

Will my GCSE choices affect what career I can do?

With the vast majority of careers and university courses, it won't matter what subjects you studied at GCSE.

Some universities and employers will ask for particular grades in some of your GCSE subjects.

For example if you want to study [Sports and Exercise Science at Loughborough University](#) then they currently ask for a grade 6 in GCSE maths.

In some rare cases, you may need certain GCSEs in order to study a particular A level or BTEC, which may then affect if you can study a certain course at university.

For example, let's say you want to study [History at the University of Birmingham](#). Their entry requirements currently ask for an A level in History.

You will therefore need to choose GCSE History as one of your options if you want to study it at University of Birmingham.

So now look at the entry requirements for [Barr Beacon School's Sixth Form](#). In order to study A level History with us, we currently ask for a grade 5 in GCSE History.

However, it is important to keep in mind that there is almost always several different pathways that lead to the same career. For example you can study [History at Coventry University](#) without needing to have an A level in History.

It can be very hard to know for sure what you want to do at this stage, and the entry requirements could change by the time you come to apply. Therefore, try not to worry about this too much yet.

If you have a firm career path in mind and want to check the entry requirements, please email Miss Killick (Careers Coordinator) for support.