

Q	How can I help my son/daughter with their choices?
A	The best way that you can help your son or daughter is by logging on and looking at Unifrog with them. There are hundreds of resources available on the platform to research careers, degree subjects and all of the requirements that these may have. You can go through their personality quiz results with them and help them to link up their skills with the subjects that are on offer as options at GCSE. Above all, support them through the process and encourage them to ask for help from Mrs Hawkins if they need it.
Q	Can you do an A-Level if you haven't done a GCSE in the subject?
A	In most cases, yes you can. 'New' subjects such as Psychology, Economics or Media Studies can be studied with the core GCSE subjects, providing that you get a high enough grade. However, if you want to take History or Geography A-Level, for example, then you will need a certain grade in the GCSE in order to be able to choose it in the Sixth Form. Music does have a theory level requirement for the A-Level course, if you are not choosing to take the GCSE.
Q	Do universities like all GCSE subjects equally?
A	Yes, they do. When you come to choose your A-Levels you will need to be mindful of specific subject requirements for certain degree subjects, but at GCSE all options are equal!
Q	What career can I do with
A	When you choose your GCSE options you are not really closing any doors on future careers. Your core subjects will cover pretty much every career option – although if you want to be a History teacher you should take History, for example!
Q	What do I need to become a ...?
A	Some popular jobs and their requirements will be available to view on Options Evening. However, the best way to answer this question is to use Unifrog to look at degree subjects and careers that link to your subject choices.
Q	Are some choices 'soft options'?
A	No – all GCSEs are equal and you will have to work just as hard in all of them. There are no easy options, or soft subjects.

You may find this information useful when considering your own skills. Alternatively, the Personality and Interest quizzes on Unifrog will suggest careers that may fit with your key skills.

Skills & Interests that may relate to subjects

Good with numbers: Computer Science, Design Engineering, Geography, History, Statistics

Good at communicating: Fine Art, Drama, Geography, History, Music, PE, EPR, Modern Languages

Being creative: Fine Art, Design Engineering, Drama, History, Music

Good at observing: Fine Art, Modern Languages, Geography, History, Music, PE, EPR, Drama