

# How should you decide?

## **Think about the issues**

What will you have to think about?

## **Get information**

What information? Where will you get it?

## **Use the information**

What do you need the information for?

## **Ask advice**

Who can give it? Will they be biased?

## **Weigh and decide**

What will influence you? What are the pros and

## **Check results**

How will you do this?

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# Choosing subjects/courses

## what to think about

Think about the issues

- What is it you are being asked to decide?
- What are the options open to you?
- How many subjects do you have to take?
- How many can you choose to take?

Get information

- Does your school produce an options booklet?
- Do you have a copy of 'Which Way Now'?
- What's available in your Connexions/careers centre/library?

Use the information

- What do you need to know about the different subjects?
- Are there any completely new subjects?
- What methods of study are used?
- What do you need to know about yourself?

Ask advice -

Talk to subject teachers, tutors, Personal/Careers Advisers, parents/guardians and people already in a particular job in which you are interested

Weigh and decide

- What are the advantages and disadvantages of choosing a particular option?
- What implications, if any, do some subjects have on later choice of study or career?

Check results

- Have you given yourself the best opportunity for achieving maximum results and grades?
- Will you have a balanced programme?
- Is your choice actually possible on the school's timetable?
- Have you made a 'Plan B'?
- Are you happy or do you have any worries?

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# Choosing subjects/courses - what to think about

The issues  
for me

Information  
available to me

What do I need  
the information  
for especially?

Who will I talk to  
about my  
choices?

Any advantages  
or disadvantages  
of my chosen  
subjects

Final checking

