

What GCSE subjects are the most beneficial?

Compulsory subjects

There are some subjects that are compulsory, there are three and they are:

- English (language and literature)
- Maths
- Science (biology, physics and chemistry)

Optional subjects

These other subjects are not compulsory:

- Art
- Business Studies
- Catering
- Child Development
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Geography
- Health and social care
- History
- ICT
- Languages (French, Spanish and German)
- Music
- P.E
- Philosophy and Ethics
- Resistant Materials
- Textiles

GCSE Grade	Old Point score	New Point Score
		9
A*	8	8.5
A	7	7
B	6	5.5
		5
C	5	4
D	4	3
E	3	2
F	2	1.5
G	1	1
U	0	0

GCSEs graded 9 to 1 in 2018:

English*, maths*, biology, chemistry, physics, combined science, computer science, geography, history, art and design, French, German, Latin, Spanish, classical Greek, dance, drama, music, food preparation and nutrition, physical education, religious studies, citizenship studies.

*First awarded in 2017

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Now we asked our peers, which subjects they thought were the most beneficial: we tallied up the subjects that they chose and the result was: out of the 15 people we tallied for their GCSE options, we found out that Business studies, History, French and I.T were the most chosen subjects.

We then asked some of the teachers of the Stonehenge school the following questions:

1. Why do you think your subject is beneficial?
2. What jobs can you get with a high grade in your subjects?
3. What skills do you need for your subject?

They answered:

Mr Langley – Geography:

1. Geography is about what happens in the world today. Students are involved in decision making which is crucial to all work. It also uses mathematical and scientific information to prove things and that too is important in the world of work. There are opportunities for students to write ideas and opinions about real issues in modern times and by doing so they are thinking about issues which impact on their life today. Some other subjects you might only use in school. As geography is everywhere we see and linked to every aspect of our lives it is more relevant than History for example which looks at the past and does not consider the future or today.
2. It teaches you skills. Specific skills for work with weather events or working in the outdoors and with environmental matters. It links with work to do with cities and tourism and travel. Its skills are good in all sorts of businesses and accountancy. It is apparently the second most employable of all subjects.
3. Thinking skills needed. Must like reading and writing and discussion. Happy with use of IT, Maths. Interested in earth science. You need to get to know about places. Where they are, how different they are.

You need to have a positive growth mind-set!

Mr Rogers – Music:

1. Encourages Creativity, Independence, Resourcefulness, Endurance and Hard work.
2. Music teacher / Lecturer, Music Therapist, Arts Admin, Recording Jobs, Professional Musician.
3. Musicality, Commitment, Creative, Commitment.

Miss Pavey – P.E:

1. With growing obesity numbers physical education in schools is becoming more and more important. Not just the keeping active and participating but the knowledge behind how to exercise properly and learning how to treat your body to be the best you, you can be. Physical fitness is an important component to leading a healthy lifestyle. The inclusion of regular fitness activity helps students maintain fitness, develop muscular strength and improve cardiovascular health. Exercise releases endorphins which can set pupils up for a better day with increased focus and for some physical education can come as a release for them to expend energy in a productive way.
2. PE Teacher, personal trainer, nutritionist, sports psychologist, sports therapist, sports scientist, sports journalist, sports coach and many more.

3. An interest in physical activity/the human body/biology. Some knowledge of how the human body works. Preferably some practical ability in a specific sport.

Mr Vickery – Modern Foreign Languages:

1. Languages are fundamental if we want to understand cultures and fully appreciate the global community in which we live. With or without Brexit (Britain's exit from the European Union), Languages remain a key tool in trade, industry, holidays and much more.

2. Clearly there are some careers that lend themselves to languages very easily; jobs in translating, interpreting, travel and teaching, but there are also so many other careers where languages can help you along the way. If I think back to the other people that were on my course at university there are people who are now teachers, interpreters, translators, working in the advertising industry, working in politics, working in government, and working for other global companies. So studying languages and doing well in them will open doors to any career you want; there's no industry or job where having studied a language will hold you back.

3. You need to have an inquisitive mind and be interested in communicating with others, you need to have a problem-solving mind and be prepared to work-hard. Being able to speak different languages is amazing, but it's a lot of hard work!

Mrs Bhaya – Drama:

1. Why? Well it's just beneficial in so many ways, it actually builds up your confidence levels and confidence is important for any line of work you go into. It actually makes your brain think about a devising process and using your imagination, character building and assessing. It has so many benefits for so many walks in life, everyone's crying out for Drama students now and not just for the stage and theatre but TV companies, if you think about all the technology that's out in our world now the thinking process is where Drama's at.

2. What? Any jobs you want, a lot of my pupils now are talking about game designers, a lot of them are talking about going and working for the BBC but literally whatever line of work you go into where confidence/ speaking openly into a vast audience and having confidence to lead with ideas/ examples and putting yourself forward as a leader, this is where Drama can take you.

3. You need lots of skills such as commitment, focus and definitely a lot of self-discipline it is not about coming here and just playing an old lady, we have to research and develop the ideas and characterise and there is a lengthy process to get there in order to do that to the best that you can.

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