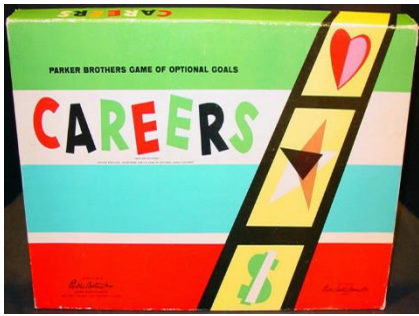




Careers Guidance - Year 9 Pupils Making Plans for Your Future...

A guide to choosing your 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.

You 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 Programmes are also available on the school Website for Year 9.

With the help of your teachers, form tutors, heads of department and parents or carers, you will choose your 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, please also use your START careers online resource to help you. You can explore the world of work. Enter your favourite subjects to get immediate suggestions of what career you could have in this particular area and what qualifications you would need. Spend some time completing 'MY PROFILE'



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



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

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. Complete an Action Plan linked to GCSEs
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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.



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)