

Key Stage 4

G.C.S.E.

Options Guide



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OPTIONS 2024-26

All the information on Options will be on your Y9 TEAMS page in a channel called “Options 2024”.

You will make your choices on the Student Bromcom Portal

You can check and change them over the next month.



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OPTIONS IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 30th January - Options Launch Assembly.

W/C Monday 5th February - Subject information on Year 9 TEAMS pages and school website

Thursday 8th February – Paper forms distributed via form tutors. Options assembly p6 followed by parents presentation in the evening followed by the exhibition in the Main School Hall

W/C Monday 19th February – Options interviews with a member of the SLT (10 mins)

Thursday 22nd February – Year 9 Parents' Evening, Ms Daynes & Mr Sivyour available just for Options (drop in the LRC)



Tuesday 5th March – options deadline – all 'forms' are submitted electronically

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GCSE grading system.

SINCE 2017 ALL GCSES ARE MARKED IN NUMERICAL GRADES 9-1



Student's current flightpaths correspond to their estimated GCSE performance.

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HOW IS SUCCESS MEASURED AT GCSE?

- Achievement in eight best subjects.
- This includes English, Maths, EBAC subjects and 'other' subjects.
- Students will have to re-take English and Maths, post 16 if they don't get a 4 at GCSE.
- Check A level requirements



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TECHNICAL AWARDS AND OCR NATIONALS

In addition to GCSEs, there are Technical Awards and OCR Nationals which can be found in more practical or work related subjects.

These still count towards Progress and Achievement 8 and will count for getting onto post 16 courses.

They may still have exams, but will have a greater coursework element.



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WHY 10 GCSEs?

10 subjects is challenging.

Fewer than 10 limits your choices.

Sixth forms (& universities) will look at individual subject grades.

You will maximise your achievement.



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WHAT SUBJECTS DO I HAVE TO TAKE?

All pupils study several compulsory GCSEs

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science – leading to two GCSEs
- One Modern Foreign Language



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THE REMAINING COURSES THAT ARE COMPULSORY ARE...

- Physical Education
- Personal Development
- There is no exam for either of these.



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WHAT IS THE ENGLISH BACCALAUREATE?

Pupils will gain an accreditation called the English Baccalaureate provided they gain a grade 4 or above in:

English

Maths

2 Sciences

A Language



History or Geography

This can influence post 18 choices



EXAMPLE STUDENT TIMETABLE

	C Block	D Block	E Block	F Block	G Block
Student A	Spanish	History	Drama	Art	GCSE PE
Student B	History	Spanish	GCSE PE	Drama	Art

Some subjects are designed and run for students of certain abilities. We also have limitations on rooms, facilities and how many teachers can teach each option subject.



For example Additional Maths, Further Maths Child Development.

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HOW MANY SUBJECTS ARE CHOSEN?

These are the subject areas to choose from...

- One Modern Foreign Language
- Four Open Choice Courses

Five options to choose in total, plus a reserve.



Name _____ Form Group _____

Millais KS4 Curriculum

Compulsory Subjects English & English Literature (2 GCSEs)
Mathematics (GCSE) Science (maximum 2 GCSEs)
Physical Education (non exam)
Personal Development, RE and Citizenship (non exam)

You will take 5 options including your current language.

You must also select a reserve choice.

An English Baccalaureate requires that you select a language and History or Geography.

Languages* Chinese (GCSE) French (GCSE) German (GCSE)
(1 choice) Italian (GCSE) Spanish (GCSE)

Open Choices Arts
(4 choices) Art & Design (GCSE) Music Technology (Technical Award)
Drama (GCSE) Music (GCSE) Performing Arts (Technical Award)
You cannot select both Drama and Performing Arts
You cannot select both Music Technology and Performing Arts

Humanities
Geography (GCSE) History (GCSE) Philosophy & Ethics (GCSE)

*You can pick two languages by choosing two from Languages and three from Open Choices

Technologies
3D Product Design (GCSE) Graphic Product Design (GCSE)
Textiles (GCSE) Food Preparation & Nutrition (GCSE)
You can only select one of the Technology subjects above
Information Technology (OCR National)
Computer Science (GCSE)

Other
Further Mathematics & Statistics (Level 2 Cert. & GCSE)
Additional Mathematics & Statistics (FSMQ & GCSE)
Statistics (GCSE) Triple Science (GCSE)
Dance (GCSE) Physical Education (GCSE)
Child Development (OCR National) Citizenship (GCSE)

In Open Choices, by selecting one choice from each section you are most likely to get your first choice and this will also provide you with a broad and balanced curriculum. It's important to pick subjects you enjoy, are good at and fit into your long-term plan. If you are unsure about your long-term plan, choose a broad and balanced curriculum.

STEM GCSEs are coloured green — Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.



If there are any questions, please email Ms Daynes at options@millais.org.uk



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ONE FROM EACH AREA DOESN'T SUIT ME!

You can choose two creative subjects like Drama & Music.

Or two Humanities like Geography with History.

Some want Triple Science & Additional Maths.

The only exceptions are DT subjects where coursework is very time consuming.



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OPTIONS CHOICES

- Students should select subjects that they enjoy & are good at.
- Considering what may fit in with future career ideas.
- All students will receive an interview with a member of SLT to discuss their choices. These will take place on the week beginning 19th February.



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WILL MY CHOICES AFFECT MY LONG TERM CAREER ASPIRATIONS?

Not in most cases but they could do. You may need to consider which subjects may be useful to you in your chosen career, if you have one.



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NEW SUBJECTS AT KS4

Taking a new subject is fine and may suit some students.

Make an informed choice.

Look at the course details, speak to subject teachers if you are unsure

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HOW SHOULD I GET THE BALANCE RIGHT?



Its good to have a variety of subjects

Ideally, make one choice per section on the form.

This will then give students a balanced and varied workload.

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WHICH TEACHERS WILL THEY HAVE FOR GCSES?

Simple answer: we don't know!

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IF I CHOOSE THE SAME SUBJECTS AS MY FRIENDS WILL WE
BE TOGETHER?

Probably not...

New groups are formed from all three bands of Year 9 for the Options.

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WILL I DEFINITELY GET MY FIRST CHOICE?

Every effort will be made to make sure that students get their first choice but occasionally groups are too small and we cannot offer them.

Some combinations unfortunately won't fit into the timetable.

If we need to use your reserve choice we will speak to you about this individually.

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HOW LONG IS THERE LEFT TO CHOOSE OPTIONS?

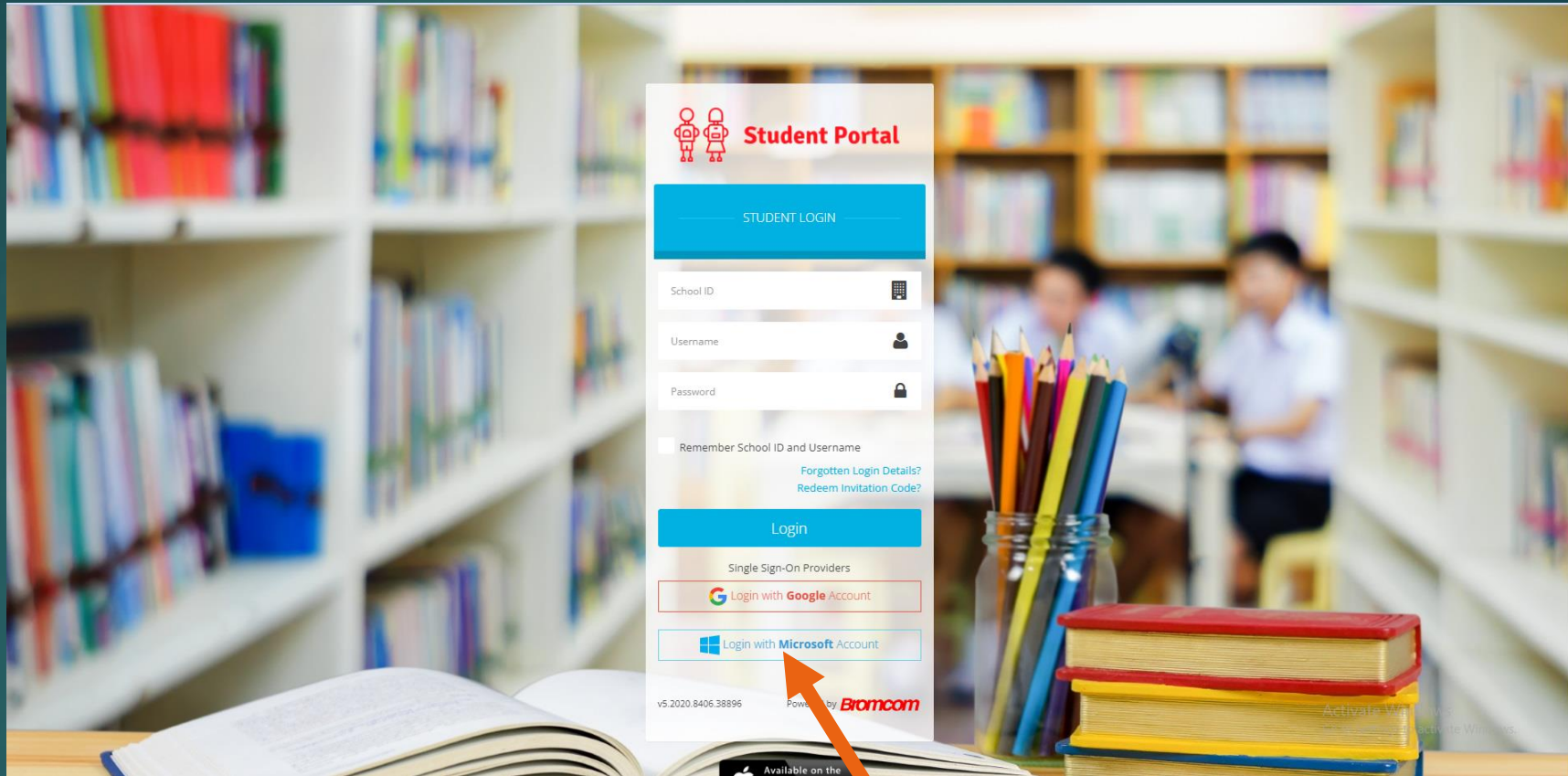
Online options can be made when ready, but can be changed up until the end of Tuesday 5th March.

Parents will then be contacted to confirm the choices, made by their child.

After this date online choices become final.




This is the icon on the school's desktop...
Otherwise it's vle.bromcomcloud.com
Google "bromcom student portal"



You MUST choose
this option!
Microsoft Account



Student Portal  MILLAIS SCHOOL

YOU ARE HERE: Home >

My Subjects

Subject	Teacher
Art	Miss K EMMETT
Computing	Mrs R HUNT
Drama	Mrs H SYKES
DT	Ms H FERNANDEZ
English	Ms E SPRAY
Geography	Mr D NEWELL
History	Mr M PARR
Maths	Mr J LAI-MORRICE
Music	Mr J MIZLER
P.E.	Mrs R PEEBLES
Personal Development	Ms L MARKHAM
Registration	Dr G BAINBRIDGE
Relig.Studies & Philosophy	Miss A SHEPPARD
Science	Mrs E SAMARA
Spanish	Miss A CONNORS
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My Timetable

Period	Subject	Class	Teacher	Time
REG	Registration	9GEB/Rg	Dr G BAINBRIDGE	08:25
1	Personal Development	9B4/Pd	Ms L MARKHAM	08:46
2	Computing	9B4/Co	Mrs R HUNT	09:38
3	Spanish	9X/Sp4	Miss A CONNORS	10:51
4	English	9B2D/En	Ms E SPRAY	11:43
5	Spanish	9Y/Sp4	Miss A CONNORS	13:16
5	Spanish	9Y/Sp4	Miss R BROWN	13:16
6	History	9B2A/Hy	Mr M PARR	14:08

Reports

No Reports found

Attendance

Is Lara BAGGLEY at school?

Period	Subject	Mark
AM	9GEB	✓
REG	Registration	✓


Options




Name	Timeframe	Status
Ambition Draft	18/01/2023 - 25/01/2023	New




Select your Pathway Name

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Bromcom Student Portal OPEN

  **Student Portal** 

 Millais School Office 365

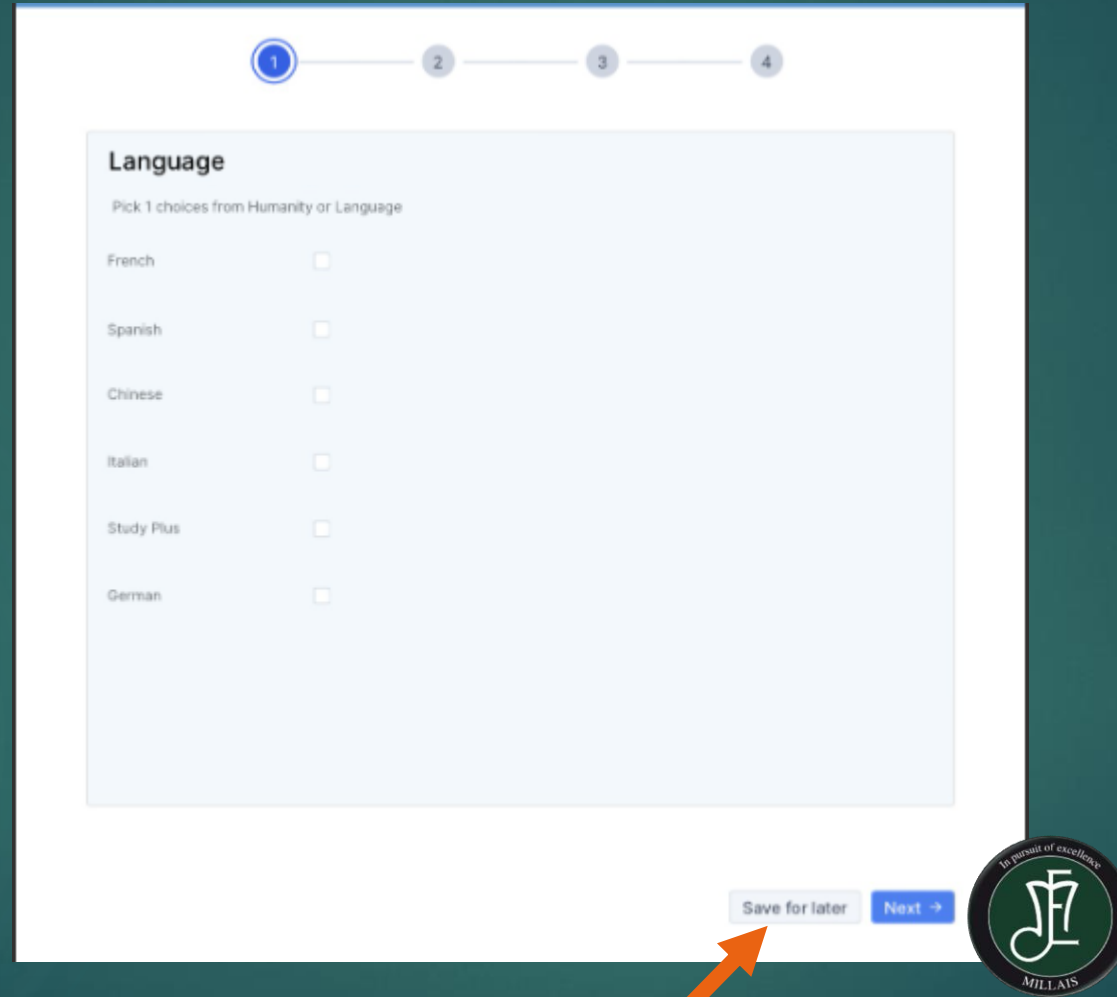
Options More

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Venture Draft	16/01/2024 - 17/01/2024	New

Attendance More

Select your Pathway Name

An Example of Languages First Page



The screenshot shows a web interface for language selection. At the top, there is a progress indicator with four steps: 1 (highlighted in blue), 2, 3, and 4. Below this is a light blue box titled "Language" with the instruction "Pick 1 choices from Humanity or Language". The box contains a list of language options, each with an unchecked checkbox:

- French
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Italian
- Study Plus
- German

At the bottom right of the form, there are two buttons: "Save for later" and "Next →". An orange arrow points to the "Save for later" button. To the right of the buttons is a circular logo for "MILLAIS" with the motto "In pursuit of excellence" and a stylized "JF" monogram.

You must "Save for later" then "Next"


An Example of Open Choice Second Page

1 — 2 — 3 — 4

Open Choice

Pick 4 choices from Open Choice

Dance	<input type="checkbox"/>
MathsOptional	<input type="checkbox"/>
Citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/>
DT Graphics	<input type="checkbox"/>
French	<input type="checkbox"/>
I.T.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Computer Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DT Product Design	<input type="checkbox"/>
Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drama	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chinese	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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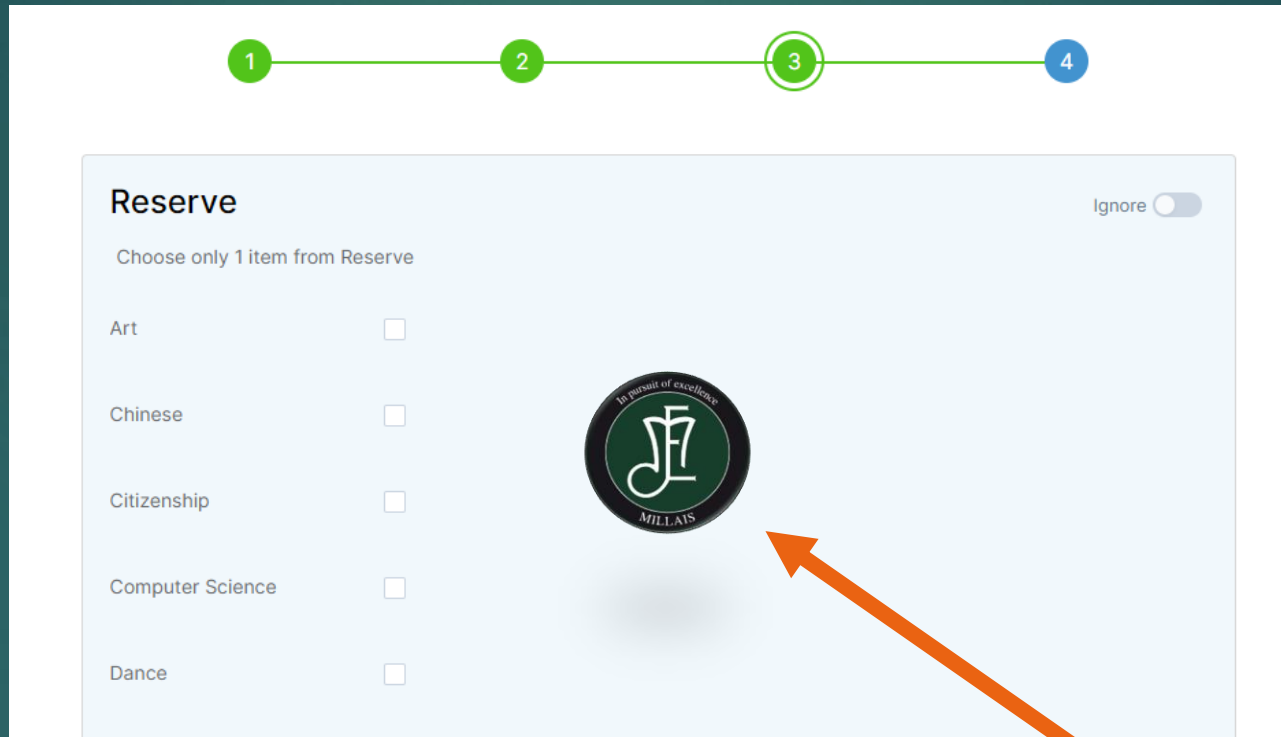
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DT Graphics	<input type="checkbox"/>
French	<input type="checkbox"/>
I.T.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Computer Science	<input type="checkbox"/>
DT Product Design	<input type="checkbox"/>
Geography	<input type="checkbox"/>



An Example Reserve choice Third Page



The screenshot shows a web interface for selecting a reserve choice. At the top, a progress bar consists of four numbered circles (1, 2, 3, 4) connected by a green line. Circle 3 is highlighted with a red border, indicating the current step. Below the progress bar is a white box titled 'Reserve' with an 'Ignore' toggle switch on the right. The instruction 'Choose only 1 item from Reserve' is displayed. A list of subjects with checkboxes is on the left: Art, Chinese, Citizenship, Computer Science, and Dance. In the center, there is a circular logo for 'MILLARS' with the motto 'In pursuit of excellence' and the letters 'JL' in the center. An orange arrow points from the bottom right towards the logo.

Select your reserve choice then "Save for later" and "Next"

An Example “Saved Choices” Fourth Page

1 — 2 — 3 — 4

Language [Edit](#) ▼
Chinese

Open Choice [Edit](#) ▼
1. Triple Science, 2. Further Mathematics, 3. Geography, 4. Citizenship

Reserve [Edit](#) ▼
GCSE P.E.

A form can only be submitted once and can't be changed later. If you would like to modify it, use the Save for later button.

[Previous](#) [Save for later](#) [Submit](#)


If you click SUBMIT, you won't be able to change anything. **Exit by clicking the cross to remove the window.** You can then go back in to amend as many times as you wish until deadline day.

You should click on “Save for later”.

DO NOT CLICK
SUBMIT!



An Example “Submitted Choices” Fourth Page

 Thank you!

Your choices have been submitted and are ready for review by the school.

If you would like to change your choices, please speak to the school.

[Close Tab](#)



By submitting,
you can no
longer amend
anything.



Language Chinese	▼
Open Choice 1. Triple Science, 2. Philosophy & Ethics, 3. Music, 4. History	▼
Reserve GCSE P.E.	▼

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WHAT IF MY CHILD CHANGES THEIR MIND AFTER DEADLINE DAY?

The Options and Parents' Evenings provide opportunities to make the most informed choice before the deadline.

We then start to confirm staffing, sets, rooming and budgets. You cannot change at this point.

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THE OPTIONS FAIR IN THE MAIN SCHOOL HALL WILL PROVIDE
EXTRA INFORMATION.

Y9 Parents' Evening is on 22rd February.

If you have questions later, you can ask via
options@millais.org.uk

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REMEMBER YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR CHOICES
AS MANY TIMES AS YOU LIKE, RIGHT UP UNTIL
THE DEADLINE DAY ON TUESDAY 5TH MARCH
PROVIDED YOU

“SAVE FOR LATER” NOT “SUBMIT”

ONLY SUBMIT ON TUESDAY 5TH MARCH.

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YEAR 9 TEAMS PAGE

THIS GIVES YOU ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED.

(Parents can view the online Options Booklet on the school website: Academic Life/GCSE Options)

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WHAT IF I NEED HELP?

Ask your Form Tutor

Technical issues – Mrs Stupple

Subject issues – Mr Daynes

All of you will be interviewed by SLT

Email_options@millais.org.uk



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