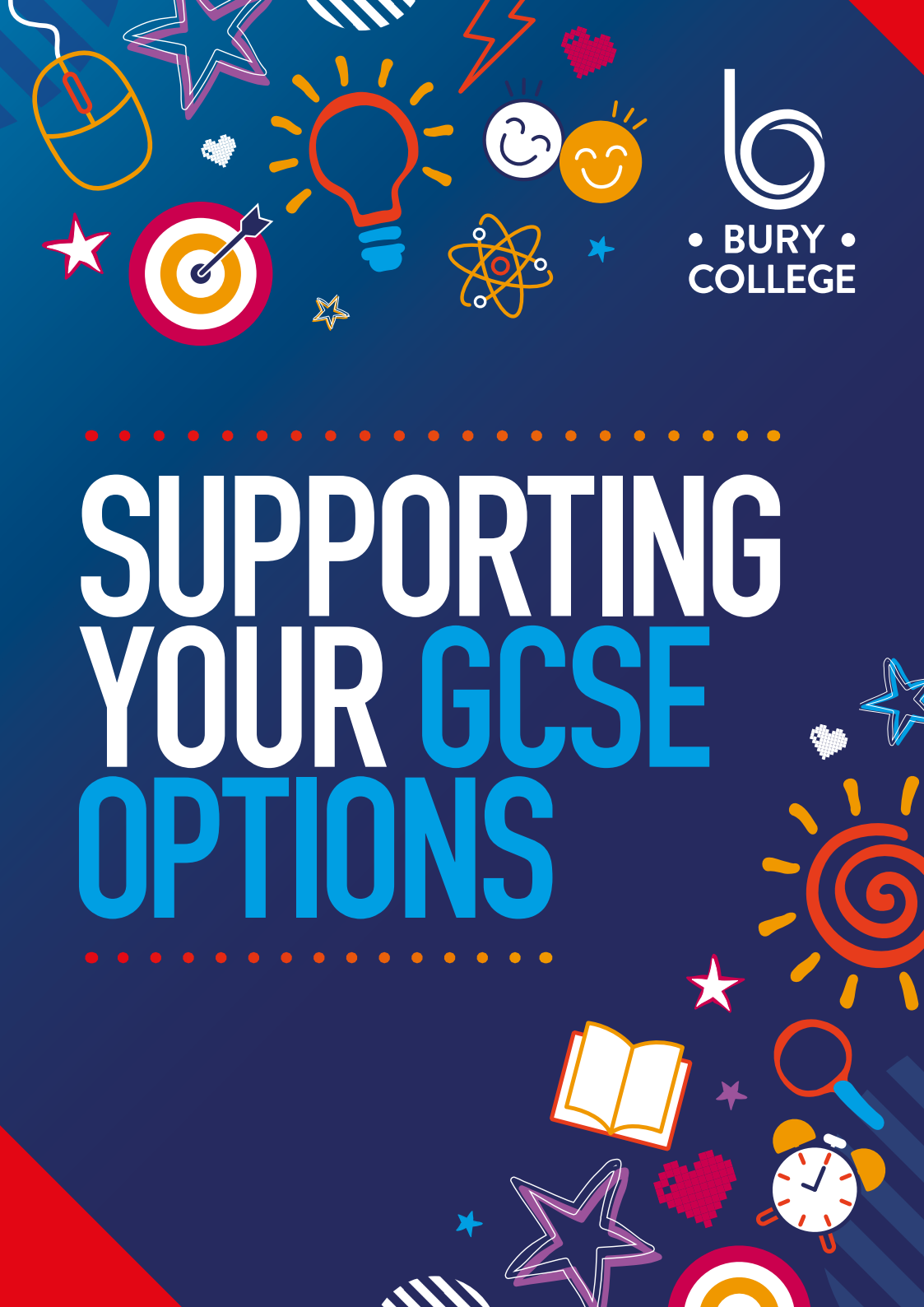




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Choosing your GCSE options is an exciting stage in your education and an important step towards planning for your future.

Here are some top tips to help you choose the options that are right for you:

- **Select subjects you enjoy:**
Pick subjects you enjoy and those you are doing well in. Enjoying a subject often helps you stay motivated so can help you achieve your best possible grades.
- **The choice is yours:**
Don't choose a subject just because your friends have chosen it, focus on what is right for you and your interests.
- **Your future:**
Consider which subjects may support your future ambitions, whether that is studying a specific course, pursuing an apprenticeship, or working towards a specific career.
- **Developing transferable skills:**
Think about each subject and the various skills you will be gaining from it which may align with your future goals — such as problem-solving, decision making, creativity, attention to detail, and more.



CHOOSING THE RIGHT GCSEs



Below are a few examples to help you choose the relevant subjects to suit your desired career pathway.

Career	Most helpful subjects	Why these help
Doctor/Nurse/ Healthcare Professional	Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, Mathematics	Science subjects are essential for medicine, nursing, pharmacy and healthcare courses.
Engineer	Physics, Mathematics, Engineering, Design and Technology	Builds problem-solving, technical and design skills needed in engineering.
Software Developer/ Cyber Security Specialist	Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Business Studies	Coding and logical thinking are highly valued in tech careers.
Lawyer	History, English Literature, Religious Studies, Sociology	Develops essay writing, analysis, debate and critical thinking skills.
Teacher	Psychology, History, Geography, a Modern Foreign Language	Strong communication and subject knowledge are useful for teaching careers.
Accountant/ Financial Analyst	Mathematics, Statistics, Economics, Business Studies	Numerical and analytical skills are essential in finance careers.
Architect	Art and Design, Mathematics, Physics, Design and Technology	Combines creativity with technical and mathematical understanding.

Career	Most helpful subjects	Why these help
Graphic Designer/ Animator	Graphic Communication, Art and Design, Photography, Media Studies	Creative subjects help build visual communication and digital design skills.
Journalist/ Media Professional	English Literature, Media Studies, History, Film Studies	Encourages strong writing, research and communication abilities.
Scientist/ Researcher	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics	Strong science background is important for laboratory and research careers.
Entrepreneur Business Owner	Business Studies, Economics, Mathematics, Media Studies	Useful for understanding finance, marketing and running a business.
Chef/ Nutritionist	Food Tech, Chemistry, Business Studies, Biology	Develops cooking, nutrition and food science knowledge.
Sports Coach/ Physiotherapist	PE, Biology, Psychology, Chemistry	Supports understanding of the body, fitness and motivation.
Flight attendant	A Modern Foreign Language, Business Studies, Geography	Develops the core skills required by major airlines: such as communication and cultural awareness.





NEXT STEPS

- **Explore your choices:**
Come and visit us at one of our open events. These are the best way to experience the College, explore the facilities, and find out more about each of our courses.
- **Future career:**
Sometimes thinking about your end goals - what you would like to study at college or university can help you decide which GCSE options might be best to choose.
- **Start your research:**
Scan the QR code to visit the Bury College website and explore all the courses we have available.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Pathways Explore - Careers Search

This tool helps you to search what qualifications you need for your chosen career. Scan the QR code above, enter the career you are interested in, and you can find out the various career paths available to you.





OPEN EVENT DATES

Our Open Events typically take place during October, November and March. Details of specific dates and times will be sent to your school and will be available on our website: www.burycollege.ac.uk/events



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