

Charles Read Academy
Option PLUS PREFERENCE FORM: Year 8

(Please return this form to your Tutor by 7th June 2019.)

Students will have a choice about what they study for two English Baccalaureate, three lesson slots as part of their timetable during Year 9. These choices will be between Geography, History or French.

During Year 9 students will make their full option choices for their GCSE courses for Year 10 and 11.

This process is something different.

In Year 8 as part of a mini option process (Option Plus) students will need to choose two subjects from History, Geography and French. They will study two of these subjects in addition to their Year 9 core subjects English, Maths and Science and three open/ foundation subjects Dance, Art and Food for two, three lesson slots on their Year 9 timetable. This is an exciting time of the year where students will, often for the first time, have the opportunity to shape their curriculum.

The curriculum offering has been designed to ensure that students are able to access post-16 courses in the facilitating subjects. This will ensure that they have the best possible chance of getting a place in the best Russell Group universities should that be a route they wish to take.

Russell Group universities represent 24 of the UK's top higher education institutions and promote excellence in teaching and research. These universities include Manchester, Liverpool, Nottingham, Oxford, Southampton, Sheffield and Kings College London in addition to others. To apply for these universities, the group recommends that applicants choose to study facilitating subjects at GCSE and A-level.

Facilitating subjects:

- English Literature
- English Language
- Maths
- History
- Geography
- French
- Combined Science
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Physics

These subjects are known as facilitating subjects because they are required by the best universities to access many of their degree courses.

During term 3 of year 9, students have to choose History and/or Geography. If you have not taken History or Geography in Year 9 you will not be able to study it at KS4. This applies to French also.

Option Plus enables students to have a choice about whether they study two Humanities subjects or a Humanities subject and French. Studying a modern foreign language is not appropriate for all.

Places on these courses are limited, however we will attempt to enable as many students as possible to study their first and second choices, but it is possible that we may have to use a third choice.

Please note that places for each option will be dictated by staffing and numbers opting for the various choices. Where there are more students than places opting for a particular course, subjects will be allocated on the basis of aptitude, as identified by staff.

Student Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Place these courses in order of preference from 1 to 3 (1st choice – the one you most want to study through to 3rd choice) for the English Bacculaureate Choice

Course	Choice
English Bacculaureate (3 Lessons per week)	
History	
Geography	
French	

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Please complete and return the slip below, by Wednesday 3rd June; thank you.)