

Worksheet

Choosing GCSEs



This worksheet will help you:

- Consider how to choose your optional GCSEs
- Create an action plan to support your decision making

Introductory video from BBC Bitesize

Watch a 2-minute video, called **GCSE Options: Everything you need to know about choosing your GCSEs**. To locate the video go to www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize and search on GCSE options. Then note below any key points you found helpful, or need to check out further.

Tips on choosing optional GCSEs:

- Choose subjects that interest you
- Choose subjects you are good at
- How do you learn best? Would an academic or practical course suit you?
- Consider which subjects, if any, are relevant for the types of careers that interest you
- If you are trying to decide between two subjects remember you can start some subjects from scratch at 16 or 18

Don't choose a subject because:

- Your friends are choosing it
- You like the teacher
- Your parents tell you to
- You have heard it's easy

No idea what you want to do after GCSEs?

Don't worry! A mix of subjects you like and are good at will keep a range of career routes open.

Know what you want to do in the future?

Check if there are subject requirements (at GCSE/A level/Degree) for a specific career in the Careers area of your Morrisby account.

Now list the optional GCSE subjects you are considering below:

Action planning

Talk to a range of people for different points of view and to gain the information you need.

- Ask your teachers, form tutor or a careers adviser for advice
- Discuss your choice with your parents and relatives
- Attend any GCSE options assemblies or evenings at school
- Read the information your school gives you

Now list below the steps you need to take before you firm up your GCSE choices.

