

CURRICULUM OPTIONS

Year 9
2021/22

INTRODUCTION

The majority of options commence at the start of Y10, however learners joining in Y9 can choose a language or additional practical skills:

- French (GCSE)
- German (GCSE)
- Practical Skills (non-examined)
- Spanish (GCSE)

Please note that it is not possible to take more than one option.

NB: If you would like to study a language in Y10/11 it is strongly advisable that you study this language in Y9.

When learners move into Y10, they will have the following options:

- Design & Technology (GCSE)
- English (Functional Skills Level 2)
- ICT - Creative iMedia (OCR Level 2)
- Practical Skills (non-examined)
- Sport (BTEC Level 2)

NB: Those choosing the language option in Y9 will be expected to continue this into Y10.

The options process for Y10 will take place in the summer of 2020.

The remainder of the curriculum is made up of:

- Business (BTEC Level 2)
- Engineering Design (OCR Level 2)
- Engineering Manufacture (OCR Level 2)
- English Language (GCSE)
- English Literature (GCSE)
- Financial Education (LIBF Level 2)
- Mathematics (GCSE)
- Physical Education (non-examined)
- Practical Skills (non-examined)
- Science - either combined (two GCSEs) or single (three GCSEs)

Although we will attempt to ensure as many learners as possible undertake their first choice option, in the event of an option being very popular we will consider second choices. Therefore please carefully consider your second choice.

We would be grateful if you could ensure curriculum options are completed before **XXXXX**. To do this, please follow the link below:

<https://jcbacademy.com/XXXXXX>

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES - GCSE

Having a language at GCSE can be beneficial as many jobs require languages skills. At the JCB Academy we are fortunate to be able to offer you three languages to choose from: French, German and Spanish.

Learning another language helps you to develop skills such as communication, presentation, problem solving, organisation and independence.

It also can improve your English as it heightens your awareness of structure and grammar.

Each language is equally important and have its own merits:

French is the second most widely learned language after English and the sixth most widely spoken language in the world.

German is the second most spoken language in Europe. 'The Guardian' promotes Germany as "the biggest exporting nation in Europe and that there are many career opportunities".

Spanish is the world's second language and an official language in 22 countries. Spanish is spoken by 500 million people with a growing trend which will reach 600 million by 2050.



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MFL Specification:

In year 9 we set the groundwork for the following GCSE topics:

- Identity and Culture
- Local Area, Holiday and Travel
- School, Study and Work

PRACTICAL SKILLS

In practical skills option learners will develop a range of engineering skills through a series of practical projects which are important in developing their understanding of engineering principles and are also advantageous for employment.

Successful completion of these projects to the required standard will lead to the learner gaining a practical skills certificate by the end of their engineering studies.

The practical tasks will focus on:

- improving learners' understanding of engineering drawings;
- health and safety knowledge in the workshop environment;
- planning skills;
- quality control;
- evaluation skills.

