

Year 9

GCSE Option Choices and Careers Research

The Careers Department



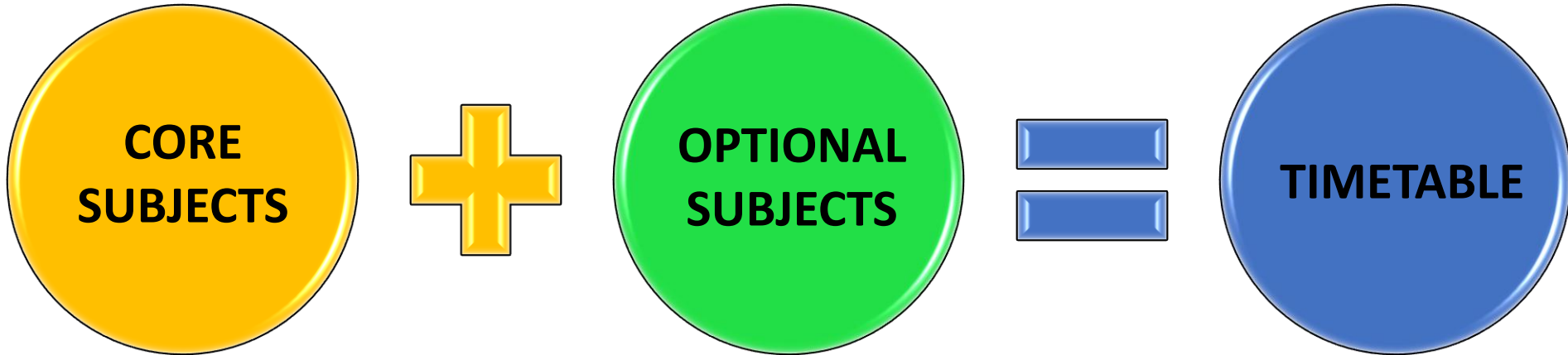
- Careers Information, Advice and Guidance
- Work Experience
- Help with choosing GCSE options

Learning Objectives



- To begin to think about what factors you should consider when choosing your GCSE options
- To understand which individuals can help you with your choices
- To understand that different careers resources can also help you
- To introduce Indigo Careers and how you can use this digital resource to explore different careers and entry requirements

Choosing GCSE subjects



You!
decide ●

Core Courses

- English
 - Language and Literature
- Mathematics
- Religious Studies
 - Christianity, Ethics and Philosophy *or*
 - Christianity, Ethics and St Mark's Gospel
- Science – Biology, Chemistry and Physics
 - Separate – 3 GCSEs
 - Combined – 2 GCSEs
 - BTEC Applied Science – 1 GCSE
- Modern Foreign Languages
 - French, German, Spanish *or* Core Skills

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$$14^8$$
$$3.14 \quad 300,000$$
$$\sqrt{9}$$



Optional Courses



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GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

MUSIC

FASHION & TEXTILES

Core Skills

HISTORY

Dance

Health & Social Care

Drama

COMPUTER SCIENCE

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BUSINESS

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

FRENCH

Geography

FINE ART

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Media Studies

Food & Nutrition

Positive reasons to choose a course

- You enjoy it
- You are good at it
- You like the method of teaching and assessment
- It combines well with other subjects
- It will be useful for a future career



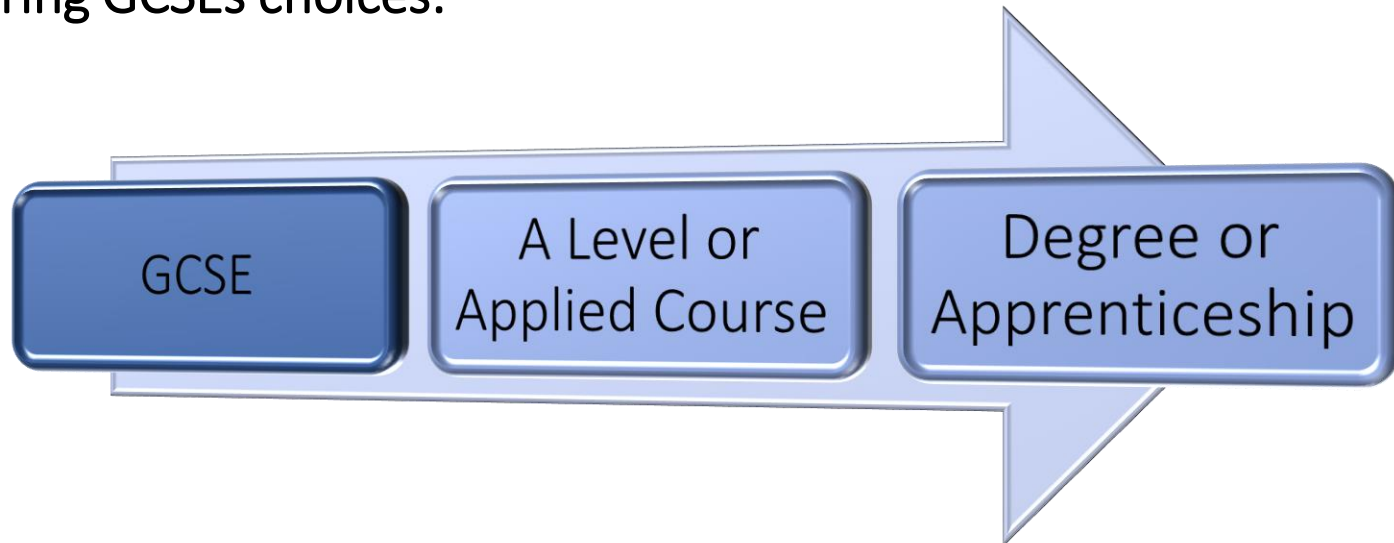
Negative reasons to choose a course

- Your friends are doing it
- You like the teacher
- You think it will be an easy option
- You can't think of anything else to choose



Subjects and future careers

Some careers require specific subjects/courses, e.g., Architect, Engineer, Vet, so it may be a good idea to work backwards when considering GCSEs choices:



Remember: Your core GCSE subjects will provide a good foundation for a multitude of different careers

Who can help?

- Subject teachers
- Form tutors
- Careers advisers – request a Teams meeting
- Current GCSE and A Level students
- Careers websites
- Your family



Useful websites

- [success at school - career zones](#)
- [success at school - parents ebook](#)
- [career pilot - job sectors](#)
- [eclips-online](#)
 - Contact careersstaff@staidans.co.uk for the school password
- [Dream Bigger](#)



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9.00am - 4.30pm

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Available
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Careers Research Task

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Using Indigo Careers website, in pairs, choose one of the following careers to research:

- Adult Nurse
- Costume Designer
- Cyber Security Expert

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Answer questions for your chosen career on the following:

- Key features and responsibilities of the role
- Training and entry requirements for the role
- Typical working hours
- Location (e.g., indoor/outdoor/office/from home)
- Average Salary
- Job prospects – competition and demand
- Related careers

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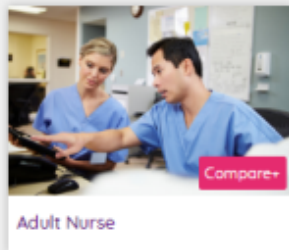
Use the filters below to browse our career profiles. You can also search by job title or keyword, or select careers for side-by-side comparison by clicking the scales symbol then using the 'Compare' button.

Adult Nurse

Filters: Show: Liked

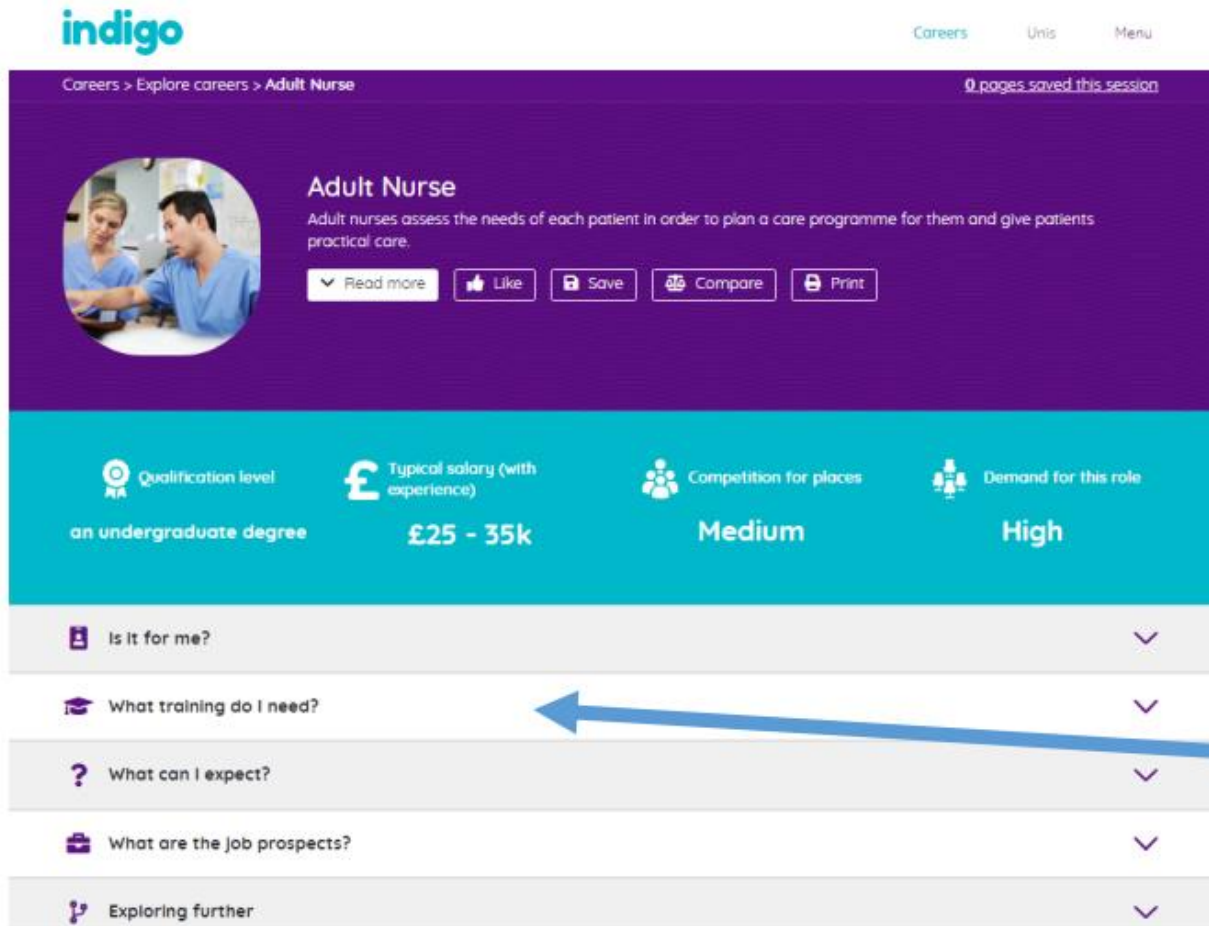
Qualifications: Skills & Traits:

Interests: Industry:



Type in
you're the
career you
have
chosen to
research

Careers Research...



The screenshot shows the 'Adult Nurse' page on the Indigo careers website. The page features a purple header with the 'indigo' logo and navigation links for 'Careers', 'Unis', and 'Menu'. Below the header, there's a section for 'Adult Nurse' with a circular image of two nurses, a description, and buttons for 'Read more', 'Like', 'Save', 'Compare', and 'Print'. A teal bar below contains key statistics: 'Qualification level: an undergraduate degree', 'Typical salary (with experience): £25 - 35k', 'Competition for places: Medium', and 'Demand for this role: High'. At the bottom, there's a list of five expandable sections: 'Is it for me?', 'What training do I need?', 'What can I expect?', 'What are the Job prospects?', and 'Exploring further'. A blue arrow points to the 'What training do I need?' section.

Open the drop-down areas to find the answers to the questions

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Qualifications:

Interests:

Skills & Traits:

Industry:

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Author	Scriptwriter	Database Administrator	Payroll Manager
Bookseller	Comedian	Copywriter	Editorial Assistant
Newspaper/Magazine/Web	Online/Web Content Manager	Receptionist	Recruitment Consultant

Answer questions on your interests, skills and traits to explore different careers

Careers Research...



Click on an industry sector below to see more about each field of work.

Some jobs, like HR and finance positions, are available in almost every sector