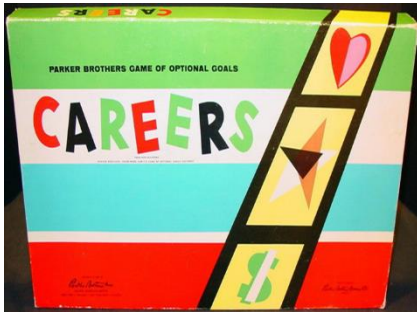




Careers Guidance - Year 9 Pupils

Making Plans for Your Future...

A guide to helping your child choose their GCSE Options for Pupils at The Nelson Thomlinson School



2023-2024

Some subjects must be studied by law in KS4 (years 10 & 11). These subjects are not *optional*, and include three 'core' subjects English, Mathematics and Science alongside PE and PSHRE.

All pupils will be given an options booklet. This will also be given out to pupils via their form tutors in spring 2023, and a copy will be on the school website www.nts.cumbria.co.uk Select 'Careers' from the menu bar.

Careers Plans are also available on the school Website for Year 9.

With the help of teachers, form tutors, and heads of department, they will choose their subjects from a list in the Spring Term of Year 9. To understand how this all works, the process will be explained to all Year 9 pupils before the decisions need to be made.

Before deciding, you can help your child use their START careers online resource to help them. Working through the GCSE Activities they can focus on their favourite subjects to get immediate suggestions of what career they could have in this particular area, and what qualifications you would need.

In year 11 they may decide to continue their education at a 6th form, college or an apprenticeship. This may depend on which subjects they decided to study after year 9, and how well they have done in them.

Every time you make a choice about your Education, you will be deciding your future

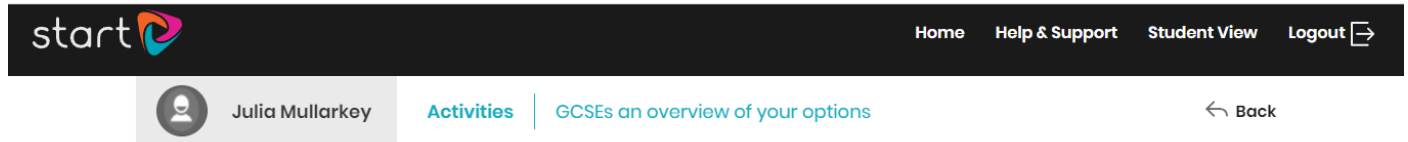
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Log onto your Start Profile e.g. Amanda Bannister who is currently in year 9 would be: Obannistera@nts.cumbria.sch.uk your password is your full DOB e.g. 01012001 then CHANGE YOUR PASSWORD

START – Quick Guide to using START for your GCSE options

1. CHOOSE ACTIVITIES
2. CHOOSE Moments of Choice section and complete activities on GCSEs
3. Complete your personal likes to help you start to personalise your Virtual Locker



GCSEs – an overview of your options (Intermediate)



When choosing your GCSEs it is important that you understand what research to do and what questions to ask your teachers and parents/ carers.


This activity will give you an overview of some of the things you should consider when choosing what you will study in year 10 and 11.

You will learn about qualification levels, learning styles and get some tips around good reasons for choosing your GCSEs.

Your qualifications are a key part of your career journey.

Whatever stage of your journey you are at it is important to understand why your qualifications are important. They can help you progress to the next stage of education and they could be vital in landing your dream job. You can find out more about [qualifications and levels here](#).


You can explore more about your options at each stage by clicking on the relevant box below.



GCSEs & Equivalentents

Which GCSE subjects and vocational options are available to you? This section will help you make sense of this first moment of choice in your career.


[Find out more](#)



Post 16 Options

It's decision time! Whether you're considering Apprenticeships, College or Sixth Form, Start will ensure you're informed to make the right choice for you.

[Find out more](#)



Post 18 Options

It's decision time again! University, Apprenticeships and other alternatives. Or if you're just not sure what you want to do, Start is here to help.

[Find out more](#)



Moments of Choice activities

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You will need to make some important choices as you progress through education and into your career.

The activities in this theme will make sure that you are prepared and fully informed to make these choices.

Beginner

Discover what you should be thinking about as you make the transition from primary school to secondary school.

Intermediate (GCSEs, BTECs)

Learn how your GCSE choices could impact on your future education options and career.

Advanced (A-Levels, T-Levels, Advanced Apprenticeships, BTECs)

Explore your options and make a more informed choice about what to do when you finish Year 11.

Expert (Apprenticeships, University, Work)

Explore the range of options available to you at 18 and make a more informed choice when the time comes.



Beginner activities

- [Secondary school – what choices do I have?](#)
- [What is life like at secondary school?](#)



Intermediate activities

- [GCSEs – an overview of your options](#)
- [GCSEs – making your choices](#)



Advanced activities

- [Your next move \(post 16\)](#)
- [Choosing subjects \(post 16\)](#)