



Year 9 Options – Frequently Asked Questions

Navigating the online options process

Where can I find the link to the options page on the Martin High Website?

<https://www.martinhigh.org.uk/current-students/going-forward/year-9-options/>

Where can I find the link to the options booklet?

By following the link above then "click this link to read our options booklet".

Where can I find the link to my SIMS option form?

By following the link above and then "make my option choice now"

Where can I find my activation code?

Your personalised activation code has been sent to your Martin High School email address (link to email address on the bottom of the MHS website home page)

What happens if I get logged out of my SIMS option form?

Please send an email to MAR-options@martinhigh.org.uk and you will be sent a new email and code

I can't check the parental consent box, will this be a problem?

No, the parental box does not need to be ticked for your son/daughter's options to be saved

Making my options

What is the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) pathway and why is it important?

The English Baccalaureate is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers. EBacc is English Literature, English Language, Maths, Science, Geography or History and a Modern Language (at MHS this is French). The Government and Lionheart Academies Trust support identified learners doing the EBacc pathway.

How do I find out if I have been selected on the EBacc pathway?

French will be 'pre-selected' on your SIMS options form

Why have I been selected for the EBacc pathway?





Your academic profile and suitability have been identified by the school

Do I have to pick between Geography and History?

Yes, whether you are on the EBacc pathway or not, you still have to select a humanities subject

Can I choose between Science Trilogy (prev. Dual-award) and Separate Science?

No, your Science teacher will liaise with you and help support learners to make the best choice

Am I guaranteed my first choice?

We will do our best to allow learners to get their first choice, however we have asked for reserve choices if required.

Can I change my options?

Yes, you can change your SIMS online options choice until Friday 31st January deadline, following this options choice will not be able to change.

What is the deadline for making my options?

Friday 14th February

Are courses guaranteed to run?

We will endeavour to offer as many options subjects as we can, however, all subject availability is subject to numbers and financial viability

How many GCSE/BTEC/CNAT qualifications will I get at the end of Year 11?

All learners will study 8 qualifications. Learners selected to do separate Sciences will do 9.

What is the contact if I have further questions or issues with the Year 9 options process?

Please email us at MAR-options@martinhigh.org.uk

