FAQs

1. **Do I have to put reserve choices?**
   Yes, you do. Everyone has to put reserve choice, just in case your first choice course does not run.

2. **Will I get first choice?**
   A lot of students get first choice but not everyone does. For example, if only 2 or 3 students opt for a subject it cannot go ahead. We will also consider your suitability for a particular course and for some subjects we will also consider your previous track record.

3. **Is it first, come first served?**
   No, but please make sure you return your form by the deadline Friday 3rdMarch 2023.

4. **I'm not sure about a certain course. Who do I see?**
   You must talk to the teacher in charge of the course. They know most about it. You could talk to your current teacher if you are already studying the course. Your academic mentor may be able to help you too.

5. **What happens if my form is late?**
   It will be dealt with last of all and it is very unlikely you will get all of your first choice subjects.

6. **What if I change my mind?**
   Make sure you are happy with your choices and your reserves when you hand your form in as any requests after 3rd March can't be guaranteed to work.

7. **When do I hear whether I've got what I want?**
   If you haven't been approached about any possible changes by the end of April, then you can assume you have all your first choice subjects.

8. **Why have I got a different Options Pathway to some of my friends?**
   We have spent a lot of time looking at each individual student's academic profile and believe we have guided students to make choices that they are best suited and that they will be most successful in.

9. **What do I do if I want to do an Option that is not on my pathway?**
   Contact Ms Larkin, but first speak to the course leader to find out if the course is suitable for you.

10. **What is a BTEC/CTEC?**
    This qualification is the equivalent of a GCSE. It has staggered assessments throughout the two years, rather than one big exam at the end of the course. They are practical courses that apply the skills of that subject to real life experiences.

If you have more questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Options Team in school.