

**What GCSE options did
my teachers pick when
they were at school?**

GCSE Options choices

Teacher:
Miss Jones

Subject	Why?
Drama:	I wanted to do something active that involved a practical element and allowed me to work with others.
Religious Studies:	I loved to ask difficult questions and RS allowed me to do that in a way that meant I could express my opinion and learn to listen to others.
History:	I was interested in learning about world war 2 and how the UK had become the country it is today.
German:	Out of the languages I had studied, German was the one I felt that I was the strongest in and could understand it the best.

GCSE Options choices

Teacher:
Miss Heckles

Subject	Why?
French and Spanish	I love languages, by far my best and favourite subjects at school. I think French especially is a beautiful language and I still read French books and watch French films.
DT (resistant materials) -	I loved designing and building things, really enjoyed the practical
Geography -	I found physical geography fascinating - understanding why our planet is the way it is (ended up inspiring me to do geophysics at uni - then specialising in earthquakes for my PhD)

GCSE Options choices

Teacher:
Mr Dunn

Subject	Why?
GCSE Music	I was good at it and knew it would secure me a strong grade.
GCSE Art	I chose this as a break from all of my other academic subjects which created a balance for me
GNVQ ICT	As a career preparation and a new double award qualification alternative to GCSE Computing
GCSE French	Learning a foreign language is an excellent skill

GCSE Options choices

Teacher:
Miss Raine

Subject	Why?
History	I loved learning about the past and how history shaped the world today.
Geography	Geography fascinated me with how the landscape of our Earth has changed over the years and what led to those changes.
GCSE PE	PE because I love all sport and being active.

GCSE Options choices

Teacher:
Miss Shahmiri

Subject	Why?
Business Studies	I was always fascinated with how advertising was used to hook customers into buying products. I also enjoyed the maths elements of calculating percentage profit.
3 Dimensional Design	This was very similar to Art, except it involved building 3 dimensional objects. I felt this was a good choice because I enjoyed being creative but also creating structures and building things.
Spanish	I chose this because I see having a language as a desirable skill to have in life because it allows you to travel and work in other countries more easily.

GCSE Options choices

Teacher:
Mr Rendell

Subject	Why?
German	I did German because I thought it would help me with my History as I was really interested in that country.
Business and Accounting	I did think about a career in these areas as a back-up plan if I did not make it in teaching.
Religious Studies	I have always been interested in what makes different people 'tick' and I understood that religion had played a really important part in History.

GCSE Options choices

Teacher:
Mr Delaney

Subject	Why?
History	I have always found it really interesting.
Media	It was something new and different. It was great to learn something entirely new for a change!

GCSE Options choices

Teacher:
Miss Drury

Subject	Why?
French	If I'm honest I picked the options I enjoyed most and found interesting. I knew I wanted to do maths/sciences when I got older but since they were already compulsory, I just picked the subjects I liked most!
Religious Education	
GCSE PE	

GCSE Options choices

Teacher:
Miss Banner

Subject	Why?
Textiles	I took textiles to learn more about the fashion industry and how to respond to a design brief in a subject that wasn't art. I also wanted to learn how to use a sewing machine and turn my designs into a finished product.
Art	(I can't really put this into one sentence!). I've always loved creating and found art an opportunity to express myself. I loved learning how different materials work and how rewarding it is to finish a piece of work I'd spent hours on. I enjoyed learning about different time periods and cultures through various art movements and artists. I also think one of the best things about art is that it's universal and personal at the same time.
German	I only started learning German in Year 9, and I enjoyed learning the language, so decided to take it at GCSE. I wanted to learn a language to broaden my horizons and be able to communicate with more people, and this has proved very useful over the years (pen pals, talking to locals on school trips, German-speaking customers at my old place of work etc).
History:	I wanted to learn about what happened before our time and how that's changed the world that we live in today. I also wanted to learn about how people lived in different periods of history and how that has developed over time.

GCSE Options choices

Teacher:
Mr Williams

Subject	Why?
History	I chose this because I enjoyed essay writing and the course seemed really interesting - covering WWI, WWII and Vietnam war, lots of interesting modern history.
Religious Education (RE)	I chose because I really enjoyed the essays, lots of debate about world issues - probably my favourite option.
Graphic Design	was a weird one - I'm not very artistic but the computer made it easier, and I liked the sound of the projects we'd have to do. I felt like I needed a creative option on the side of all the essays and calculations.

GCSE Options choices

Teacher:
Mr Hanson (IT)

Subject	Why?
Geography	I enjoyed travel and learning about the world in which we live
Business	I really enjoyed thinking and planning to start my own business and how economics, business and money all work together.
IT	I loved technology and all things computers, obviously...

GCSE Options choices

Teacher:
Mr Nines

Subject	Why?
Art	I chose Art as my career goal at age 14 was to be a comic artist. I had planned to go to Art college and then university to break into the industry.
Design and Realisation	I chose both DT options as they were subjects that I excelled in and felt that I would get good grades in and enjoy.
Graphic Communication	

GCSE Options choices

Teacher:
Mr Whittingham

Subject	Why?
Music	I played instruments and performed in bands. I listened to lots of music in my free time and wanted to be a producer – music was something I enjoyed greatly (still do)!

GCSE Options choices

Teacher:
Miss Wilson

Subject	Why?
History	I took this because I knew there was a module on the history of medicine which I thought was fascinating and linked into my love of biology
French	I loved speaking French and we used to go to France on holiday every year to see my cousin who had moved there when she was 20. It was so nice to be able to ask for things in shops or understand things on the TV or radio when we were there. I still love speaking French now and have done several courses since completing the GCSE.
IT	This was a useful course to complete because we learnt all the basic skills that I use regularly in my job, such as Word, PowerPoint and Excel. Although technology has advanced lots since the time I did my exams these basic skills are still useful to everyone.
GCSE PE	I was good at sport at school, e.g. on lots of the teams, so it seemed like a natural choice, but in the end it turned out that the theory was the part I liked the most. There were lots of parts that interested me, including the history of the Olympics, looking at campaigns to improve participation in sports across the nation, and the biology involved in how the body worked.

GCSE Options choices

Teacher:
Miss Buckley

Subject	Why?
History	I loved history, I have always been fascinated by learning about what it was like to live in a different time period and enjoyed learning about Kings, Queens and Wars.
German	I studied French and German in lower school and just preferred German, I found it more logical and I was just better at it.
Business Studies	This was a new subject to pick up at GCSE and just thought it sounded interesting!
Food & Nutrition	I just loved cooking and still do

GCSE Options choices

Teacher:
Mr Ali

Subject	Why?
DT Resistant Materials	I really enjoyed practical subjects in school and a passion to design and create workable solutions. My teacher inspired me to take it up at A-level and also supported me in applying for a degree to become a DT teacher.
Business Studies	I had a real interest in wanting to know more about how a business operates and setting up my own area as well as trends in society, I also took up A-level Business at sixth form college.

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Teacher:
Mr Hutton

Subject	Why?
Spanish	Thought that by learning Spanish I could travel most of South America with ease.
Geography	I was fascinated with human Geography particularly and how cultures and people are shaped over time
History	I love history, particularly modern history and was fascinated about how political change resulted in a more socialist Britain in 20th Century
Graphics	Quite enjoyed it as it was different to essay writing