

2024 Guided Options

February 2024

Overview for this evening..



How to research your potential choices



General outline of the subject choices



Things to consider when making choices

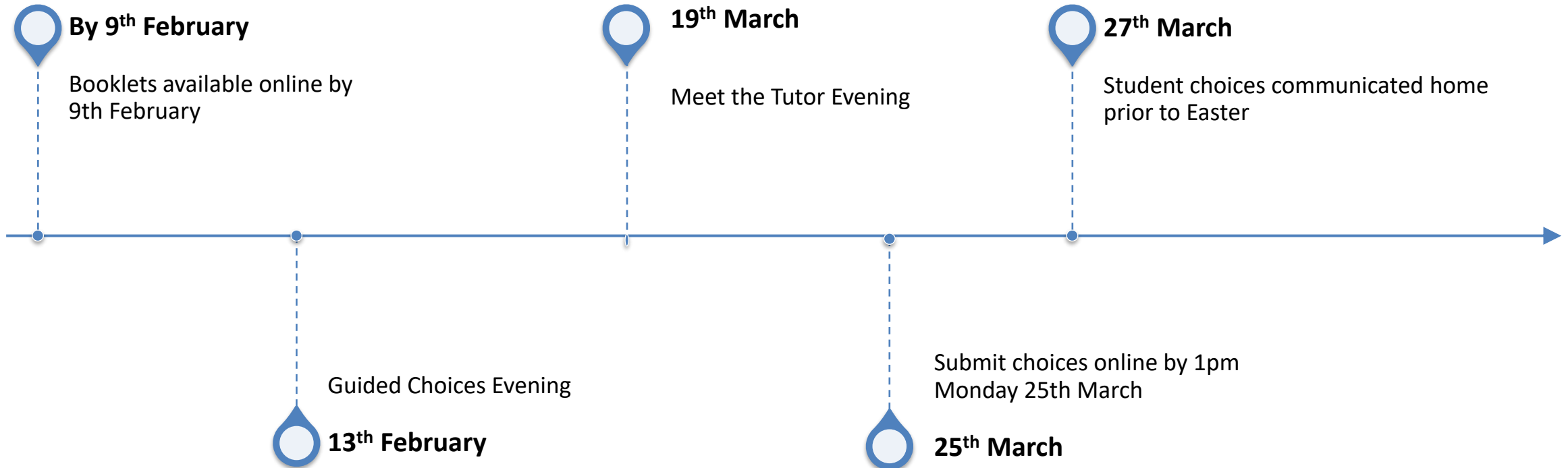


Things to avoid when making choices



How to make and submit your choices

Guided Choices 2024



WHAT TO CONSIDER...



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*Educere...*to lead out

- Think about broadening your experience – what will give you the biggest range of options post-16
- Language – [25 reasons](#)
- [Apprenticeships](#) & [Russell Group Universities](#)
- *English Baccalaureate* – a starting point but not a goal
- Careers resources
<https://icould.com/stories/choosing-your-gcse-options/>

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GCSEs... Choices, choices!



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Using Unifrog to explore your choices

There are two methods for using Unifrog to help decide your choices

Method 1

*I know the job
or industry I
want to work in
after school.*



Method 2

*I have no idea
what I want to
do after school!*



Using Unifrog to explore your options

Method 1 

Unifrog's Careers library lets you search through hundreds of career paths.

You'll find it on the Home page under 'Exploring pathways.'



Sound technician (TV or film)

Sound technicians are responsible for recording the voices and background noise on TV and film shoots.

[Read the profile >](#)

Careers library

✓ Careers favourited

[Go to tool >](#)

Search for the career that interests you and read the profile once you find it.

Related university subject profiles

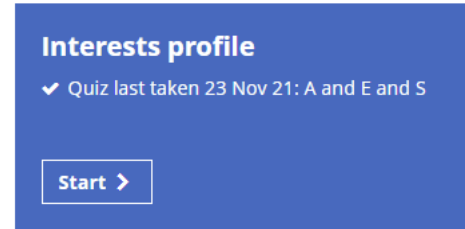
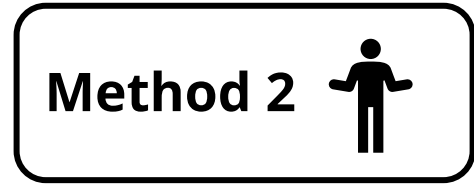
These university subjects are related to this career; check out their profiles on the Subjects library:

- [Film and Photography >](#)
- [Media and Communications >](#)
- [Music >](#)

In each career profile, there is a section on related subjects. Click each one to find out more about the subject.

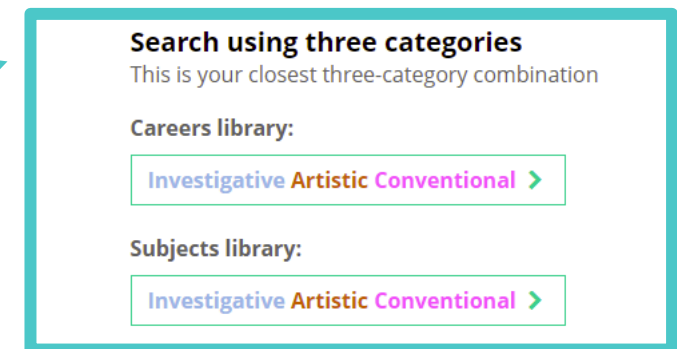
Using Unifrog to explore your options

Unifrog's Interests profile helps you learn more about yourself and the subjects that might suit your interests.



Click 'Start' on the tool and take the quiz to generate your Interests profile!

Once you have your top three interests, you can search the Subjects and Careers libraries for pathways that match.



Choices ahead

CORE Subjects

- English Language and Literature
- Maths
- Separate Science
- PE
- Philosophy Religion and Ethics/PSHE



Option Subjects Offered

Art & Design

Business

Computer Science

Design & Technology

3D Products

Fashion & Textiles

Drama

Economics

Engineering

French

Geography

Hair & Beauty

Health & Social Care

History

Hospitality & Catering

Media Studies

Music

Philosophy, Religion & Ethics

Physical Education

Spanish

Sport

Things to consider when making choices...

- Am I able to succeed at subject 'X'?
- What about the Ebacc?
- Are some subjects more “academic” than others?
- What are the facilitating subjects?

Things NOT to consider when making choices

- What your friends are doing...
- Who the teacher is now or might be next year
- You don't know much about the subject so it must be worth a go
- You don't enjoy it but think it will be important for later study

Our Advice...

- Look at the options list in the booklet and highlight the subjects you enjoy
- Look at the subjects you don't know much about – email or chat to those teachers in charge – it might be your best subject
- Think ahead – do you have an idea what you want to do for Sixth Form and beyond – do they recommend courses?
- If you're not sure – opt for the subjects you love and want to study for three more years

List 1
Choose 2 subjects



List 1
French
Geography
History
Philosophy, Religion & Ethics
Spanish

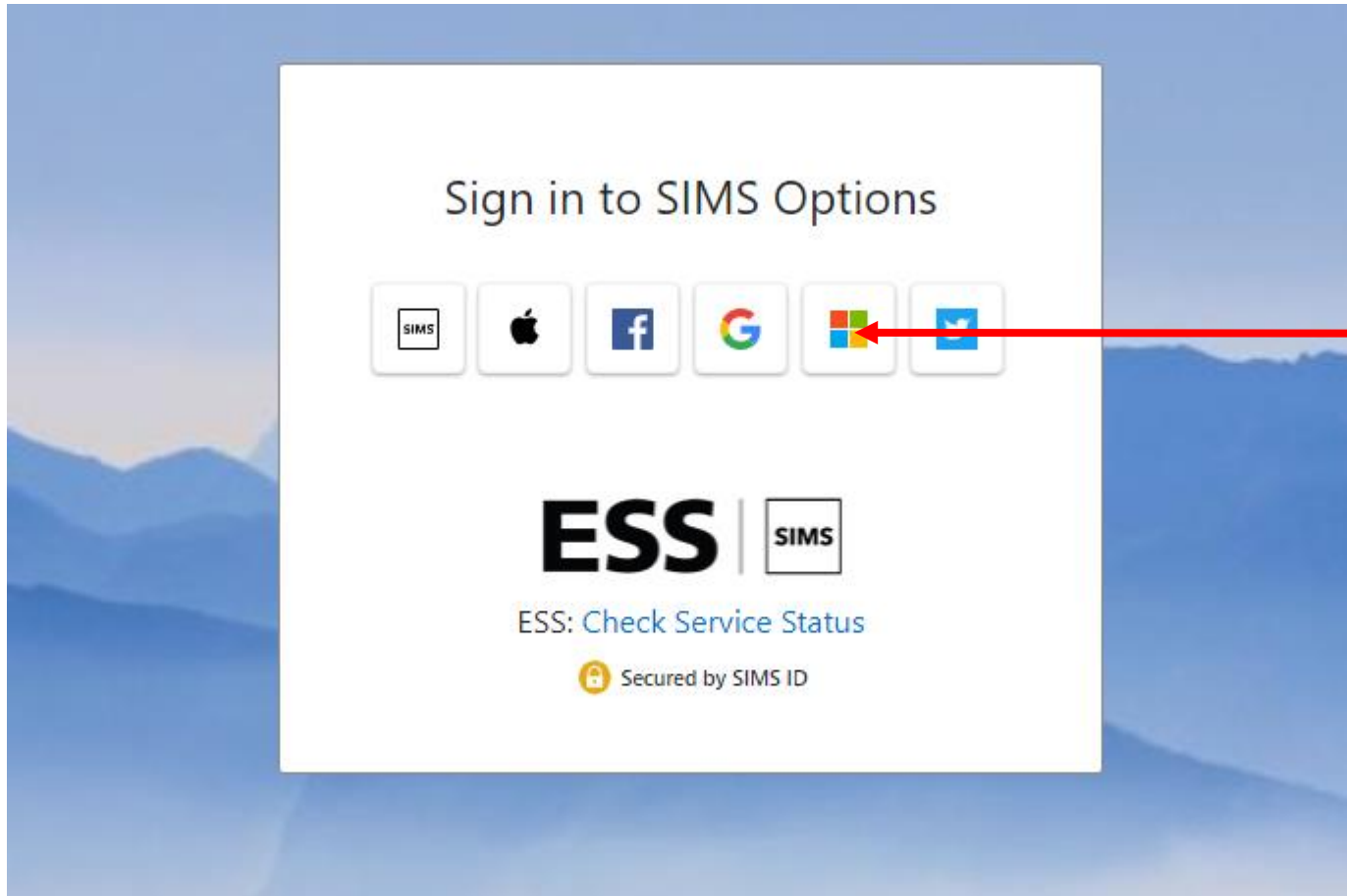
List 2
Choose remaining 3
subjects



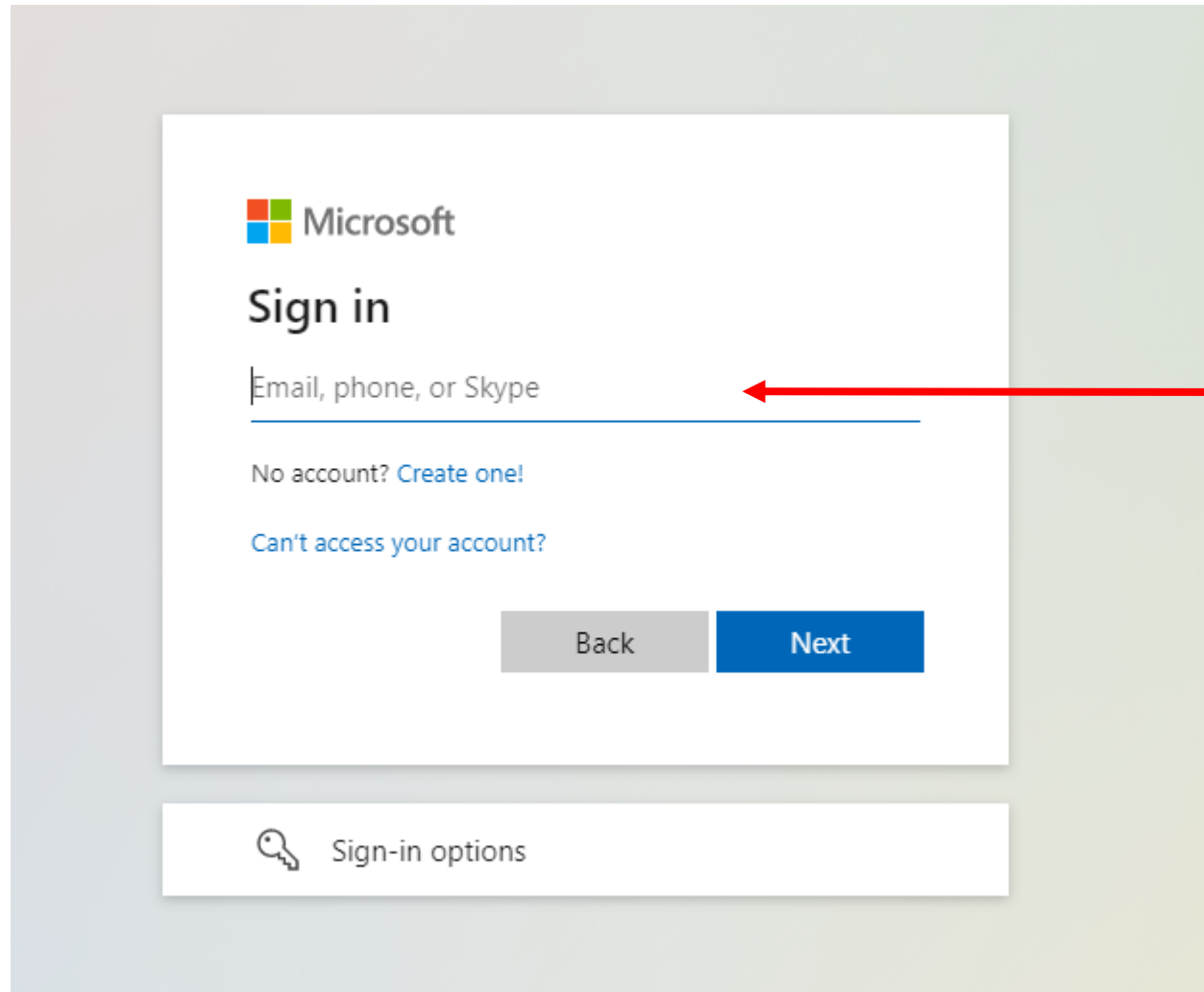
List 2
Art & Design
Business
Computer Science
Design Technology: 3D Products OR Design Technology: Fashion & Textiles
Drama
Economics
Engineering (Cambridge Nationals)
French
Hair & Beauty (C&G Technical Award)
Health & Social Care (Cambridge Nationals)
History
Hospitality & Catering (Vocational Award)
Media Studies
Music
Sport (Cambridge Nationals) OR PE (GCSE)

- In list 2 remember you will need to state the order of preference (1st, 2nd, reserve)

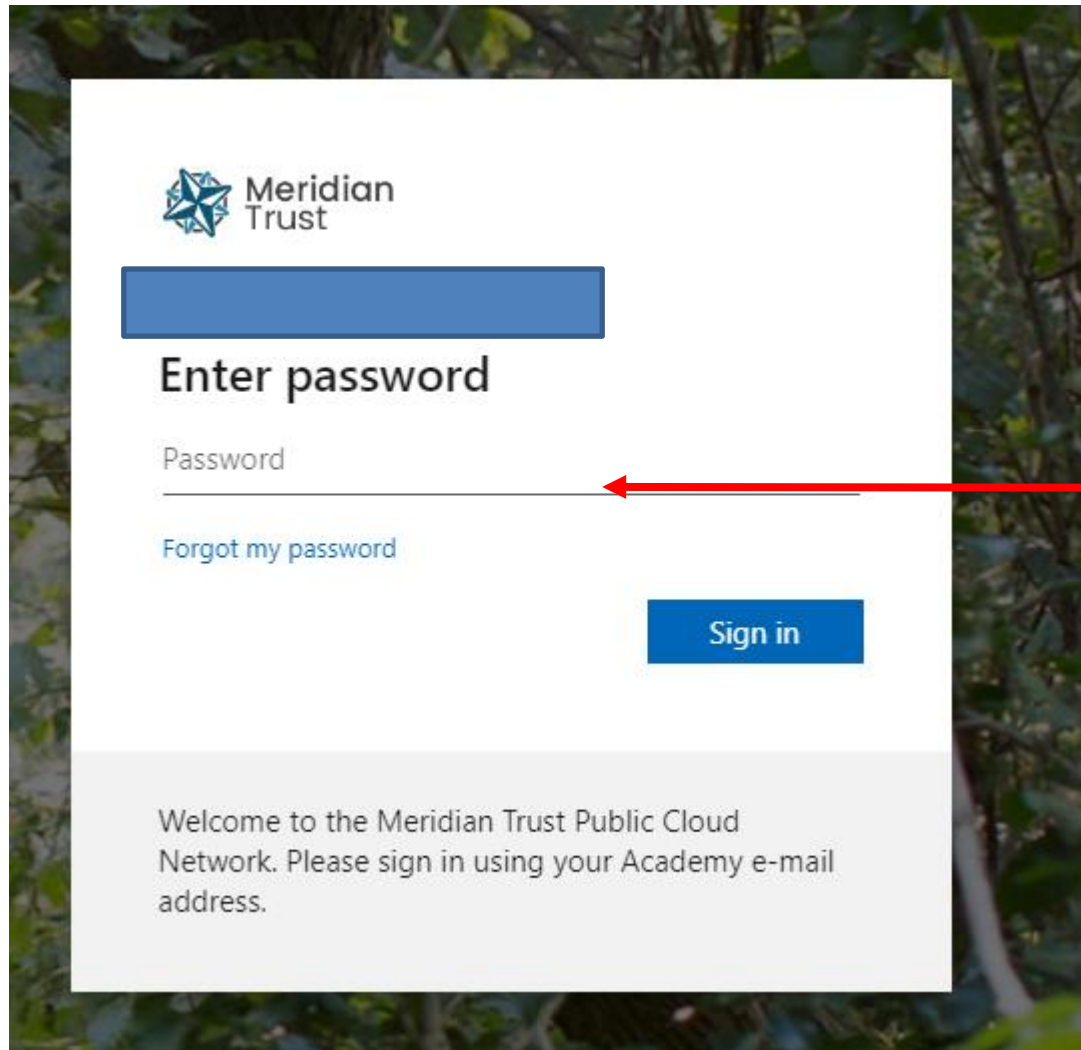
Go to www.sims-options.co.uk



Click on the Microsoft icon to login

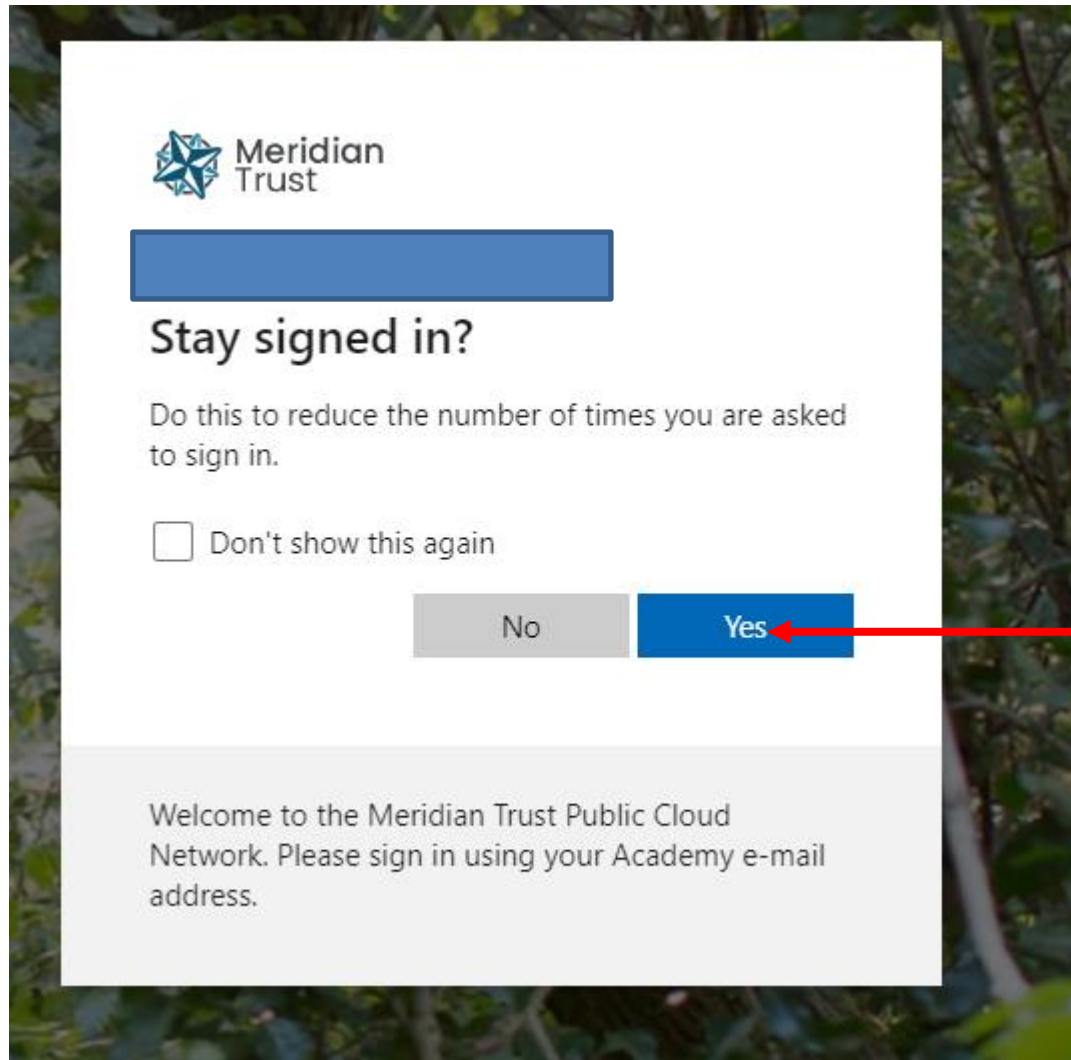


← Enter your school email address



The image shows a login interface for Meridian Trust. At the top left is the Meridian Trust logo. Below it is a blue rectangular box. Underneath that is the text "Enter password". Below the text is a password input field with the placeholder text "Password". A red arrow points from the text "Enter your school password" to this input field. Below the input field is a link that says "Forgot my password". At the bottom of the form is a blue button labeled "Sign in". Below the form is a grey box containing the text: "Welcome to the Meridian Trust Public Cloud Network. Please sign in using your Academy e-mail address."

Enter your school password



Click Yes if you want to login easier next time

You will see this screen

List 1

You have chosen courses from this list

French GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>	Geography GCSE Full Course	History GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>
PRE GCSE Full Course	Spanish GCSE Full Course	

List 2

You have chosen courses and reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Business GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Computer Science GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Drama GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	French GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/> <small>This course is also available in List 1</small>	Hair & Beauty VTCT L2 Certificate <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
History GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/> <small>This course is also available in List 1</small>	Hospitality and Catering NQF Level 1 & 2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Health and Social Care Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Media Studies GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Music GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Design Technology: 3D Products GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Physical Education GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Sport Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Design Technology: Textiles GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>

Priority Choices

(Total Choices: 0)

Course priorities do not need to be sorted by order of preference.

No priority courses selected.

My Choices

(Total Choices: 0)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No courses selected.

My Reserves

(Total Reserves: 0)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No reserves selected.



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Choose 1 subject from List 1

List 1

You have chosen 1 of 2 courses from this list

French GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>	Geography GCSE Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	History GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>
PRE GCSE Full Course	Spanish GCSE Full Course	

It will appear here

Priority Choices (Total Choices: 1)

Course priorities do not need to be sorted by order of preference.

- Geography**
GCSE Full Course List 1

My Choices (Total Choices: 0)

Choose your 2nd choice from List 1

List 1

You have chosen 2 of 2 courses from this list

French GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>	Geography GCSE Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	History GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>
PRE GCSE Full Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spanish GCSE Full Course	

It will appear here, don't worry about the order

Priority Choices (Total Choices: 2)

Course priorities do not need to be sorted by order of preference.

- Geography**
GCSE Full Course List 1
- PRE**
GCSE Full Course List 1

My Choices (Total Choices: 0)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No courses selected.

List 2

You have chosen 0 of 2 courses and 0 of 1 reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Business GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Computer Science GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Drama GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	French GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Hair & Beauty VTCT L2 Certificate <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>

Choose your 1st choice subject from List 2

It will appear here

List 1

You have chosen 2 of 2 courses from this list

French GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>	Geography GCSE Full Course CP	History GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>
PRE GCSE Full Course CP	Spanish GCSE Full Course	

List 2

You have chosen 1 of 2 courses and 0 of 1 reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Business GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Computer Science GCSE Full Course	Reserve
Drama GCSE Full Course	Reserve	French GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 1</small>	Reserve	Hair & Beauty VTCT L2 Certificate	Reserve
History GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 1</small>	Reserve	Hospitality and Catering NQF Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Health and Social Care Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve
Media Studies GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Music GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Design Technology: 3D Products GCSE Full Course	Reserve
Physical Education GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Sport Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Reserve	Design Technology: Textiles GCSE Full Course	Reserve

Priority Choices (Total Choices: 2)

Course priorities do not need to be sorted by order of preference.

- 1 Geography GCSE Full Course List 1
- 2 PRE GCSE Full Course List 1

My Choices (Total Choices: 1)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 Media Studies GCSE Full Course List 2

My Reserves (Total Reserves: 0)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No reserves selected.



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Choose your 2nd choice subject from List 2

It will appear here

List 1
You have chosen 2 of 2 courses from this list

French GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>	Geography GCSE Full Course	History GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>
PRE GCSE Full Course	Spanish GCSE Full Course	

List 2
You have chosen 2 of 2 courses and 0 of 1 reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course	Business GCSE Full Course <i>2nd choice</i>	Computer Science GCSE Full Course
Drama GCSE Full Course	French GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 1</small>	Hair & Beauty VTCT L2 Certificate
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Media Studies GCSE Full Course	Music GCSE Full Course	Design Technology: 3D Products GCSE Full Course
Physical Education GCSE Full Course	Sport Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2	Design Technology: Textiles GCSE Full Course

Priority Choices (Total Choices: 2)
Course priorities do not need to be sorted by order of preference.

- Geography** GCSE Full Course List 1
- PRE** GCSE Full Course List 1

My Choices (Total Choices: 2)
To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- Media Studies** GCSE Full Course List 2
- Business** GCSE Full Course List 2

My Reserves (Total Reserves: 0)
To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.



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Choose your reserve choice with the 'reserve' button from List 2

It will appear here

List 1

You have chosen 2 of 2 courses from this list

French GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in List 2</small>	Geography GCSE Full Course CP	History GCSE Full Course <small>You have selected this course in List 2</small>
PRE GCSE Full Course CP	Spanish GCSE Full Course	

List 2

You have chosen 2 of 2 courses and 1 of 1 reserves from this list

Art GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Business GCSE Full Course Choice <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Computer Science GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
Drama GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	French GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/> <small>This course is also available in List 1</small>	Hair & Beauty VTCT L2 Certificate <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
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Physical Education GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Sport Cambridge Nationals Certificate Level 1 & 2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	Design Technology: Textiles GCSE Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>

Priority Choices (Total Choices: 2)

Course priorities do not need to be sorted by order of preference.

- Geography** GCSE Full Course List 1
- PRE** GCSE Full Course List 1

My Choices (Total Choices: 2)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- Media Studies** GCSE Full Course List 2
- Business** GCSE Full Course List 2

My Reserves (Total Reserves: 1)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- History** GCSE Full Course List 2

If you got the order of preference wrong click the subject you want to change (in this example Business)

My Choices (Total Choices: 2)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 **Media Studies**
GCSE Full Course List 2
Click to move Business here.
- 2 **Business**
GCSE Full Course List 2
Click again to deselect or click another course to change preference.

And then click where you want it to go

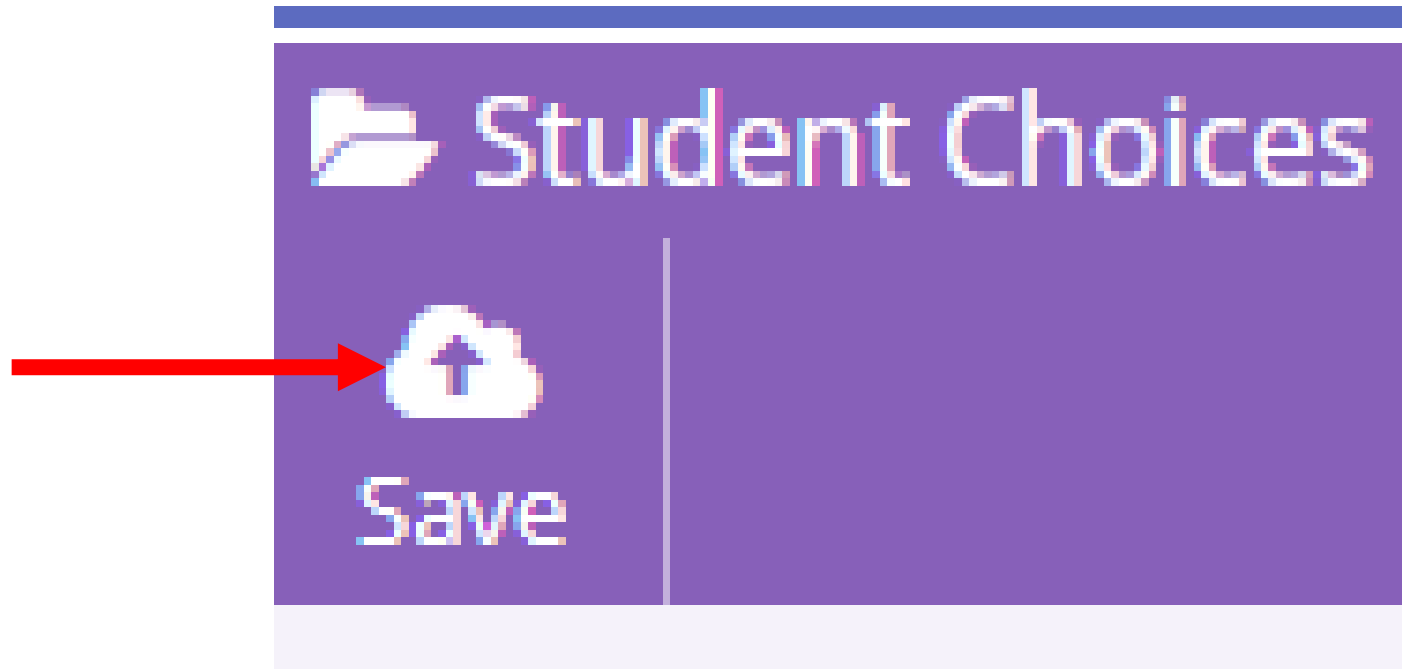
This will swap them

My Choices (Total Choices: 2)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

- 1 **Business**
GCSE Full Course List 2
- 2 **Media Studies**
GCSE Full Course List 2

CLICK SAVE



Options now chosen. If you want to change these (up to the closing date of Monday 25th March) you just log back in and make whatever changes you need.

Information on the college website

<https://www.elycollege.com/year-8-guided-choices>



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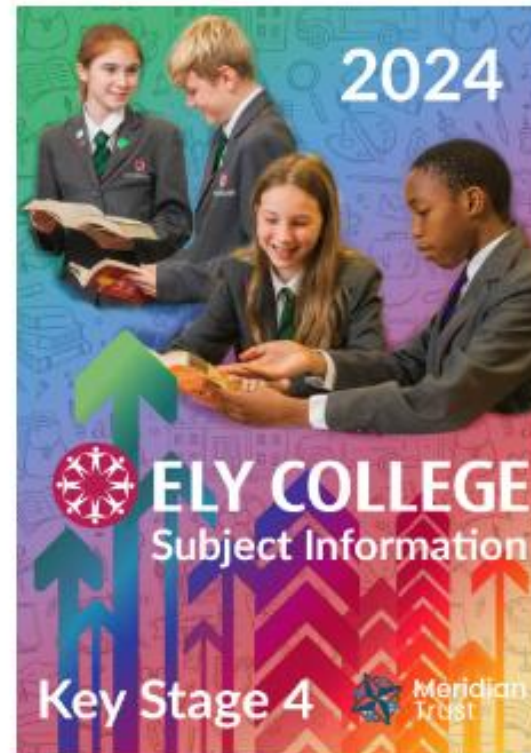
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