



Year 9 Choices - Careers Help on Workabout

Choosing your subjects in Year 9 is the first decision you will make that could affect your future career. Choosing isn't always easy!

Workabout – the website of Calderdale & Kirklees Careers, has advice and information about qualifications, subjects and careers to help you on your way.

Now log on to **www.workabout.org.uk**, go to '11-16' and click on Year 9.

1. ➔ **Are you ready to think about your future?** Try this short questionnaire to find out.

What was your result?

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2. Advice about how to choose your options.

➔ **Careers Countdown**

List two things to do this term to help you to choose.

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3. What subjects can you do?

➔ From the Year 9 homepage go to '**Check out subjects**'

Click on your local online prospectus, then 'Providers' and select your school.

How many GCSE subjects can you do?

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What other qualifications can you do?

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4. **Qualifications explained.** More about qualifications

You usually study level 1 and 2 qualifications in Years 10-11.

Click on GCSE

GCSE can be in non- subjects
in subjects
short subjects

GCSEs are graded

Now check out the other options at level 2.

5. More about careers

Got a job or career in mind? Do you have a favourite subject and you want to know what careers it may lead on to? It's important to check if specific GCSEs are needed.

➔ Go back to the Year 9 homepage and choose '**Look for career ideas**'

Select **Careers** or **Jobs4U**

Now check out jobs or subjects you are interested in.

6. How are you doing?

➔  Select '**Careerconnect**'

Play on your own or with a partner.

Other things to do before choosing your options

1. Read your school booklet carefully
2. Look at Directions – Year 9 options booklet (also on Workabout)
3. Try Kudos – a careers matching program online or in school
4. Look at more careers information in school or on Workabout

Ask to see your Personal Adviser if you need more help.