



**Carre's Grammar  
School**

**Year 10 Options  
Process**

# What you must take – the CORE subjects

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Sciences
- Physical Education (non-examined)
- Ethics & Philosophy (non-examined)
- Personal Development

# What you can choose - the OPTION subjects

- Art
- Business
- Ethics and Philosophy (GCSE Religious Studies)
- French
- German
- Geography
- History
- Music
- GCSE PE
- D&T (*Electronics or Graphics or Resistant Materials*)
- Engineering (Cambridge National - CNAT)
- Computer Science
- **You must choose 4 (plus one reserve choice)**

# What are Cambridge Nationals (CNATs)?

Cambridge Nationals are Level 1/Level 2 qualifications designed specifically for students aged 14 to 16. They provide an excellent start for vocational (job-related) study, contribute to a broad curriculum offer and enable progression to A Levels, apprenticeships or Level 3 vocational qualifications.

Although they are graded differently, a Level 2 Pass is the equivalent of a grade 4 at GCSE, whilst a Level 2 Distinction is the equivalent of a grade 7.



## Cambridge Nationals



# HOWEVER, to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum to help prepare you for the future:

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You must ensure that from the 4 subjects you choose, at least 2 of them are drawn from 2 of the 3 categories below



Modern Foreign Language (French or German)



Humanities (Geography, History or EP – Religious Studies)



Creative (Design and Technology, GCSE PE, Art or Music)

How do I  
choose?

- Subjects you **enjoy**
- Subject you **are good at**
- Your **personal strengths**
- How you **enjoy learning**
- The mode of **assessment**  
(exams/practicals/coursework  
etc.)
- Relevance to **jobs/careers**

Do not  
choose a  
subject...



... because you think it will be  
easy



... because you like/dislike a  
teacher



... because your friends are  
doing it

# What next?



You will receive the Options booklet later today/tomorrow



Curriculum/Options evening –  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 4.30pm – 6.00pm**



Link to Microsoft Options Form emailed to parents following the Curriculum/Options evening



Option choices to be submitted by **4pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

Finally...

Your option choices are used to generate option blocks for timetabling purposes

However, there are always some combinations that are not possible

If too few students opt for a subject, it is likely it will not run

If too many opt for a subject, we may have to consider where you have ranked it in your choice of subjects

We will try to minimise disappointment as far as possible!