

Year 9 Options FAQs

Please see below a series of frequently asked questions that may help you with your decision

Q. If I choose the 'Combined Science' route, can I still study Biology, Chemistry and Physics A-Level?
A. Yes. At Ormiston Forge Academy (and any other sixth form or college), you may study any or all of the sciences at A-Level regardless of whether you opt for Triple Science or Combined Science.
Q. So, If I choose Combined Science, will I only study two sciences?
A. No. You will still study all three sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) but you will only get two GCSE grades instead of three, i.e. you will get a 5-5, or a 7-6, or a 5-4.
Q. Will I definitely get to study a subject if I pick it?
A. No. If not enough students select a subject, unfortunately that subject will not run. Also, if too many students select a subject, you may not get your first choice. This is why it is so important that you think carefully about your 'Reserve Choice'.
Q. Why does it ask me to select GCSE PE/Cambridge National Sports Science?
A. Whilst both courses allow students to continue their studies of physical education (and both include both practical and classroom elements), the PE department will advise on the best route on a case-by-case basis.
Q. Can I pick another option instead of PE, PRE and PSHE?
A. No. Whilst there is no qualification (and therefore exam) associated with these subjects, they are all statutory subjects that must be studied until the end of Year 11 as part of the National Curriculum.
Q. How can I find out more about these subjects at Ormiston Forge Academy?
A. On our website (https://ormistonforgeacademy.co.uk/for-students/year-9-options) and at Year 9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 11th March 2026.