

# Timeline for Year 8 and Year 9 Students Making Options Choices 2010/11

## SEPTEMBER

**Think:** what do I really want to get out of this year and am I achieving my full potential?

Your Connexions Careers Personal Adviser (PA) comes into school to help you with your **career plans** - make time to talk to them.

Your careers co-ordinator can help you find all the details you need to help plan your **next steps** - talk to the right people.

## OCTOBER

Start finding out about **options** after year 9 that interest you. Read information your school will tell you about, eg 'Which Way Now' from [www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com).

## NOVEMBER

Weigh up the **pros** and **cons** of the different options. Talk to your Connexions Careers PA!

## DECEMBER

Use your **predicted grades, interests, learning styles** and **career plans** to help make your choices - talk to your subject teachers.

**Check** when you have to make your options choices.

## APRIL

Check your options in light of your results/subject progress.

## MARCH

Create a **revision plan** that works for you and stick to it!

## FEBRUARY

**Continue applying** for your options choices if appropriate. Make sure you don't miss any **deadlines!**

## JANUARY

Check when any **options evening** are to help you make the best choices. **Review** your subject progress against your options choices. Start to **complete applications** if you haven't done so - make sure you have a back up plan.

## MAY

Are you **clear** about your plans for next year? If not speak to your Connexions Careers PA/careers co-ordinator.

## JUNE

Have you **received an offer** for the options you want after year 9? If you haven't, talk to your form tutor/careers co-ordinator!

## JULY

**Review** what you've learnt this year.

## AUGUST

Do any **reading/preparation** needed for next year.

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