

# Year 9 Options Evening

# Year 9 Pastoral Team



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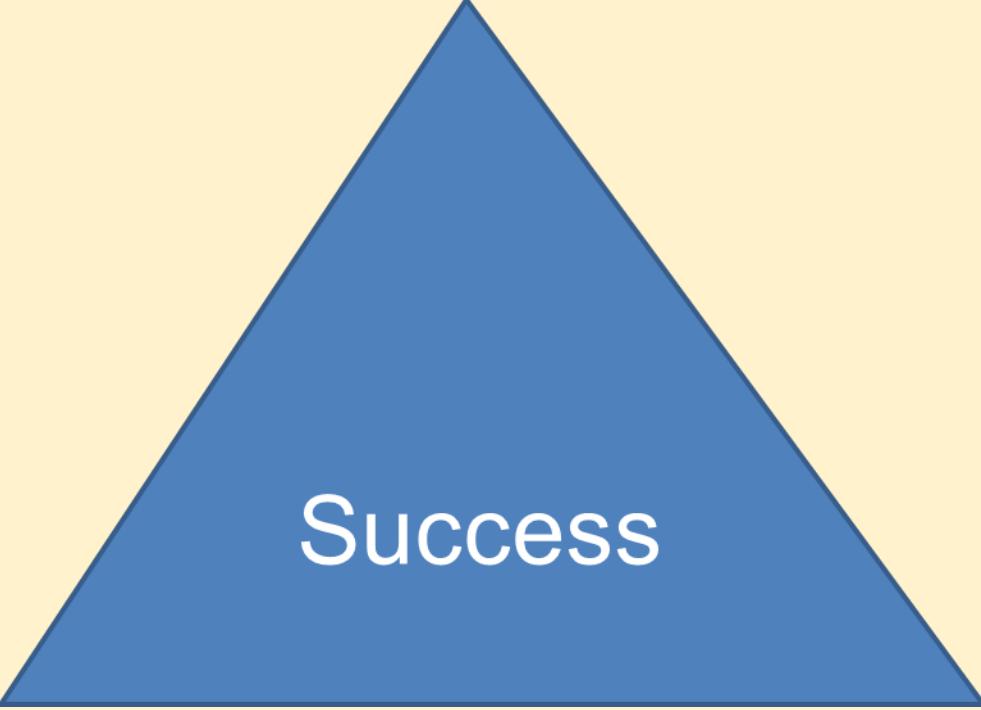
# Information Evening

- Student Experience and Advice
- Collaborative Working
- Careers Advice
- Introduction to Options

# The Next two Years.....

- A strong finish to KS3 to be the solid foundation required for KS4
- Continuing the journey to independence
- High expectations
- Routines and habits – homework, uniform, lanyards and equipment
- Co-curricular opportunities
- Enjoy the positives as a family – celebrate success however big or small
- ATTENDANCE!

Student



Success

Teachers/Pastoral Care

Parents/Carers

# Two Students Year 10

- 1 how they went about making choices/the importance of researching subjects and asking questions. **Alona Shcherbakova**
- 2 what year 10 looks like/organisation/opportunities around subject/staying on top of workload. **Jacob Salmon**

# How do I decide on the subjects to study at GCSE?

- Consider what you want to be doing when you are 16 or 18
- ‘A’ Levels or vocational studies
- University, college, apprenticeships or the world of work
- Research the individual subjects
- Watch the videos – how is the subject taught and delivered.
- Discuss your thoughts openly
- How will your choices support long term goals?

# Important Guidance

- Friends
- Teachers
- **Choose subjects you are good at and that you enjoy**
- **We want students to be happy in their studies**

“The bad news is.... from now on time flies. The good news is....  
Your child is the pilot”



# Career support to date

- As part of their PHSE lessons all students have had an introduction to ‘working life’
- Careers lessons that include using Unifrog, inform students on opportunities that are available to them
- ‘Career of the month’ is shared each month, covering opportunities within the career and up to date labour market info.
- In lessons, subject teachers signpost students by linking units of work / study with possible careers or pathways for the future



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### **How you can get involved:**

- Take your child to your workplace
- Talk about what you do and why it matters
- Introduce them to different roles
  - Share your career journey
  - Complete the sign up form

Any queries, please email: [wex@guiseleyschool.org.uk](mailto:wex@guiseleyschool.org.uk)

# **Take Your Child to Work Day**

## **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

An opportunity for children to experience the world of work and see how learning connects to real careers

### **Why does it matter?**

- Builds career awareness
- Boosts confidence and motivation
- Encourages curiosity and future goal-setting
- Strengthens family conversations



**Year 9**



Complete the Expression of Interest Form by **February Half Term**  
This has been emailed to all parents in the letter home.

# Career & Option support over the next few months

- Subject leaders deliver in person, subject assemblies to the year group. All option subjects are covered. This information will then be re-messaged during form time with form tutor.
- Yr9 reports will be circulated prior to parents evening, these can be used to discuss options with subject teachers at parents evening on Wednesday 28th January
- From the 2nd week in February each student will have a 1 to 1 interview with either a member of Leadership or SEND team



## **\*\*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February- Options information goes live \*\***

- Here you will find information on all subjects, core and options and advice on how to approach and complete the options process
- Under each subject heading you will find a video from the subject leader, links to the exam specification for that subject, the subject roadmap and useful links and information for that subject.
- Information about Unifrog and how it can be of use to you and your child when making decisions about subjects or planning future careers

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# INTRODUCTION TO OPTIONS



# WHAT WILL THEY STUDY?

- All Students take a common core

- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths
- Science Double/ Triple
- PSHE (not examined)
- Core PE (not examined)

# HOW MANY OPTIONS DO THEY DO?

- Students will pick 4 Options.
- One option from each block
- They will pick 2 reserves

Option Block A	Option Block B	Option Block C	Option Block D
Computer Science	Computer Science	Computer Science	Computer Science
Geography	Geography	Geography	Geography
German	German	German	German
History	History	History	History
Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish
	GCSE PE	GCSE PE	GCSE PE
	Religious Studies	Religious Studies	Religious Studies
	Creative iMedia (OCR)	Creative iMedia (OCR)	Engineering (OCR)
	Product Design	Product Design	Hospitality & Catering (WJEC)
	Textiles	Textiles	Drama (GCSE)
	Photography	Art, Craft and Design	Performing Arts (BTEC)
	Music (GCSE)		
	Music Practice (BTEC)		

## Notes

Some subjects must be capped.

Some combinations are not allowed e.g. product design and textiles.

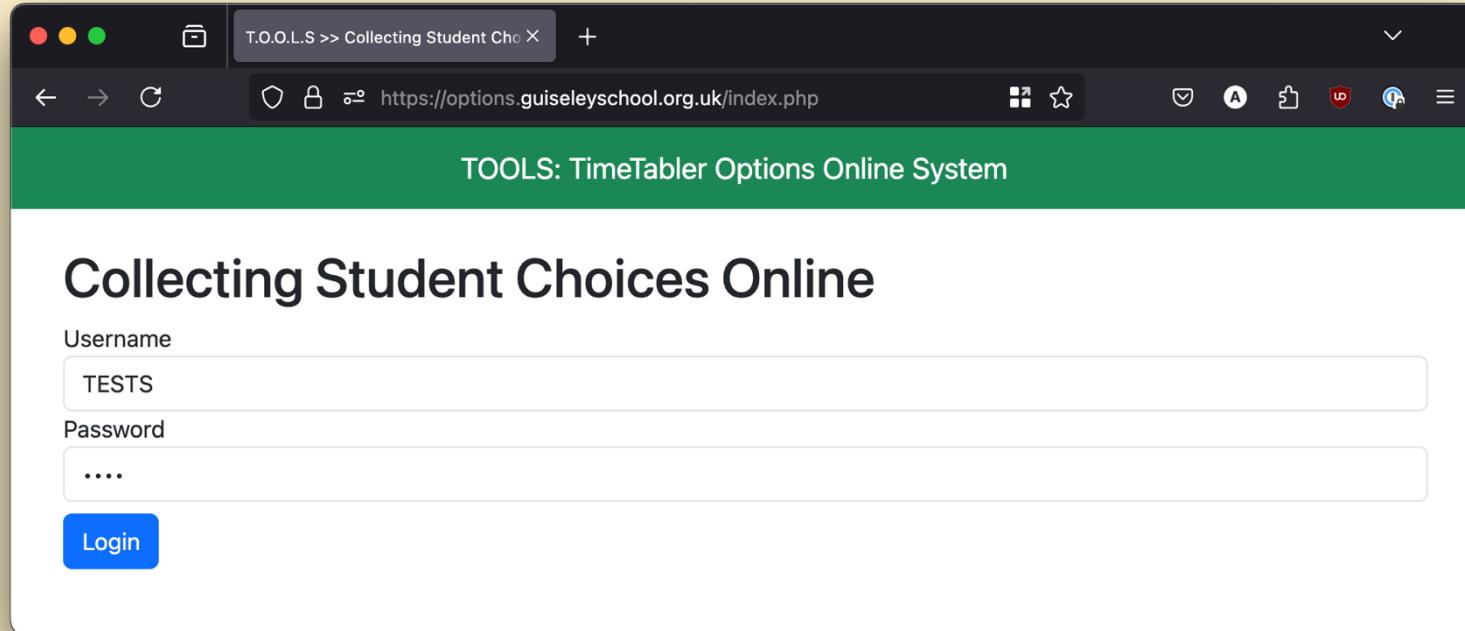
Subjects may not run if not enough students pick the subject.

# HOW DO I SUBMIT THE CHOICES?

This is done via the school website.

We will send a full instruction sheet so that you can start to submit from 23/02/26

# How do I submit the choices?



A screenshot of a web browser window showing the 'TOOLS: TimeTabler Options Online System' login page. The page title is 'Collecting Student Choices Online'. It features two text input fields for 'Username' (containing 'TESTS') and 'Password' (containing '....'), and a blue 'Login' button.

TOOLS: TimeTabler Options Online System

Collecting Student Choices Online

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TESTS

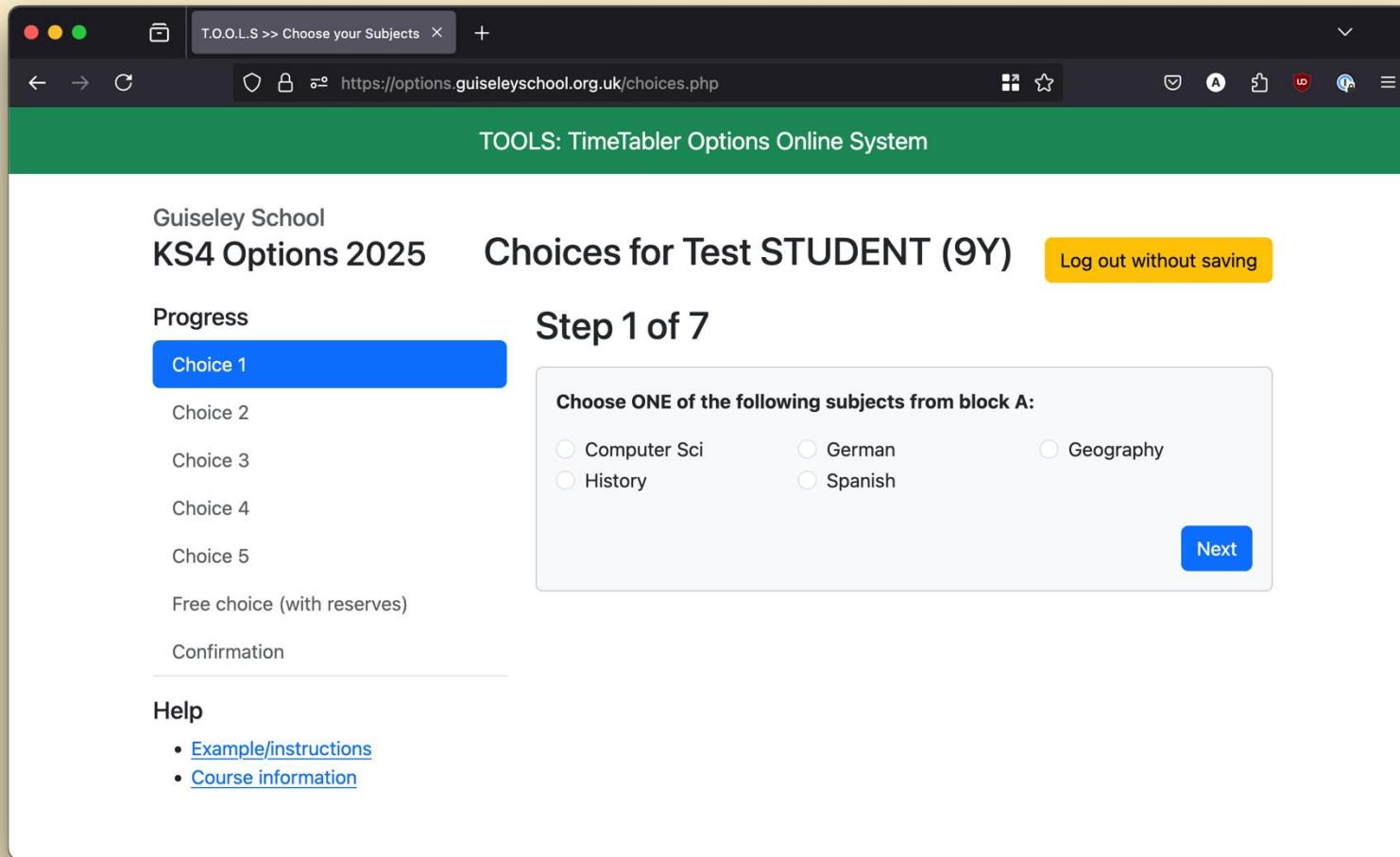
Password

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Login

Go to the TOOLS site and enter the username and password emailed to you.

# How do I submit the choices?



T.O.O.L.S >> Choose your Subjects

https://options.guiseleyschool.org.uk/choices.php

TOOLS: TimeTabler Options Online System

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Progress

Choice 1 (highlighted in blue)

Choice 2

Choice 3

Choice 4

Choice 5

Free choice (with reserves)

Confirmation

Help

- [Example/instructions](#)
- [Course information](#)

Step 1 of 7

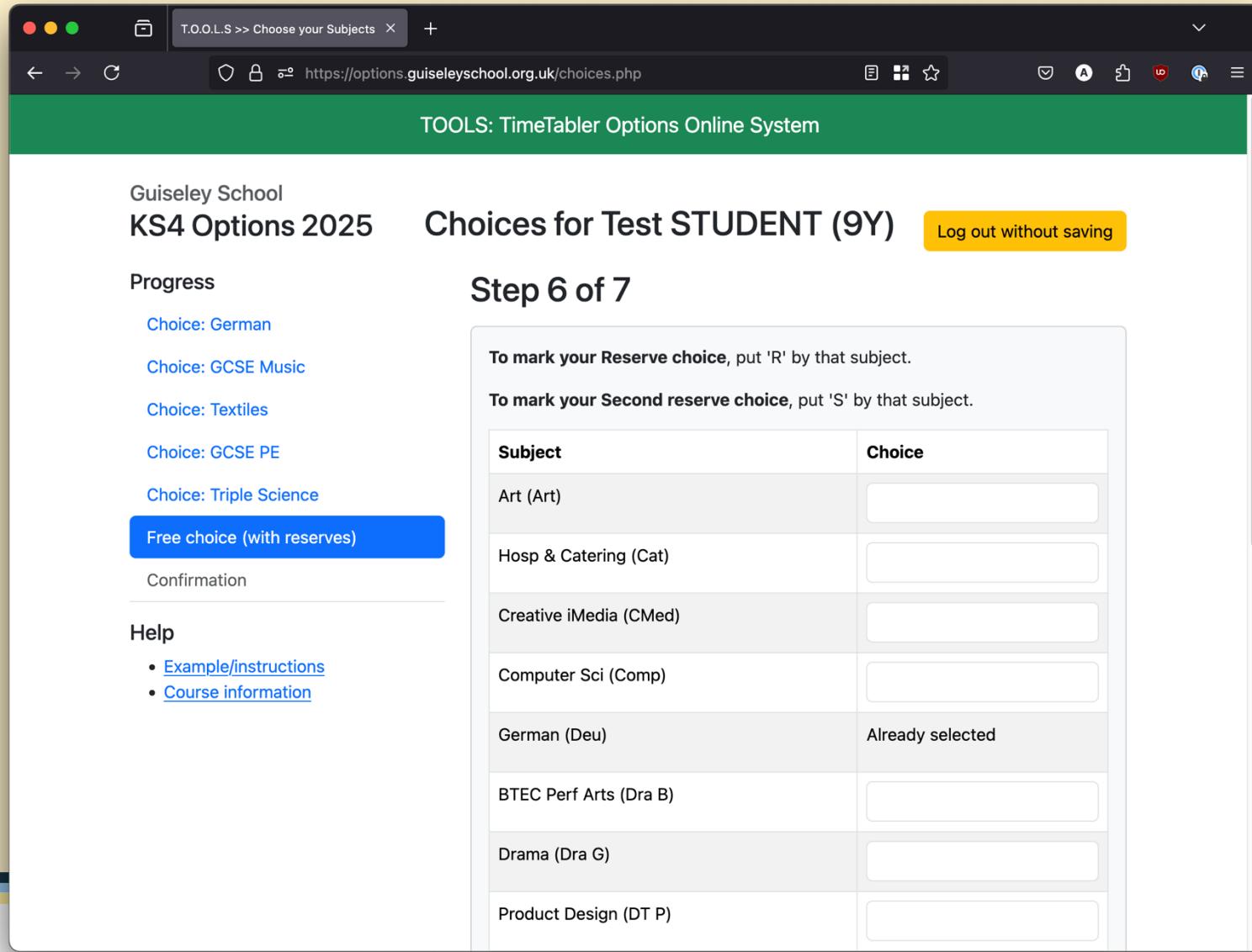
Choose ONE of the following subjects from block A:

Computer Sci       German       Geography  
 History       Spanish

Next

You will be taken through each of the blocks. Choose a subject then click 'Next'.

# How do I submit the choices?



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- Choice: German
- Choice: GCSE Music
- Choice: Textiles
- Choice: GCSE PE
- Choice: Triple Science
- Free choice (with reserves)**

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Step 6 of 7

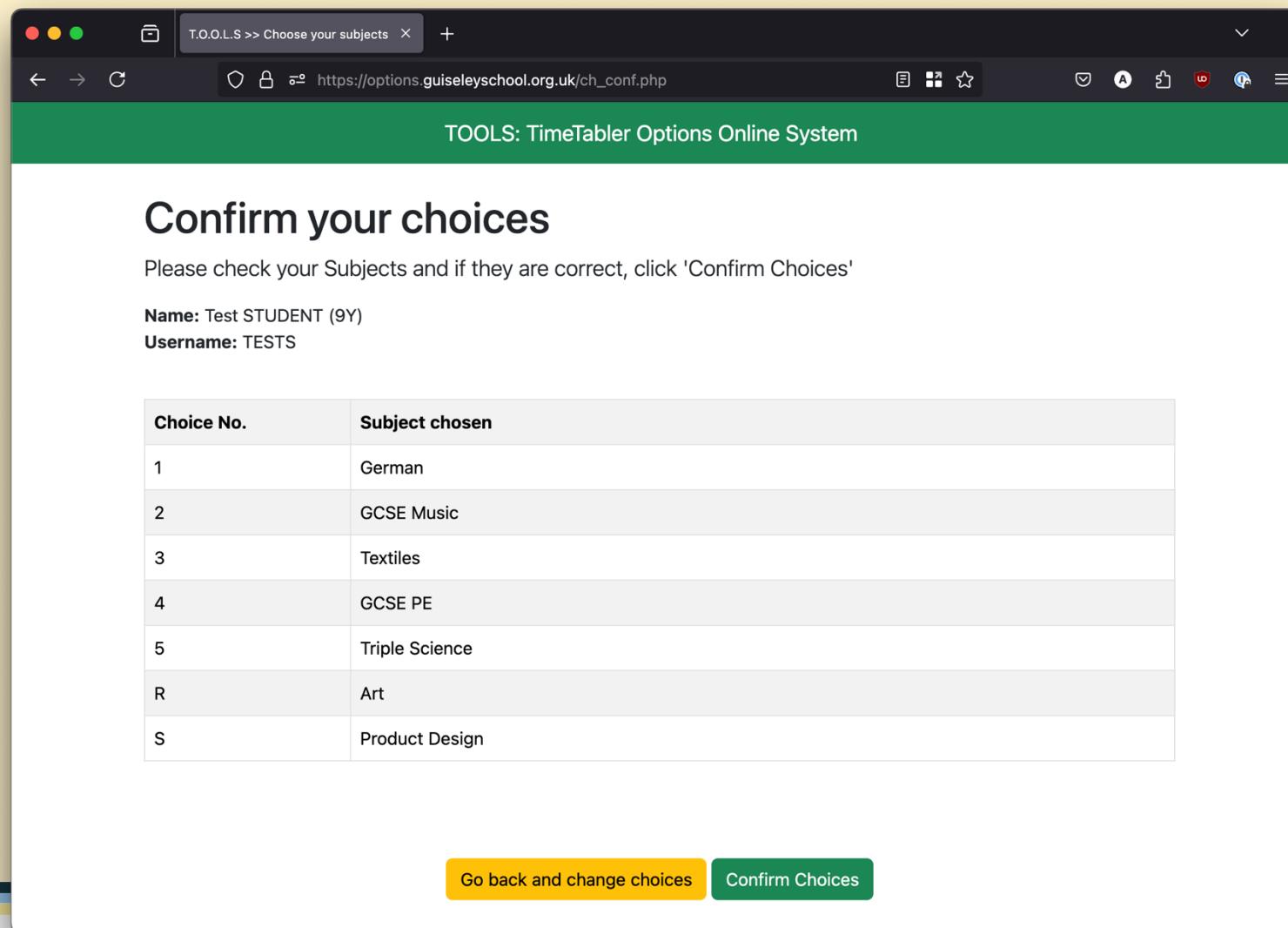
To mark your Reserve choice, put 'R' by that subject.

To mark your Second reserve choice, put 'S' by that subject.

Subject	Choice
Art (Art)	
Hosp & Catering (Cat)	
Creative iMedia (CMed)	
Computer Sci (Comp)	
German (Deu)	Already selected
BTEC Perf Arts (Dra B)	
Drama (Dra G)	
Product Design (DT P)	

Once you've made your block choices, choose two reserves by marking with 'R' and 'S'.

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- Title Bar:** T.O.O.L.S >> Choose your subjects
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- Page Header:** TOOLS: TimeTabler Options Online System
- Section:** Confirm your choices
- Text:** Please check your Subjects and if they are correct, click 'Confirm Choices'
- Information:** Name: Test STUDENT (9Y), Username: TESTS
- Table:** A table showing subject choices:

Choice No.	Subject chosen
1	German
2	GCSE Music
3	Textiles
4	GCSE PE
5	Triple Science
R	Art
S	Product Design

**Buttons:** Go back and change choices (yellow button) and Confirm Choices (green button)

Confirm the choices you've made, then fill in an email address to receive confirmation.

# QUESTIONS AND MYTHS

- Have I got to submit straight away so that my child gets their choices?
- Will my child be taught by the same teacher they have now?
- My child wants to do XXXX because their friends are doing it, is this a good idea?
- I want to make sure my child gets to do XXX can they pick this as a first choice and put it as a reserve?
- My child has had their option choices confirmed and want to change because they don't know anyone in their group can you change their group or their choices?
- (September 2025) My child has been doing the subject for a few week now and has decided they want to change, can they change subject to .....
- (October 2025) My child wants to change subject can they change now?

# Key Dates

W/c Monday 12 January	Options assemblies/ Subject Assemblies
Thursday 15 January	Year 9 information Evening
Friday 16 January	Launch of Options helpdesk email
W/c Monday 26 January	Year 9 reports to parents
Wednesday 28 January	Year 9 Parents' evening
Friday 30 January	Options Website Launch
W/c Monday 9 February	1 to 1 options interviews start
February/ March	Time for decision making for students and parents
Tuesday 3 March	Deadline for options choices returns

# Celebration of Results

