

Options 2026

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Sir William Robertson Academy

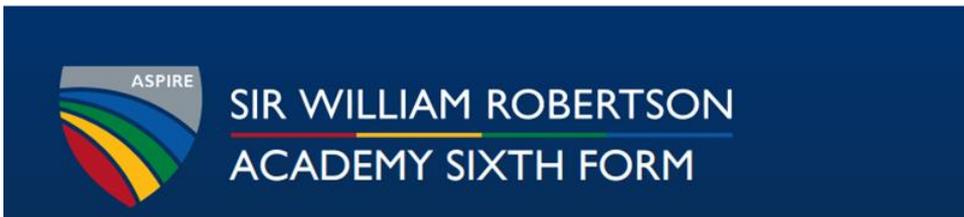
'No Borders, Just Horizons...'

Our exciting future!



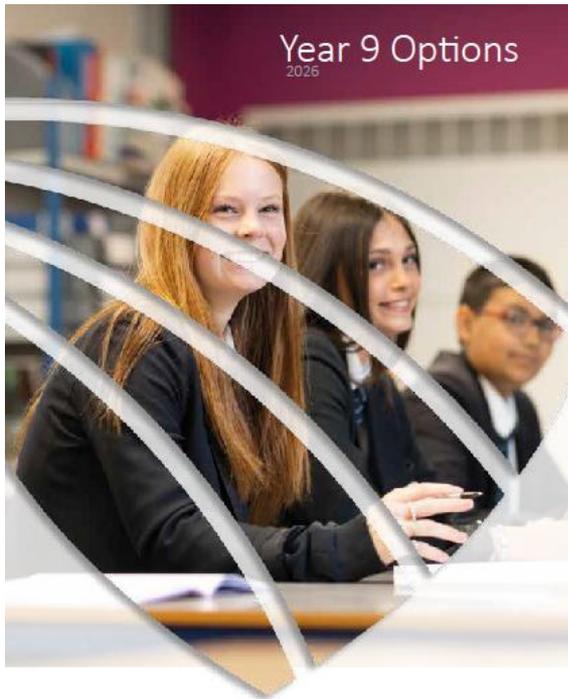
New build...now starts 2026

Our amazing 6th form



Record number of applicants 2026!

Welcome to Options Evening



GCSE & Vocational Courses 2026-28

Qualifications - “GCSE”



- Graded 1 to 9
- Terminal examination taken at the end of two years.
- Most subjects will have two examinations
- Grade 5 = **Good Pass**
- Grade 4 = **Standard Pass**



Qualifications - “GCSE”



GCSE Grades Old to New

Grade 4 – low grade C

Grade 5 – high grade C / low grade B

Grade 6 – high grade B

Grade 7 – grade A

Grade 8 – grade A*

Grade 9 – Higher than a Grade A* (A**)



Qualifications - “English & Maths”



The Department for Education requires that **all students aged 16–19 who have not achieved at least a grade 4** in GCSE English and/or maths **must continue studying these subjects** as part of their study programme.

100 hours of each subject **per year** (3 hours per week)

- College
- Sixth Forms
- Apprenticeships

Qualifications - “Vocational”



- Level 2 Technical Awards
- GCSE equivalents
- Graded Distinction; Merit; Pass
- Ranging from L2 Distinction * to L1 Pass
- Two coursework units and one externally examined unit.

**BTEC Sports, BTEC Music, NCFE CACHE,
NCFE Business, BTEC Health & Social Care.**



Core Curriculum – “All Pupils”



- GCSE English **Language** & GCSE English **Literature**
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Combined Science
- GCSE History **or** GCSE Geography
- GCSE Modern Foreign Language (**9N1 & 9S1**)
- Core PE
- RS, Careers, PSHE – **Taught in base tutor time**

Core Curriculum - “MFL”



“Whichever career path young people choose, they will need the skills that make them employable in a world where recruitment is increasingly global. We owe it to them to ensure that they do not lose out in the jobs market to better educated and linguistically qualified candidates from other countries”

Nuffield Trust

Pupils who are currently in **9n1** and **9s1** will continue to study GCSE French.

For all **other students**, studying a modern foreign language is optional but we **strongly recommend** that this is given serious consideration.

Core Curriculum - “Triple Science”



Students who make the **most progress** across the key stage in science will be expected to study Triple Science in **Year 11**

This involves studying **three additional units** compared to Double Science and three additional external examinations.

The **Science Department** will make a **final decision** by the end of **year 10**.



SWRA - Options Aims

To provide a **broad, balanced** and **ambitious** selection of courses with recognised qualifications that offer a variety of progression **routes** both in further education and employment



Option Subjects

GCSE History

GCSE Religious Studies

GCSE French

GCSE Geography

GCSE Drama

GCSE Computer Science

NCFE Business & Enterprise

BTEC Sport

GCSE Photography

WJEC Hospitality & Catering

GCSE D&T (Timbers)

GCSE Graphics

BTEC Health & Social Care

GCSE Media Studies

GCSE Physical Education

GCSE Art & Design

NCFE Child Development & Care

BTEC Music Practice

SWRA Option Subjects

NCFE Business & Enterprise

GCSE Photography

BTEC Health & Social Care

GCSE Media Studies

NCFE Child Development & Care



SWRA Options Subjects

Pupils will spend a third of their time studying their options subjects.

- What subjects are you good at?
- What subjects do you enjoy?
- What type of work is involved?
- Do you know enough about the subjects?
- What do your parents think?
- Who else can you talk to?
- What is a good balance of subjects?

SWRA Options Booklet



Option Blocks

Humanities	Option A	Option B	Option C
GCSE Geography	GCSE D&T	GCSE D&T	BTEC Sport/PE
GCSE History	WJEC Hospitality & Catering	WJEC Hospitality & Catering	GCSE Drama
	GCSE Art Fine art	GCSE Photography	NCFE Childcare and Development
	GCSE Art Graphics	GCSE Media	GCSE Media
	NCFE Business & Enterprise	NCFE Business & Enterprise	GCSE French
	BTEC Music	GCSE Drama	GCSE Religious Studies
	GCSE French	GCSE French	GCSE Computer Science
	GCSE Photography**	BTEC Health & Social Care*	



Options Form

Pupils need to log on to the form using their **SWRA email** address and **password**

Choose **either** History or Geography

Choose **three** other subjects – **one** from each option block

9n1 & 9s1 must choose French from one of the Blocks

Important: Choose a RESERVE subject for each block!

Options Deadline – Friday 20 March



Complete online form
by Friday 20 March

OPTIONS FORM

