

# Whitby Futures: Year 9



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Ambition



- Capped 92 times
- 1987 Rugby World Cup Winning side
- Captain 1992-1997

‘Success is modest improvement, consistently done....the best sports people in the world practice more than they play’



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**Supporting your child through the process**



What do GCSE and Applied  
qualifications look like in 2026?

**GCSE exams are linear with more challenging content and exams.**

**A new 9 (best) to 1 grading system has started in all subjects. Coursework has been cut back (for instance GCSE Maths and English don't involve any) and fewer subjects offer 'tiered' exams.**

**Practical subjects tend to be weighted more towards exams with coursework counting less.**

# Grading Structure

**'Strong pass'**  
5 – a high C

**'Standard pass'**  
4 – a low C

**9 is higher than the old A\***

**A/A\* are covered by 3 grades**

**B/C are covered by 3 grades**

**D/E/F/G are covered by 3 grades**

GCSE Grading	
New Grading Structure	Old Grading Structure
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	
5	B
4	Standard Pass → C
3	D
2	E
1	F
U	G
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**A broad and distinctive curriculum**

**All children should have a strong foundation in English, Mathematics, and Science.**

To make **healthy choices in food and lifestyle.**

The opportunity to become more than simply passive users of technology but to be creative, to innovative and build - to help shape our future society.

All children should learn about **the land and people** around them: they should also explore **the wider world and its history.**

**All children should experience another language,** not only to explore other cultures but also as a way to explore their own language.

**All children should learn tolerance** through education about different faith and cultures. They should learn about challenges and struggles – historic and present – in order to learn from them.

All children should have the opportunity to **perform or create a work of art** that can be seen, appreciated, and evaluated by others.

## CORE

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All children should be able to make **healthy choices in food and lifestyle.**

## WORLD

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## TECHNICAL

All children should learn how to make and design things – but **as we consume more complex technology, the things children should learn to produce should be more ambitious.** It should encourage children to become more than passive users of technology.

## PERFORMANCE

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What are the core subjects?

- **English Language**
- **English Literature**
- **Mathematics**
- Combined/Triple **Science** leading to 2/3 GCSEs
- **PE** for enjoyment and health
- **PSHE** which includes Health, Sex and Relationship Education, Citizenship and Careers to develop you as a rounded and skilled person, ready to take on the rights and responsibilities of being a Citizen





What are my options?



- Art
- Drama
- PE (applied or GCSE)
- Music
- Dance
- Computer Science / ICT
- Business Studies
- Product Design
- Religious Education
- Health and Social Care
- Engineering
- History
- Geography
- German
- French
- Religious Education



## Our applied offer:

- Health and Social Care
- Applied Sport Studies
- Hospitality and Catering
- Engineering

The same value as a GCSE – two practical, prestigious qualifications with broad progression routes to A Level or the equivalent. All consist of 75% Coursework, 25% exam.

**How many options do I choose and how do I complete the form?**



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Classcharts Parent Guide Whitby School on 06<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Please find attached the Class charts Parent guide.

Attachments: Class Charts - Parent Guide.pdf



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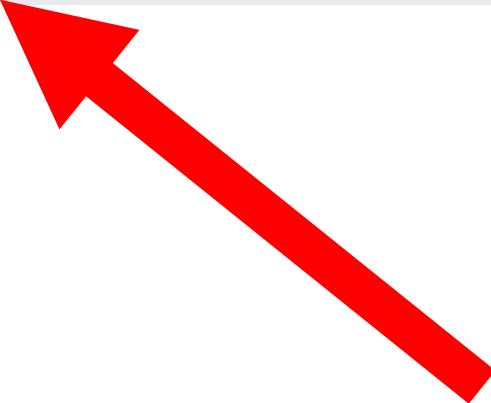
Clubs & Trips

Molly's upcoming club & trips

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Options



Setup Name	Timeframe	Status	View Only
<a href="#">Year 9 Options 2026-27</a>	27/01/2026 - 22/02/2026	New	Editable

Select Year 9 Options 2026-27



## WHITBY SCHOOL

### Year 9 Options 2026-27

**Common rules:** Total Main choices 4 Total Reserves 1 • A subject can only be selected once as a main or reserve choice

- You may only select one of these subjects as a main choice: GCSE PE, Sport (BTEC)

1

2

3

4

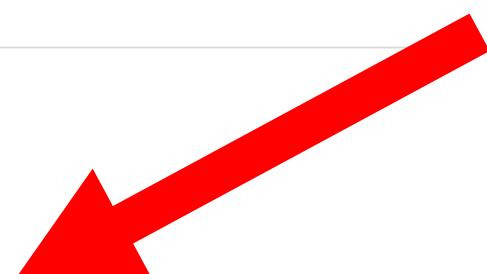
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Choice 1

Select only 1 subject from Group Choice 1

Choice 1

Select Item



Save for later

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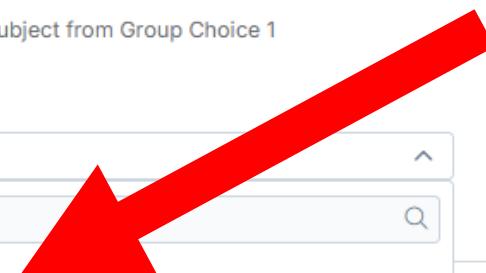
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Geography

History

Choose either Geography or History



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#### Choice 2, 3 & 4

Select 3 subjects from Group Choice 2, 3 & 4

Choice 1

Select Item

Choice 2

Select Item

Choice 3

Select Item

✖ Rule not met: Select 3 subjects from Group Choice 2, 3 & 4

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Choose another 3 subjects

### Rules

- Only one choice from Sports Science or GCSE PE. Not both
- You can select Engineering Manufacture and Engineering Design



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#### Reserve Subject

Select exact 1 reserve subjects from Group Reserve Subject

##### Reserve 1

✖ Rule not met: Select exact 1 reserve subjects from Group Reserve Subject

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Choose a  
Reserve  
subject.

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Please check your subject order of preference before submitting. Set Preference

Choice 1 Select only 1 subject from Group Choice 1 Edit  
 Geography Preference 1

Choice 2, 3 & 4 Select 3 subjects from Group Choice 2, 3 & 4 Edit  
 Religious Studies Preference 2  
 Drama and Theatre Preference 3  
 Music (GCSE) Preference 4

Reserve Subject Select exact 1 reserve subjects from Group Reserve Subject Edit  
 R1. Dance (L2) Reserve

Parental Comments

A form can only be submitted once and cannot be changed later. If you would like to modify it, use the Save for later button. If you go back, the preferences will be reset. You may need to check the preferences again

Previous Save for later Submit

## Check Selections

Add any comments. These can only be done in MCAS.

## Submit the form



- Think hard and **take your time**
- **Think long term** – decisions you make now may narrow your choices later
- **Be informed** and talk to lots of people
- The real decision you need to make is about your Attitude to Learning – **choose to be successful**, Year 9!



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**Parent Forum**

**10th February 2026**

**4pm - 6pm**