



DANESGATE COMMUNITY

OPTIONS 2026 for Year 9 into Year 10



A guide to choosing what to study next year

Welcome....

The courses you choose to follow next year are not just an important decision in terms of school life but also of life in general. They can set you up for your next steps in life, and as such, choosing the right subjects can help you to steer your life in the direction you want it to go in.

Your options can influence not only the subjects you go on to study, but also the college, sixth form and potentially university you'll attend.

The options you make will allow you to develop your academic interests, having dropped one or two subjects you don't wish to continue with at this stage.

Choosing subjects..

This can be a difficult decision to make (especially if you do not have a set career path planned), but this guide and your teachers are here to help and to guide you.

It is important you carefully choose the subjects you wish to study for the next 2 years and we would strongly recommend you talk to your parents/carers and teachers about your decision before you submit your final choices.



My options...

There are some subjects you have to study next year. These **Compulsory Subjects** are:

- English
- Maths
- Personal Development (Lifeskills, SEN Tutorial and PSHCE)
- PE
- ICT

Your options

You need to choose 1 subject from Option Block A, Option Block B and Option Block C.

Option A	Option B	Option C
Catering	Histoory	Science
Construction	Child Development	Sports Studies
Salon	Art	Health and Social
Art	Biology	Business Studies
		Sociology

Each Option Block is a time on your timetable, so you cannot choose 2 from the same block.

Friday Enrichment: On a Friday you will be able to choose between: Music, Healthy Living, Learning through games, Art for Fun or using the time to complete additional work. We will explain more in September and support you in choosing the right option for you.

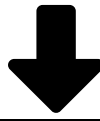


How we will support you....

We know this is a difficult decision and we want to support you in making the right choice, therefore:

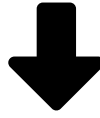
Friday 12 June: Introcuction to the Options Process

We will introduce you to the options process and provide you with a brief summary of each of the subjects.



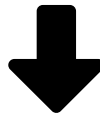
Monday 15 June: Choosing your taster lesssoms

You choose which subjects you want to test over the next 2 weeks.



Friday 19 June: Taster Lessons

You will attend a lesson in either: Construction, Catering, Salon, Hlstory or Health and Social Care.



Friday 26 June: Taster Lessons

You will attend a lesson in either: Art, Child Development, Science, Sports Studies or ICT.



Friday 3 July: Deadline for submitting your options

You must have submited your options with your Key Worker by Friday 3 July.

How to find out more about each subject

You can find out more on the schools website.

Here you can find the presentation your teachers used, plus more about each subject. Why not use the following QR Code to go to the right page?



Talk to your teachers

Your teachers are here to help and want to help you to make the right decision, please talk to them. If you do not know the teacher of a subject, please ask your Key Worker to introduce you to them:

- English = Kate Newman
- Maths = Clare Snowball
- Personal Development = Lucy Burns
- Science = Caroline Taylor
- Catering = Matthew Dominey
- Construction = Jamie Snowball
- Art = Becky Patchesca
- History = Andrea Ford
- Child Development = Jo Hughes
- Sports Studies = Charlie Hepworth
- Heath and Social = Jo Hughes
- Business Studies = Chris Smith
- Sociology = Wendy Binnington

If you are unsure about anything please talk to your Key Worker who will help you and support you whilst you make your final decision.

Your final choices

Please complete this page and bring it in and give it to your Key Worker.

Your name: _____

Date: _____

Option A:

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Option B:

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Option C:

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We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App

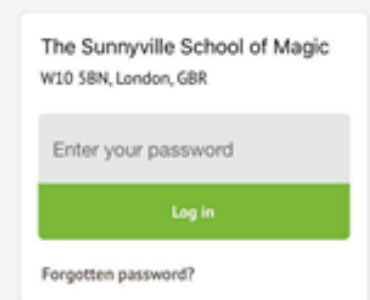
We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday



The Sunnyville School of Magic
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

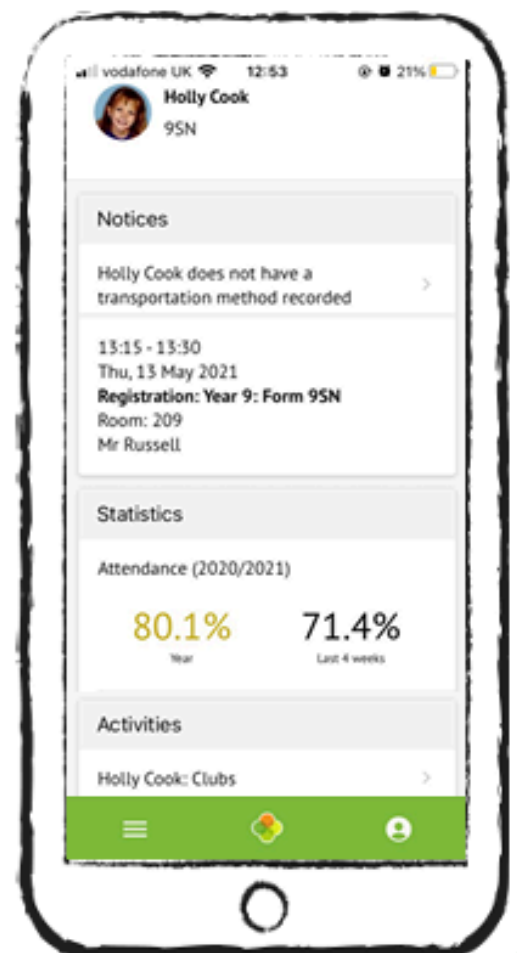
Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.





**If you have any questions,
please do not hesitate to contact us on:
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www.danesgatecommunity.org.uk**



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