



Look at how you answered the questions in the circles. Do your responses in circle A match those in circle B? And does C match D? If not, don't panic – you're not alone! For many of us, the subjects we enjoy the most are not always the same as those we do best in. In fact, sometimes we tend to be better at the subjects we can't stand! This makes subject selection all the more difficult, when we're faced with the dilemma of whether to go with what we like, what we're best at, or something different altogether!

LOOK AT THE WHOLE PICTURE

When you are thinking about what subjects you might choose in your final years, it's important to look beyond simply what you enjoy right now, or what you got an A in last term. Your ideal subjects should be those which:

- Enable you to work from your strengths
- Help you towards achieving your career goals
- Stimulate you to want to learn
- Provide you with life skills

STRIKING A BALANCE

Your final years of school can be very busy, as many of you will be juggling exams and deadlines with sporting and co-curricular commitments, work, family time and a buzzing social life! It's important, therefore, to think about what will be a manageable workload for you. Some subjects may require you to spend time working on practical projects gradually over the entire year, whereas others will be more intensive, and demand more of your time during the end-of-year assessment period, for example. Choose a combination of different types of subjects that will be achievable for you.

EXAMS VS ASSIGNMENTS

Are you the type of person who studies all week, but when the time comes to sit the exam, you panic and go blank or completely misread the question? Or maybe the thought of writing an assignment totally freaks you out, and you procrastinate for days, doing anything you can to avoid putting pen to paper until the absolute last minute! Most of us have a preference for either exams or assignments, and when you are thinking about subject selection, it's a good thing to have in the back of your mind. Look through the assessment requirements for your chosen subjects, and make the most of your strengths.

AND FINALLY:

Always remember that your choice of subjects is just that: your choice. Make sure the subjects you pick are those that you want to study, not those that other people want you to do.