



YEAR 9 OPTIONS

AN INTRODUCTION

GCSE COURSES

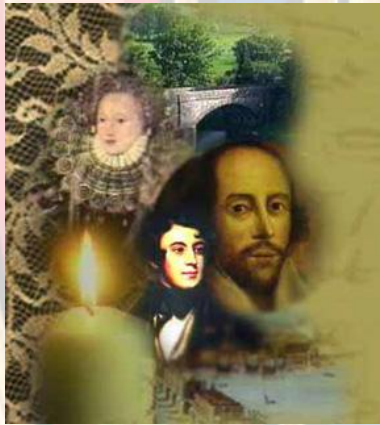
In September this year you will be embarking on your GCSE courses. It is important that you consider your choices carefully as they will impact on your future academic career.

You will be studying 9 of the new GCSE courses



COMPULSORY CORE SUBJECTS

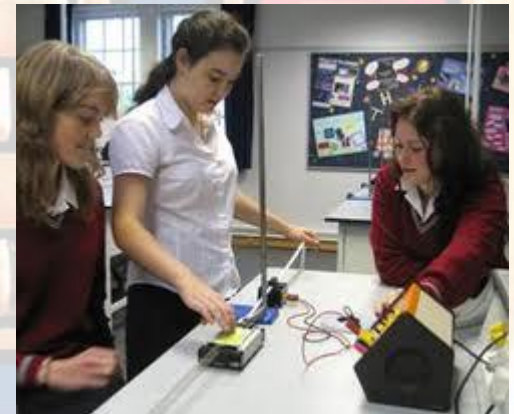
The GCSEs that all students will follow are:



English & English
Literature



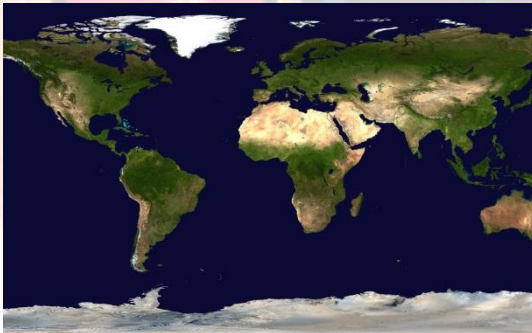
Mathematics



3 separate sciences.
Biology, Physics &
Chemistry
OR Science Trilogy
(worth 2 GCSEs)

COMPULSORY EXAMINATION COURSE

- You must study at least one humanity subject, choose from.....



Geography



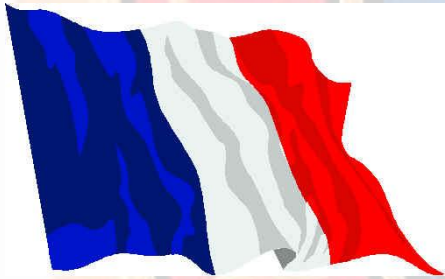
History



Religious Studies

WE STRONGLY ADVISE

-that you take one language to keep your curriculum broad and balanced



French



German



Latin



Spanish

YOUR CHOICES

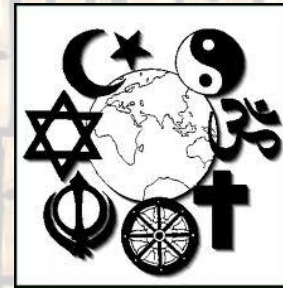
You then choose a further subjects from this list:

- Art and Design – Fine Art
- Art and Design – Textiles
- Classical Civilisation
- Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Drama
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Latin
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Studies
- Spanish

COMPULSORY NON- EXAMINATION SUBJECT



Personal Development



R.E.



PATHWAYS - PATH A

- Path A – Science choices
- Biology, Chemistry and Physics (**3 Separate Sciences**)
- **Path A – 2 more subject choices**
- All students are strongly recommended to study at least one language. If you do not wish to study a language you must discuss this with Ms Renold.
French, German, Spanish or Latin

PATHWAYS - PATH A

- Finally, if you choose a Language you will choose to study one further subject from the list below. If you haven't chosen a language you will choose two subjects from the list below

Art and Design – Fine Art

Art and Design – Textiles Design

Classical Civilisation

Computer Science

Design and Technology

Drama

Food Preparation and Nutrition

French

Geography

German

History

Latin

Music

Physical Education

Religious Studies

Spanish

PATHWAYS – PATH B

- **Path B – Science choices**
- **Combined Science (Trilogy) which is worth 2 GCSEs and where you still study each of the Sciences.**
- **Path B – 3 more subject choices**
- All students are strongly recommended to study **at least one language**. If you do not wish to study a language you must discuss this with Ms Renold.
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PATHWAYS - PATH B

- Finally, if you choose a Language you will choose to study two further subject from the list below. If you haven't chosen a language you will choose three subjects from the list below

Art and Design – Fine Art

Art and Design – Textiles Design

Classical Civilisation

Computer Science

Design and Technology

Drama

Food Preparation and Nutrition

French

Geography

German

History

Latin

Music

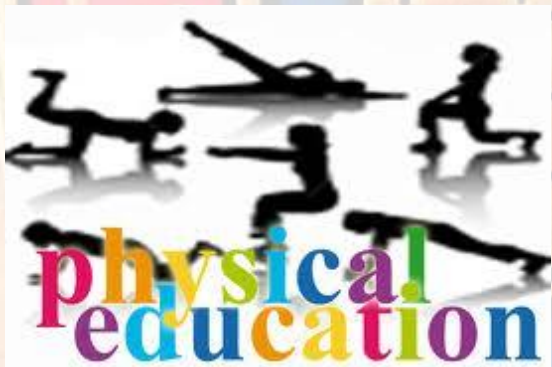
Physical Education

Religious Studies

Spanish

NON EXAMINATION SUBJECTS

- Physical Education



LIMITATIONS

- You cannot choose both Art and Design – Fine Art and Art and Design – Textiles



CONSIDER

- Are you good at the subject?
 - Achieving the best possible GCSE result is important as these will be the last public exams you do before you apply for University
- Do you enjoy the subject?
 - You are more likely to be successful
- Do you need the subject?
 - A few subjects are essential for certain careers
- Have you researched the subject content of your chosen option?
 - Especially for those subjects you haven't done before

DO NOT

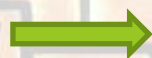
- Base your decision on what your friends are choosing – they are different to you and have different abilities.
- Base your decision on your current teacher – this may all change next year when there will be new teaching groups. The teaching of GCSE subjects is often approached differently to Key Stage 3 and class sizes are often smaller.

ADVICE

- Who can I ask for advice?
- Subject teachers
- Form teachers
- Head of Year
- Any member of the SLT
- Mrs Howard, the careers advisor
- Students in year 10 and 11
- The Year 9 Parents Evening on Tuesday 25th February is a great opportunity for you and your parents to find out more.

TIMELINE

Tuesday 4th February



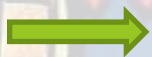
Options booklets given out

Tuesday 4th February



Options Assembly for Year 9

w/c 10th February



Individual interview for every pupil with Senior member of staff

Tuesday 25th February



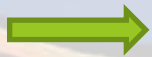
Year 9 Consultation Evening

Friday 7th March



Deadline for handing in provisional statement of choices (electronic form)

End of June



Final choice confirmed

FAQ'S 1

- Will I get all my choices?
 - We cannot guarantee this due to timetabling and staffing constraints. There may be some students who may have to study their reserve choice. A member of the senior leadership team will discuss this with you. But we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Will I be able to change options after the final deadline?

- It will be more difficult to change your options as the timetable will be under construction

FAQ'S 2

- Will I be able to change subjects in Year 10?
 - Only in exceptional circumstances after detailed discussions with your teachers, your parents and senior members of staff. After the end of September there will be no changes allowed for any reason.

Will I be able to drop a subject?

- We expect all students to complete all the courses they are studying as every student at CRGS has the ability to do this