

# KING SOLOMON GCSE OPTIONS CHECKLIST FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS

## Step 1: Core Subjects

- ✓ English Language
- ✓ English Literature
- ✓ Maths
- ✓ Science (Combined or Triple)

## Step 3: Match to Your Strengths & Interests

- ✓ Which subjects do you enjoy most?
- ✓ Which subjects do you perform well in?
- ✓ Are there any subjects you dislike or find stressful?

## Step 5: Ask for Advice

- ✓ Talk to your teachers about your strengths.
- ✓ Speak to parents or carers.
- ✓ Ask your school's careers adviser for guidance.

## Step 7: Confirm Your Choices

- ✓ Check the number of subjects you need to choose.
- ✓ Make sure you meet any entry requirements for your preferred options.
- ✓ Submit your choices before the deadline.

## Step 2: Research Optional Subjects

- ✓ Make a list of all optional subjects offered by your school.
- ✓ Find out what each subject involves (topics, exams, coursework).
- ✓ Check if any subjects are new to you (e.g., Business Studies, Computer Science).

## Step 4: Think About Future Plans

- ✓ Do you have an idea of careers that interest you or post-16 choices (e.g. A Levels, Apprenticeships, etc)
- ✓ Check if any subjects are essential for your future goals (e.g., science for medicine, art for design).
- ✓ Keep options open if you're unsure - choose a balanced mix.

## Step 6: Avoid Common Mistakes

- ✓ Don't choose a subject just because your friends are doing it.
- ✓ Don't pick a subject only because you like the teacher. The teacher may change.