

Your school will let you know about compulsory subjects you must take, for example - English, maths and science. They will also let you know about what other subjects you will make your choices from. Each school will be different in terms of what subjects and qualifications are available.

Your choices can have an impact on your future studies and even your future career, so it's important to make an informed decision.

### Good Vs Bad

#### **Good decisions**

- You're good at the subject
- The subject is linked to careers you're interested in
- The subject is one that you want to study beyond Year 11/ after GCSE
- You like the subject

#### **Bad decisions**

- You are choosing the subject because your friends are doing it!
- You like the teacher!
- Your parents want you to do it!
- You think the subject is easy!
- You don't know what else to choose!

### Checklist!

- Read your school's Options Booklet
- Talk to subject leaders/ course tutors about your options
- Talk with parents, carers, teachers and careers advisers about your choices
- Explore what can I do with . . . .
- Understand the new GCSE Grading system/England
- Explore and find out more about what entry level grades are required for level 3 – advanced, A' level, BTEC courses after GCSE

### Some useful websites for further research

Career Choices	Choosing GCSEs	Choosing A' levels
<a href="https://icould.com/buzz/?ref=menu">https://icould.com/buzz/?ref=menu</a> <a href="https://icould.com/watch-career-videos/">https://icould.com/watch-career-videos/</a> <a href="https://www.careersbox.co.uk/">https://www.careersbox.co.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.startprofile.com/">https://www.startprofile.com/</a> <a href="https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/#">https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/#</a>	<a href="https://quest.startprofile.com/article/87">https://quest.startprofile.com/article/87</a> <a href="https://icould.com/stories/choosing-your-gcse-options/">https://icould.com/stories/choosing-your-gcse-options/</a>	<a href="https://university.which.co.uk/advice/a-level-choices">https://university.which.co.uk/advice/a-level-choices</a>

## **EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:**

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> Website giving information on local and national apprenticeship vacancies and an online application form. You need to **register** and **activate** your account to apply for opportunities.

Volunteering opportunities website: [www.do-it.org.uk](http://www.do-it.org.uk)