



Year 9 Options advice and guidance September 2026

Understanding where GCSE/Tech Award options fit into your career pathway

Why GCSE options are made

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_ssJV_XfjQ

Listen to the video and answer the following:

What advice is given about choosing which subjects to take?

What are the 'do's' and 'don'ts'?

What are STEM subjects?

What are Level 2 Tech Awards?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jw0rDqfX5fQ>

Listen to the video and answer the following:

List the similarities with GCSE's

List the differences with GCSE's

What GCSEs should I take to become a... ?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmskpg8>

Scroll down the article and use the information to enable the learners to complete the task below.

Research how many GCSE's and A-Levels they would need to for up to 5 of the professions listed.

What is your next move after GCSE's?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_xAQNNi4pA

Listen to the video and answer the following:

List the 6 post 16 options that will be available to you.

Find up to 2 facts about each of the 6 options.

Discuss the differences between them and which would you prefer.

Living and working locally

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CGilSlzFsM>

Listen to the video and answer the following:

List up to 17 of the largest local employers.

For 5 of them research what work they do.

Advice on being self-employed

<https://icould.com/?s=self+employed>

Remember that the Future is Thurrock video stated that 91.1% of enterprises in Thurrock employ less than 10 people. This is higher than the national average. This means that you may have to think about becoming self-employed or an entrepreneur if you are to work locally.

Click on the link for videos of people sharing 'useful' advice.