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## **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://martinhigh.org.uk/curriculum/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](mailto: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 Academic pathway and why is it important?**

The Academic pathway is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers. The pathway includes English Literature, English Language, Maths, Science, and a Modern Language (at MHS this is French). We, alongside the Trust, have identified learners doing the Academic pathway.

#### **How do I do I found if I have been selected on the Academic pathway?**

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





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### **Why have I been selected for the Academic pathway?**

Your academic profile and suitability have been identified by the school.

### **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 31<sup>st</sup> January deadline, following this options choice will not be able to change.

### **What is the deadline for making my options?**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:MAR-options@martinhigh.org.uk)

