

Year 9 options

2022–2023

Why the fuss about qualifications?

‘In a competitive job market, academic and vocational qualifications are increasingly important. Those without qualifications are at a higher risk of being unemployed and having low incomes.’

Exclusion, employment and opportunity, Case Paper No 4, Atkinson. A and Hills J, (eds),



Department for Education

Changes you are hearing
about:

‘Broad and balanced curriculum’

Return to more traditional GCSE subjects

Restriction on the number of non GCSE
qualifications

High quality vocational qualifications

DID YOU
KNOW?
THAT IN 2028

As things stand for results 2021...

GCSEs

Grade	Grade Number
A**	9
A*	8
A	7
B	6
	5
	4
C	4
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	U

Compulsory Subjects – ‘Core’

GCSE'S ROUTE

Maths

English (Language and Literature)

Combined Science/Triple

Religious studies

French

GCSE/Non- GCSE options – all study 2

Choose in order of 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice + reserve

History

Geography

Citizenship

Persian Language

Computer science

Drama

Art and design

Psychology

ICT

PE

Business

Arabic Language

How do I make my choice?

- Think carefully about your subject choices; find out about subject content and assessment; research the necessary subject requirements for any career in which you may be interested.
- Your choice should reflect YOUR interests and abilities.
- Do NOT make choices because of pressure from others.
- You are unlikely to have the same teachers next year as you have this year and you may well be in a different class to your friends.
- It is very important that you make the right choices NOW.
- The timetable for next year will be designed according to the choices you make and any requests for changes at a later date may not be possible.

Can the school guarantee that I will be given my first choice of subjects?

Every attempt will be made to give you the subjects of your choice but we ask you to select a reserve preference so we can best meet the needs of every student

Small year group – advantages and disadvantages!

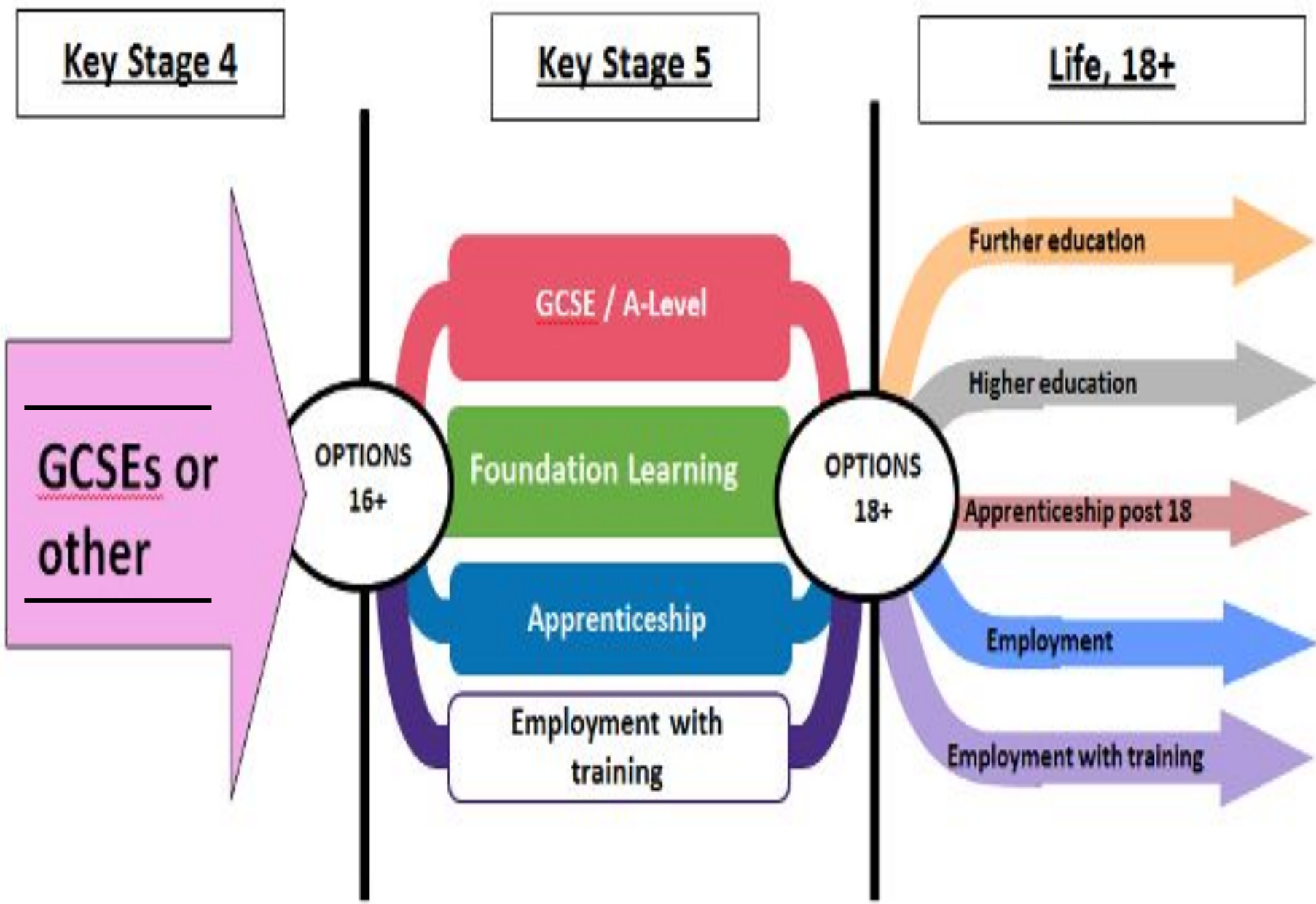
So what next?

DO think about:

- What do I enjoy?
- What am I good at?
- What do I want to do post 16?
- Do I need a range of subjects?

DON'T think about:

- Choosing a subject to be with your friends
- Choosing subjects because you like/don't like the teacher
- Choosing a subject because it 'might be easy'



TRANSITION TEST

To enable the school to begin to plan ahead, however, students will do a 'Transition Test' option choice in the week commencing **Monday 17 of May**. I must emphasise that Transition Test choices are in no way binding and serve only to prepare students for the real process and to assist us with timetable planning.

During the week leading up to the Transition Test students will have the options process explained to them and will be given information from each subject area about its particular GCSE courses.



So what next?

- Join us for refreshments and informal discussions
- An opportunity to meet subject leaders of the option subjects – they will be able to answer any questions that you have





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Options
are
Coming
Be Prepared