



Welcome to -  
Altwood Church of England School  
Year 9 Options Evening  
Miss Brittain – Deputy Head

March 2020

# + Subject Information:



**Art & Design** **Biology** **Business Studies**  
**Enterprise** **BTEC** **Chemistry** **Computer-**  
**Science** **Drama** **English Language** **English**  
**Literature** **French** **Construction** **Geography**  
**History** **Maths** **Media Studies** **Music** **Physics**  
**Physical Education** **Religious Education**  
**Spanish** **Science Trilogy**

# + Making your choices:

## Core Subjects

English  
Maths  
Science  
Religious Education  
Core PE (non exam)

## EBAC Subjects

English  
Maths  
2 x Science (inc. Computing)  
Modern Foreign Languages +/-  
History +/- or Geography

The  
process

## Options Subjects

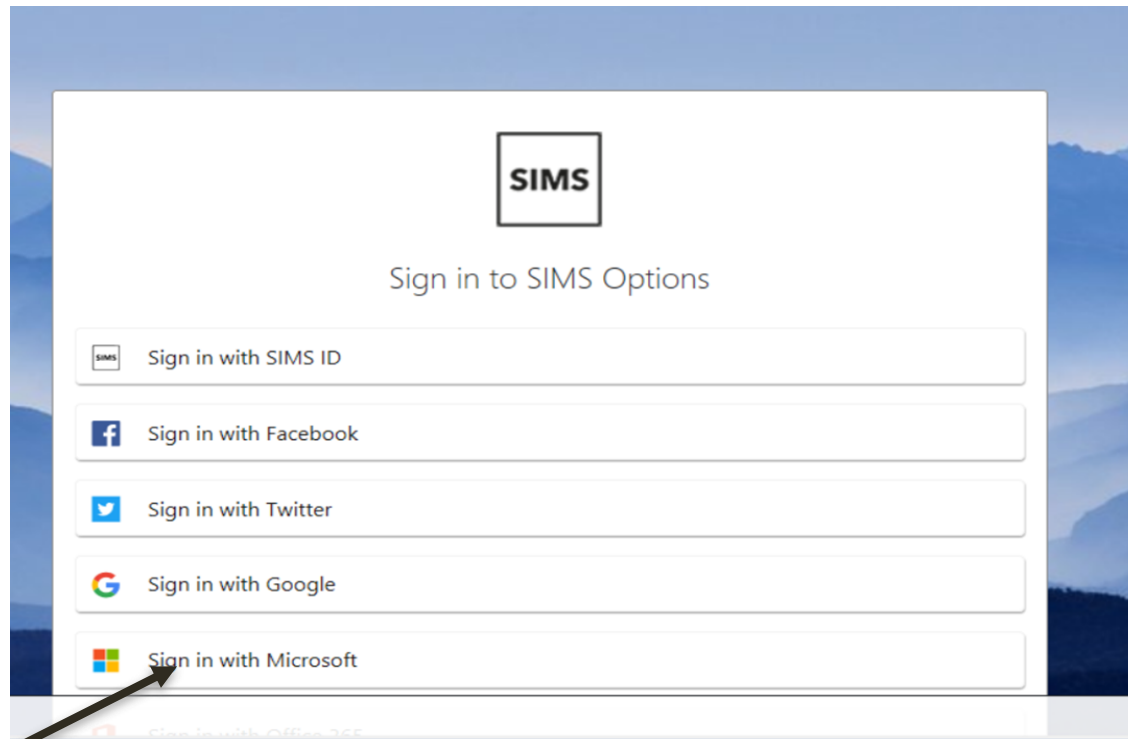
A broad range on offer  
3 choices  
Talk to your subject teachers

## Preference Form

Complete by 3rd April via SiMs  
Include reserve choices  
Support available

# + Making your application

[www.sims-options.co.uk](http://www.sims-options.co.uk)



Sign in here using your username and password for the SiMs App

Parents/carers can sign in to view the process.



**Year 10 Pathway**

You have chosen **3 of 3** courses and **2 of 2** reserves from this list

Art GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Business Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
BTEC Tech Award in Enterprise BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve	Construction BTEC Certificate Level 2	Reserve
Computer Science GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
French GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Geography GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Media Studies GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Music GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Product Design GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve
Physical Education GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve	Sports Studies OCR Nationals Certificate Level 2	Reserve
Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course	Reserve		

**My Choices in Order of Preference** (Total Choices: 3)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Year 10 Pathway
- 2 History GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Year 10 Pathway
- 3 Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Year 10 Pathway

**My Reserves in Order of Preference** (Total Reserves: 2)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 Drama GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Year 10 Pathway
- 2 Spanish GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course Year 10 Pathway

Pick the subjects you wish to study in order.

Remember to pick two reserve choices.

Subjects will change colour and appear here.

**Choices can be edited up to 3<sup>rd</sup> April when the process closes for student applications.**

# + Curriculum reform:



- All subjects will be graded with the reformed 9 - 1
- Change to controlled assessment weighting (NEA non examination assessment)
- Changes to length and number of papers
- All specifications are linear with examinations at the end of Year 11

The school receives:

- A Progress 8 (P8) score – numerical score
- An attainment 8 score – letter grade

More information provided throughout KeyStage 4 e.g. Into Year 10 evening, Student Progress Cards, Y11 Parent Power evening.

# + Changes to GCSE:



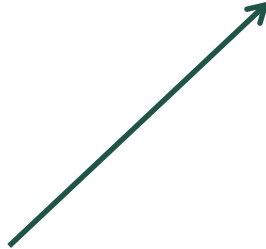
Top 10%



Students will need to retake English/maths



65% of students



New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

**GOOD PASS (DfE)**  
5 and above = top of C and above

**AWARDING**  
4 and above = bottom of C and above

# + Changes to GCSEs:



## Progress 8 Measure



1

**English**

Double-weighted\*

\* Higher score of English Language  
English Literature double-weighted if  
a pupil has taken both qualifications



2

**Maths**

Double-weighted



3

**Facilitating Subjects/  
qualifications**

(Sciences, Computer Science,  
Geography, History and Languages)



4



5



6



7



8

**'Open Group'**

**Remaining Facilitating Subjects/  
qualifications and other  
approved qualifications**

(GCSEs and other approved academic,  
arts or vocational qualifications)



# + Support and Guidance



- Tutor and tutor group
  - Subject teachers
  - Head of House
  - Senior team
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- Remember please submit on line or to student reception by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April



# Make the right choice for you



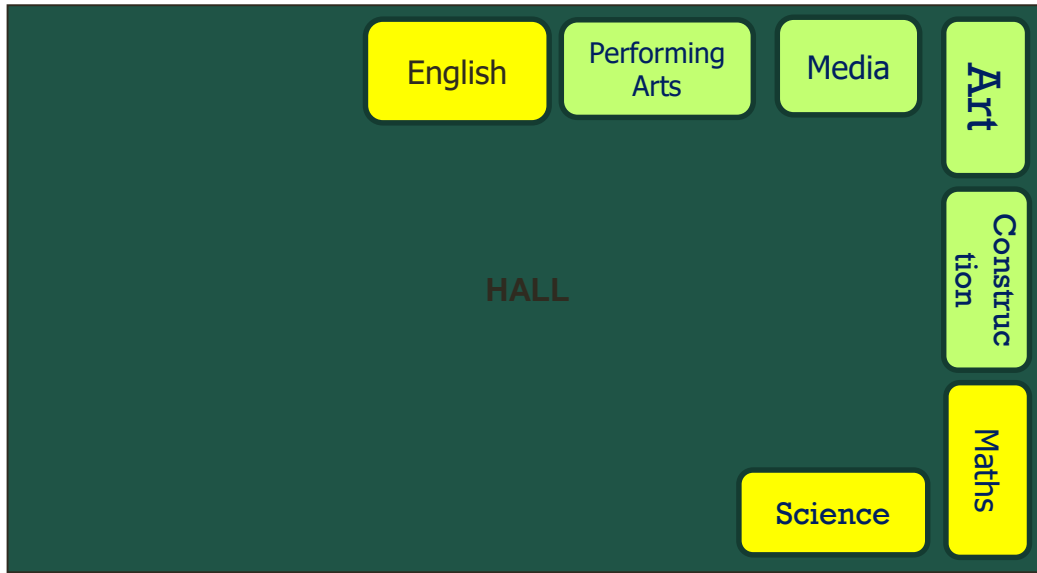
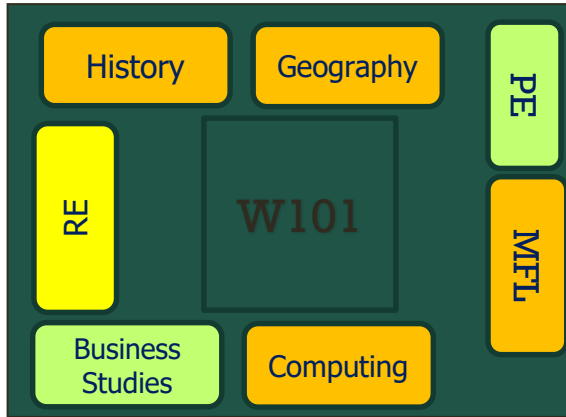
'Two roads diverged in a wood, and I

I took the one less travelled by,

And that has made all the difference.'

(The Road Not Taken – Robert Frost)







# + Your feedback:



**Your feedback is important to us. Please could you answer the following questions evaluating this evening's event:-**



**Have you found the evening and information provided useful?**

Yes      No

**What have you found most useful about this evening?**

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**Is there any further information that you would have liked covered this evening?**

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**Parent Name:** .....

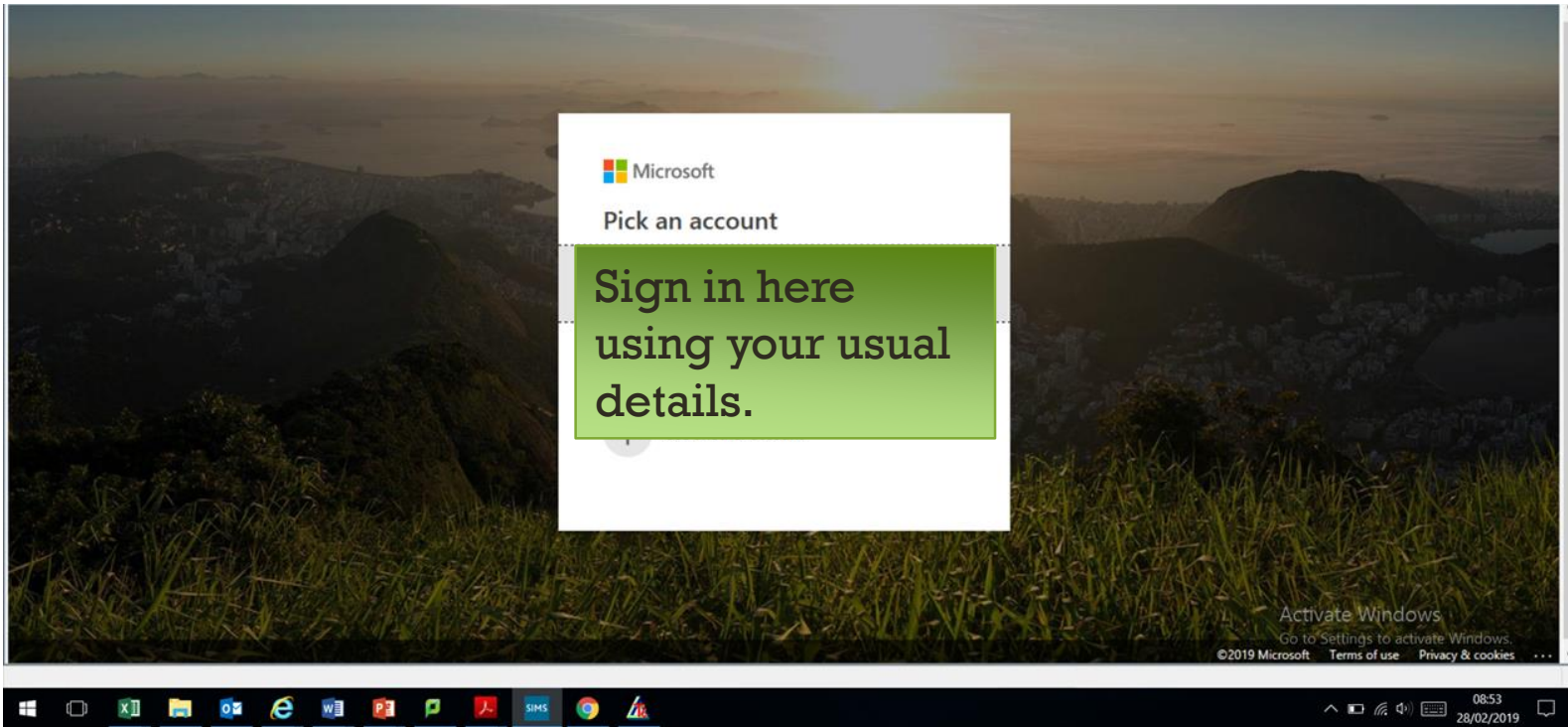
**Student Name:** .....

**Tutor Group:** .....

**Please leave this feedback card in the box as you exit the main hall.**

If you need any further information please contact Miss Brittain [Lbrittain@altwoodschool.co.uk](mailto:Lbrittain@altwoodschool.co.uk)

# + Making your application



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