

## An Overview of the Year 9 Options Procedure: 2019

For GCSE courses starting in September 2019, course information **and** the actual option selection process will be available online.

### Timeline

Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Course information will become available on the Dubai College Website in the following area: <a href="http://www.dubaicollege.org/academic/curriculum">http://www.dubaicollege.org/academic/curriculum</a> Click on the middle school tab
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Year 9 Options Evening
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Option choices go 'live'. Further information about this process will be made available in due course.
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 9 Consultation Evening
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>GCSE Option choices deadline: noon</b>

### The Options Evening

All students and parents have the opportunity to visit the subjects where options are available to students. Subject staff will give a brief overview of the course and answer any subject specific questions. Senior staff will also be available to provide more general guidance about options.

### The Consultation Evening

This will be a 'normal' Consultation Evening where parents and students are invited to discuss the attainment, progress and effort of their son or daughter and whether they may be suitable for further study in the subject. Senior staff will again be available to provide more general guidance about decision making prior to the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January.

### Key Information

At Dubai College, the option blocks for GCSE subjects are given as detailed on the next page.

- Students choose their **4** preferred subjects online by **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January**, subject to one option being chosen in each block

Students and parents need to be aware of the following:

- **We reserve the right to not offer a course if there is insufficient demand for it.** If this does occur, students will be told as soon as possible after the options deadline and offered appropriate advice;
- Students who miss the noon deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January may not receive their preferred choices;
- Students *may* change their minds about option choices at a later date; however, they will only be allowed to change (subject to the discretion of Subject Leaders) if their new choice fits in with the option blocks **and** there is sufficient space available in subject sets. If there is insufficient space, then the student will be added to a waiting list for that subject. Any changes in options must be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

## GCSE Choices: An Overview

All students have to take the following compulsory timetabled subjects:

Mathematics  
 English Language  
 English Literature  
 Biology  
 Chemistry  
 Physics  
 UAE Social Studies  
 Games  
 Islamic Studies (for Muslim Students only)

Under KHDA regulations, students who hold an Arabic passport are required to study Arabic as a First Language. This means those students **must** take Arabic as a First Language in option 1.

### Available Option Choices

	Choose <b>one</b> from:	Notes
<b>Option 1</b>	Arabic as a First Language Arabic French Spanish Spanish (new)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students should choose French or Spanish in this option if they wish to <b>continue</b> their studies from Year 9.</li> <li>Students should choose Spanish (new) if they have <b>not</b> taken Spanish previously, but wish to start it as a new language.</li> <li>Arabic passport holders <b>must</b> take Arabic as a First Language as this option.</li> </ul>
<b>Option 2</b>	Art Design and Technology Drama Latin Music PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Latin is only available to students who studied the subject in Year 9.</li> </ul>
<b>Option 3</b>	Computer Science Economics Geography History	
<b>Option 4</b>	Art Computer Science Design and Technology Drama Economics French Geography History Latin Music Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Latin is only available to students who studied the subject in Year 9.</li> </ul>