

# GCSE OPTIONS DOS & DON'TS



## **CHOOSE SUBJECTS THAT EXCITE YOU**

You're going to be spending lots of time in lessons and working at home on it!



## **CHOOSE SUBJECTS BECAUSE OF YOUR FRIENDS**

Don't pick a subject just because your friends are doing it – you may end up in different classes anyway!



## **FIND OUT WHAT THE GCSE COURSE LOOKS LIKE**

Ask your teacher how the GCSE is different from the work you have done already – PE is VERY different, for example!



## **CHOOSE A SUBJECT BECAUSE OF THE TEACHER**

You may end up with a different teacher at GCSE.



## **THINK ABOUT THE WORKLOAD**

Try and balance the workload of your subjects – you might want to avoid taking too many subjects that involve essay writing or coursework.



## **WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT YOUR A LEVEL CHOICES**

Some A Levels will be available to you if you haven't taken the GCSE, as long as you do well in the subjects you do take.



## **RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS THOROUGHLY**

And give some consideration to post-16 study and your career choices.



## **GET TOO STRESSED AND RUSH YOUR DECISION**

It's really important that you think about your options calmly and logically.



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