

# Year 9 Careers Week

## Introduction

In Year 9 you will have to decide which 3 subjects you want to study in more depth, alongside your core subjects, to the end of Year 11. It is important to get this decision right, so that you choose the subjects you need for the course or job you may want to do in the future.

This week you will speak to your teachers to find out information about the subjects you can choose to take at GCSE. They will discuss the subject content, the skills developed in each subject and even how they link to real life.

You will also be given a task to complete during your lessons that is similar to the tasks completed by students at KS4.

### What is STEM?

On some of the pages you will see a question:  
*What is STEM?*

STEM is the study of the areas: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Through STEM, students develop key skills that are in high demand from employers such as problem solving, creativity, critical analysis, teamwork, independent thinking, initiative, communication and digital literacy.

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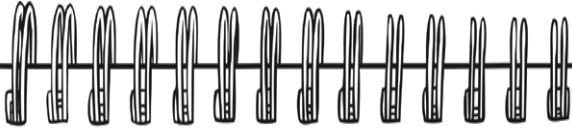
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# Maths



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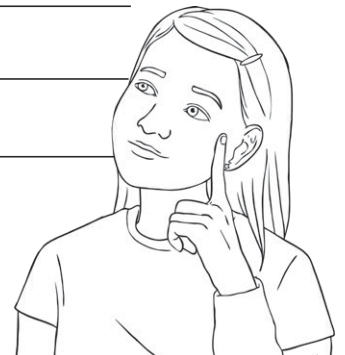
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# Science Combined (Core)

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## Options subjects

Option subjects are those 3 subjects you choose to study in more depth at KS4. It is important to think about your choices carefully, as you will be studying these for the next two years.

Useful things to consider when choosing your options are:

Do I enjoy that subject?

Have I found this difficult at KS3?

Does it link to what I want to study at college or my future career? (If you have one in mind)

Some of the subjects you can choose from may be new to you, and even subjects you have studied before might be different at KS4. By filling out the following pages throughout the week, you will hopefully be more confident when making choices in your options.







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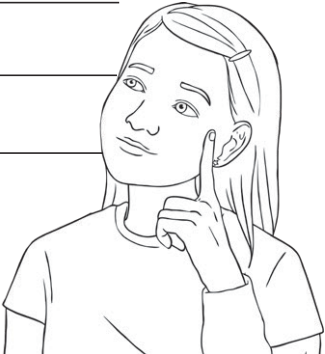
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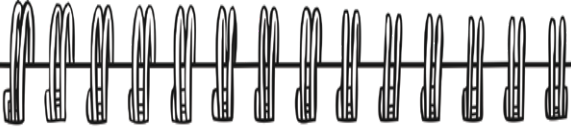
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# Spanish (EBacc)



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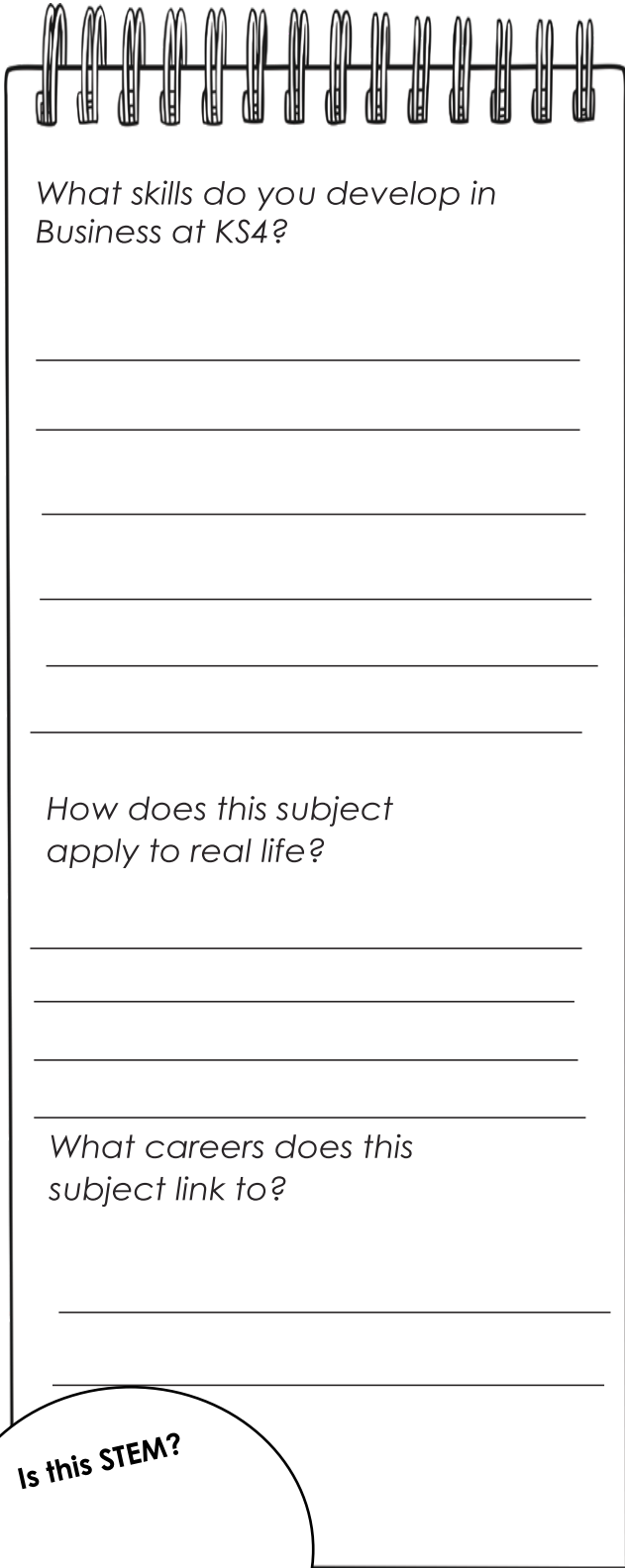
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# Business



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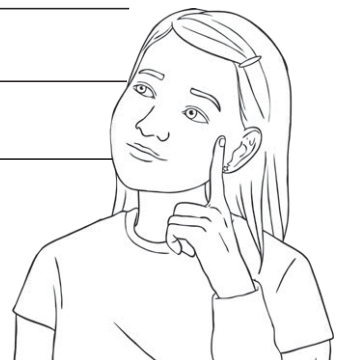
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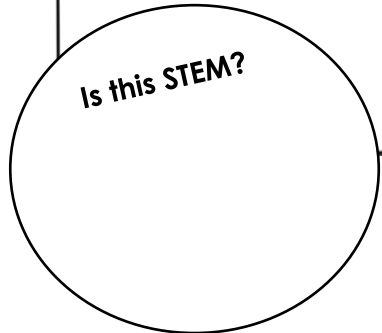
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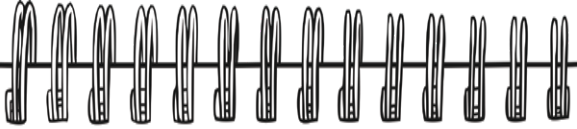
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# Art (Fine Art)



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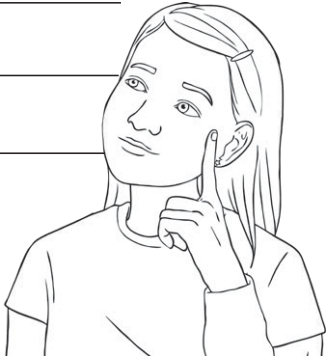
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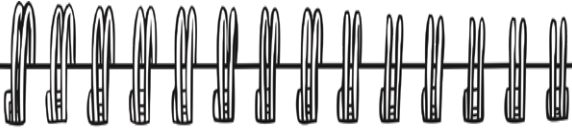
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# Design and Technology



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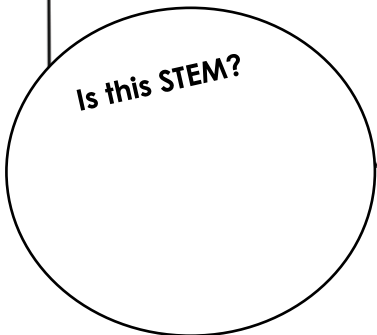
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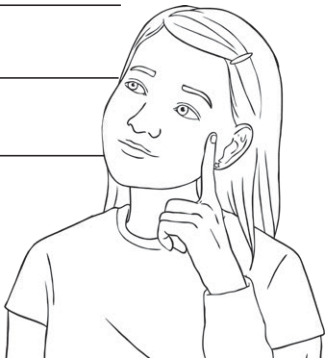
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# Food Preparation and Nutrition

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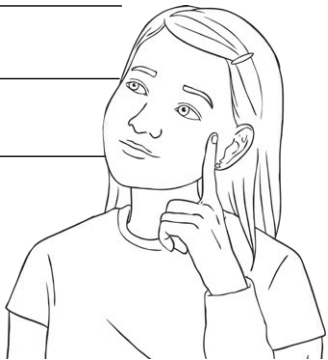
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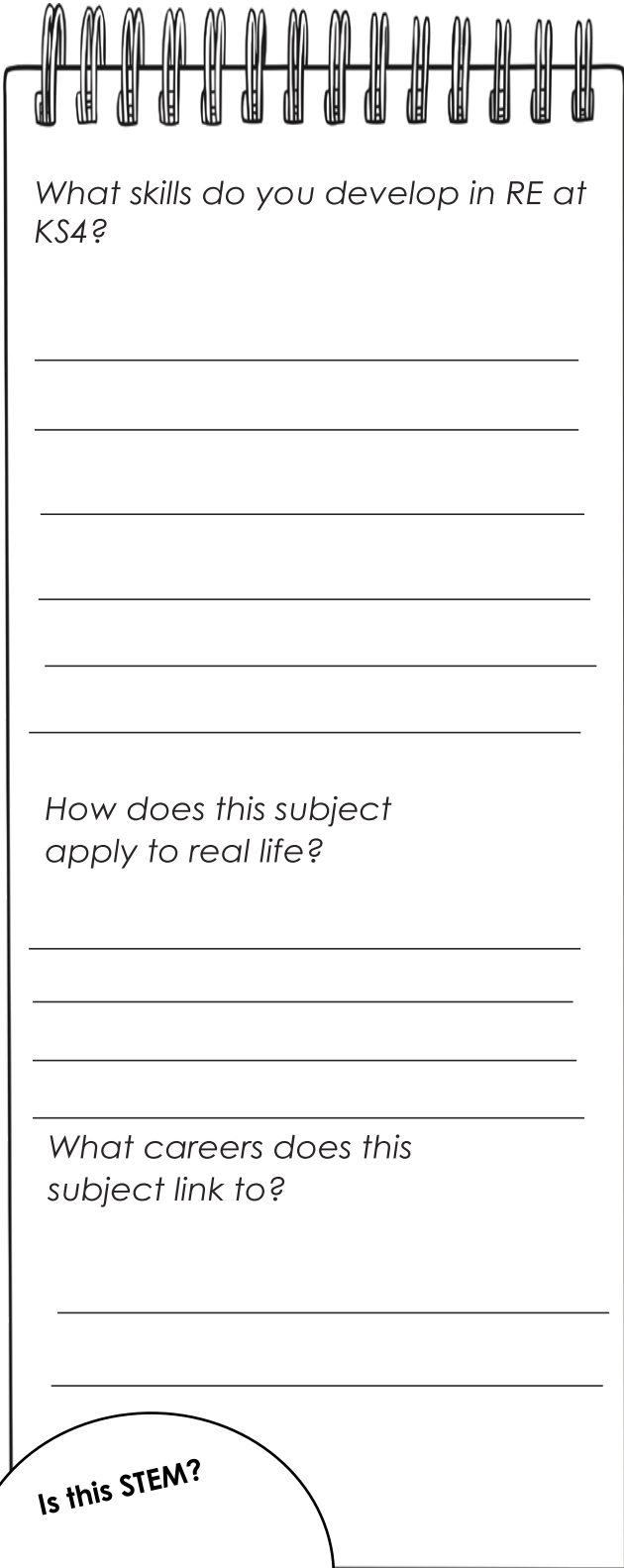
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# Religious Education



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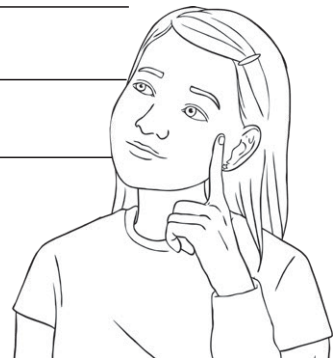
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## Consortium Subjects

These subjects take place offsite, at Halesowen College. The subjects that can be chosen are:

- Performing Arts
- Animal Care
- Children's Play, Learning & Development

Places are limited for these courses and so a selection process will take place.

In order for pupils to be eligible to apply for Consortium courses, they MUST have;

- Attendance of at least 93%
- Excellent punctuality
- Excellent behaviour and Attitude to Learning

Would you choose any of these subjects?  
Why?

Do you meet the criteria above?

## Help with choosing

### **Subject Teachers**

Speaking to your subject teacher will help you find out what the subject involves. Remember a subject you studied in KS3 might be very different in KS4.

### **Form Tutor**

Speaking to your form tutor may help, as they know what you are like as a person and will help link your skills to certain subjects.

### **Students in Yr 10 & 11**

These students are currently studying these subjects and can let you know more about them – remember they are not the same as you though, it's only their opinion.

### **Family & Friends**

These people know you best and know your likes, dislikes and what you may and may not be good at.

### **Careers Co-ordinator**

You can speak with Miss Shaw about your choices and discuss how these may link to future college courses and jobs. She can be found in the Library Thursday lunchtimes or E1.

Write down any questions here