English Language
 - English Literature
 - Mathematics
 - Science (Combined Science counts for 2 GCSEs)
 - Modern Foreign Language (French or Spanish)
- Options subjects = 3 GCSEs.
- Students also study Core PE and PSHE – not examined.

What subjects can I choose?

- Latin
- Classical Civilisation
- *Classical Greek (off grid)*
- Triple Science
- *Further Mathematics (off grid)*
- Computer Science
- Geography
- History
- Sociology
- Art
- Music
- Theology
- Drama
- Design Technology - Textiles
- Design Technology - Product Design
- Health and Social Care (v)
- Technical Award in Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy (v)
- Physical Education

v - vocational course

Combined Science or Triple Science

- Combined Science - students study Chemistry, Biology and Physics, awarded two GCSEs.
- Triple Science - students study Chemistry, Biology and Physics, awarded a GCSE in each one.

How to make the right choices?

Do:

- Choose subjects you enjoy and you are good at.
- Choose a subject you can achieve the best results possible
- Use the AIM model:
A = ability
I = interest
M= motivation

Don't:

- Choose a subject because your friends have chosen it.
- Choose a subject because you like the teacher as you are not guaranteed to be taught by them.
- Choose a subject because you think may lead to a specific career.

Key staff and support

Name	Role	How they can help
Ms Brown	Head of Year	Ms Brown is your first point of contact regarding options choices.
Ms Toman	Assistant Headteacher	Ms Toman oversees the entire Options process.
Ms Ahmed	Careers Advisor	Provides advice on how to select options subjects

Other sources of advice, support and information:

- Subject teachers and Heads of Department
- Form Tutors
- Head Prefect Team

Academic Progression

Main School

College/Sixth Form

University

GCSE

A level

Degree

9 Subjects

3 or 4 Subjects

1 Subjects

CSG Sixth Form

- 5 GCSEs at grade 6 or above
- Including Mathematics and English Language
- Grade 7 in Mathematics to study Further Mathematics at A Level

CSG Sixth Form subject requirements

To study at A level	GCSE Subject required
BIOLOGY	Combined Science or Triple Science
CHEMISTRY	Combined Science or Triple Science
CLASSICAL CIVILISATION	No GCSE subject requirement GCSE Classics useful not essential – no need for Latin or Greek
CLASSICAL GREEK	Classical Greek
DRAMA	No GCSE subject requirement
ECONOMICS	No GCSE subject requirement
ENGLISH LITERATURE	English Language and English Literature
FINE ART	Art
FRENCH	French
FURTHER MATHS	Mathematics

CSG Sixth Form subject requirements

To study at A level	GCSE Subject required
GEOGRAPHY	Geography
GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	No GCSE subject requirement
HISTORY	History
HISTORY OF ART	No GCSE subject requirement
LATIN	Latin
MATHS	Mathematics
MUSIC	Associated board grade 5 standard or equivalent 6 in Music or grade 5 in Music Theory
PHILOSOPHY	Theology GCSE recommended
PHOTOGRAPHY	No GCSE subject requirement. Art recommended.
PHYSICS	Combined Science or Triple Science and Mathematics
PSYCHOLOGY	Combined Science or Triple Science
SOCIOLOGY	No GCSE subject requirement
SPANISH	Spanish
THEOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	Theology GCSE highly recommended

University subject requirements*

University	A level requirement	GCSE requirement
Medicine	Chemistry (also Biology)	Core or Triple Science
Law	Subjects involving essay writing	Various
Geography/History	Geography/History is highly recommended	Geography/History
Economics	Maths (and Further Maths)	Mathematics GCSE
Computer Science	Maths (and Further Maths)	Mathematics GCSE

*entry requirements differ by institution

Oxford requirements

Check any subject requirements for your course choice:

- **Essential**
- **Recommended**
- ▲ Helpful – may be useful on course

Course	Entrance requirements (at A-level or equivalent)	Subject choices
Archaeology and Anthropology	AAA	▲ Combination of arts and science subjects
Biochemistry (Molecular and Cellular)	A*AA with A* in Mathematics or a science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chemistry and another science or Mathematics ■ Mathematics ▲ Biology (beyond GCSE or equivalent)
Biological Sciences	A*AA (with the A* in a science or Mathematics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Biology or Human Biology ■ Another science or Mathematics
Biomedical Sciences	A*AA excluding Critical Thinking and General Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Two from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics
Chemistry	A*A*A (with both A*s in science subjects and/or Mathematics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chemistry and Mathematics ■ Another science or Further Mathematics
Classical Archaeology and Ancient History	AAA	▲ A classical language, Classical Civilisation or Ancient History
Classics	AAA (in Latin and Greek if taken)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Latin and/or Greek (for Course I only)
Classics and English	AAA (in Latin and Greek if taken)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Latin and/or Greek (for Course I only), English Literature or English Language and Literature
Classics and Modern Languages	AAA (in Latin and Greek if taken)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Latin and/or Greek (for Course I only), and a modern language (depending on course choice)
Classics and Oriental Studies	AAA (with As in Latin and Greek if taken)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Latin and/or Greek
Computer Science	A*AA with the A* in Mathematics, Further Mathematics or Computing/Computer Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mathematics ■ Further Mathematics

Useful Sources of Information

- Options briefing slides - website (→ School Life → Students → Year 9)
- Options booklet - website (→ School Life → Students → Year 9)
- Admission Requirements Oxford University 2025:

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses/admission-requirements/admission-requirements-table>

To conclude

- Discuss the options subjects together.
- It is important students pick subjects they enjoy and they are good at.
- Do not worry about making the wrong choice.
- Get in touch with us if and when questions arise.

Thank you

