YEAR 9 PATHWAYS 2021-2023

Oldbury Academy

Pathways

Students are assigned to Pathways at Oldbury to give them bespoke GCSE options based on their strengths and potential in their subject areas.

All students will follow a core curriculum of English Literature, English Language, and Mathematics, and the vast majority will study the Science Double-Award. There will also be a compulsory core PE lesson for all students.

Your teachers have been collecting information and data on you for the last 2.5 years. They have discussed your strengths and potential in their subjects areas. Information gathered from discussions with your teachers in conjunction with your assessment data has been used to assign you to 1 of these 5 pathways.

Achieve

Excel

Inspire

Succeed

Flourish

What are my choices?

PATHWAY	What you have to do in this pathway
Achieve	Triple Science or Computer Science, German, Humanities and 1 option
Excel	German, Humanities and 2 options
Inspire	Humanities and 3 options
Succeed	4 options
Flourish	Personal Development Skills and 2 options

Options available

- Art GCSE
- Creative iMedia
- Child Development
- Dance BTEC
- Drama BTEC
- Enterprise BTEC
- Geography
- German
- History
- Hospitality and Catering
- Health and Social Care
- Music BTEC
- Religious Education
- Digital Information Tech
- Sport BTEC

How do I select my Options?

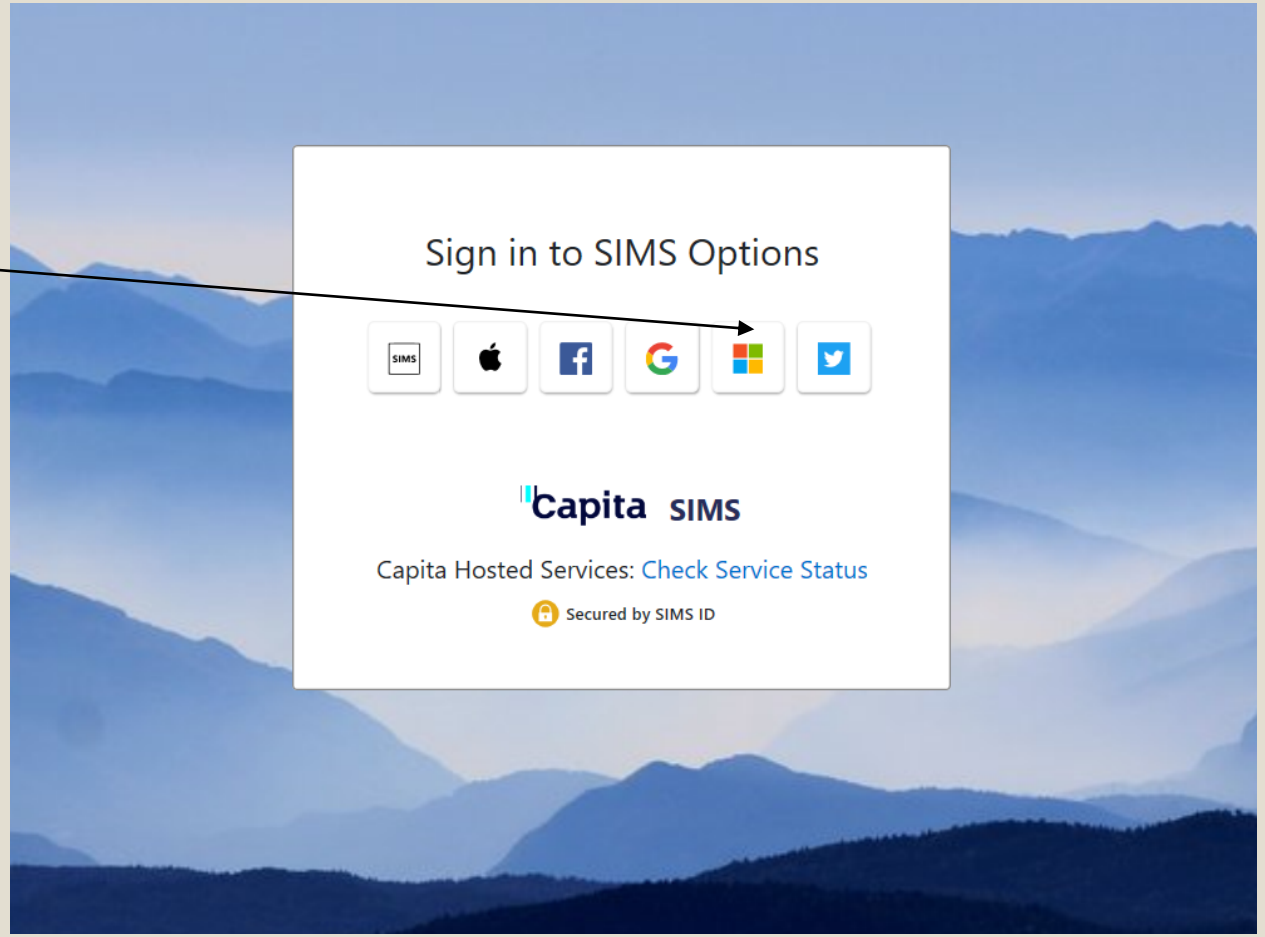
- Register your Sims account
  - You have all been sent an email to register on Sims.
  - This email would have been sent from the account: **noreply@sims.co.uk**

- Select your subjects online from **Friday 12th February at 3pm**
  - On completing the online registration, please click on the link to select your options. https://www.sims-options.co.uk/
  - **Don't forget to select a reserve subject in the event that courses are full**.

Accessing Sims Options

Visit the website:
https://www.sims-options.co.uk/

Select the login option with **Microsoft**



Achieve Pathway

You are on the **Achieve Pathway**.

Option 1: You have been selected for Computer Science

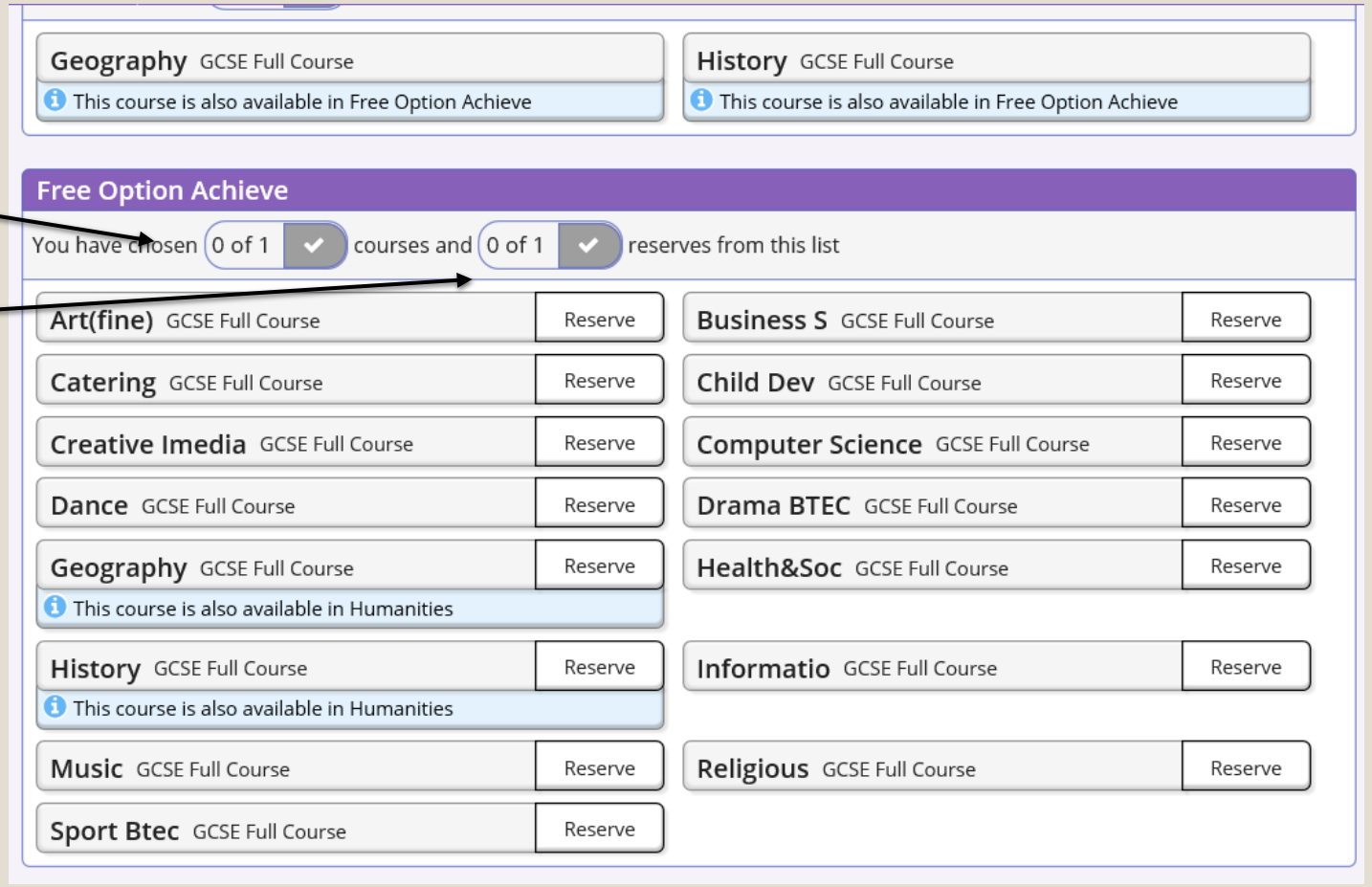
Option 2: You have been selected for German (This gives you an EBACC qualification).

Option 3: You need to choose between History or Geography (This gives you an EBACC qualification).

Option 4: You need to choose one other subject of your choice.

Number Of choices selected

Reserve



Excel Pathway

You are on the **Excel Pathway**.

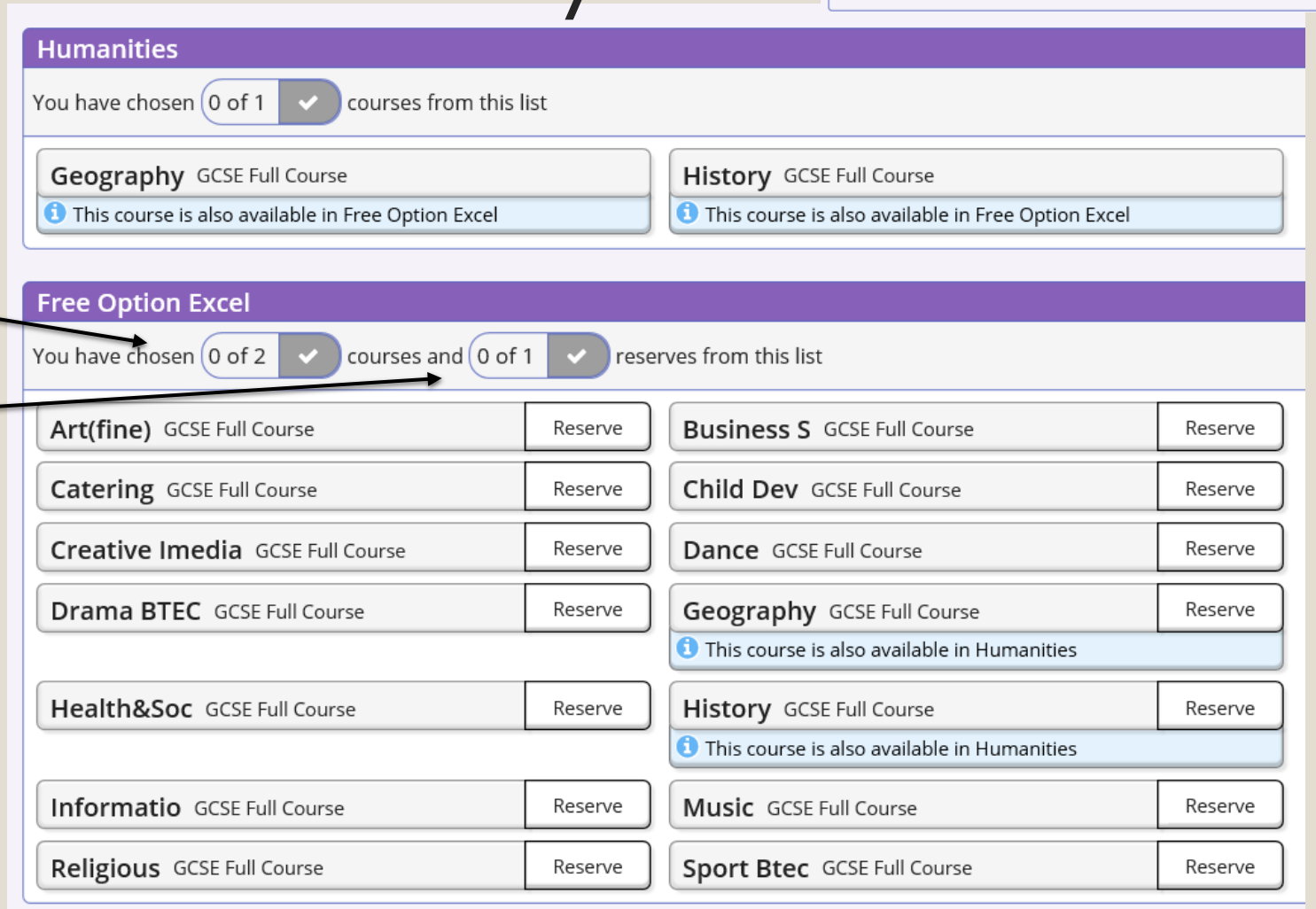
Option 1: You have been selected for German (This gives you an EBACC qualification).

Option 2: You need to choose between History or Geography (This gives you an EBACC qualification).

Options 3 and 4: You need to choose two other subjects of your choice.

Number Of choices selected

Reserve



Inspire Pathway

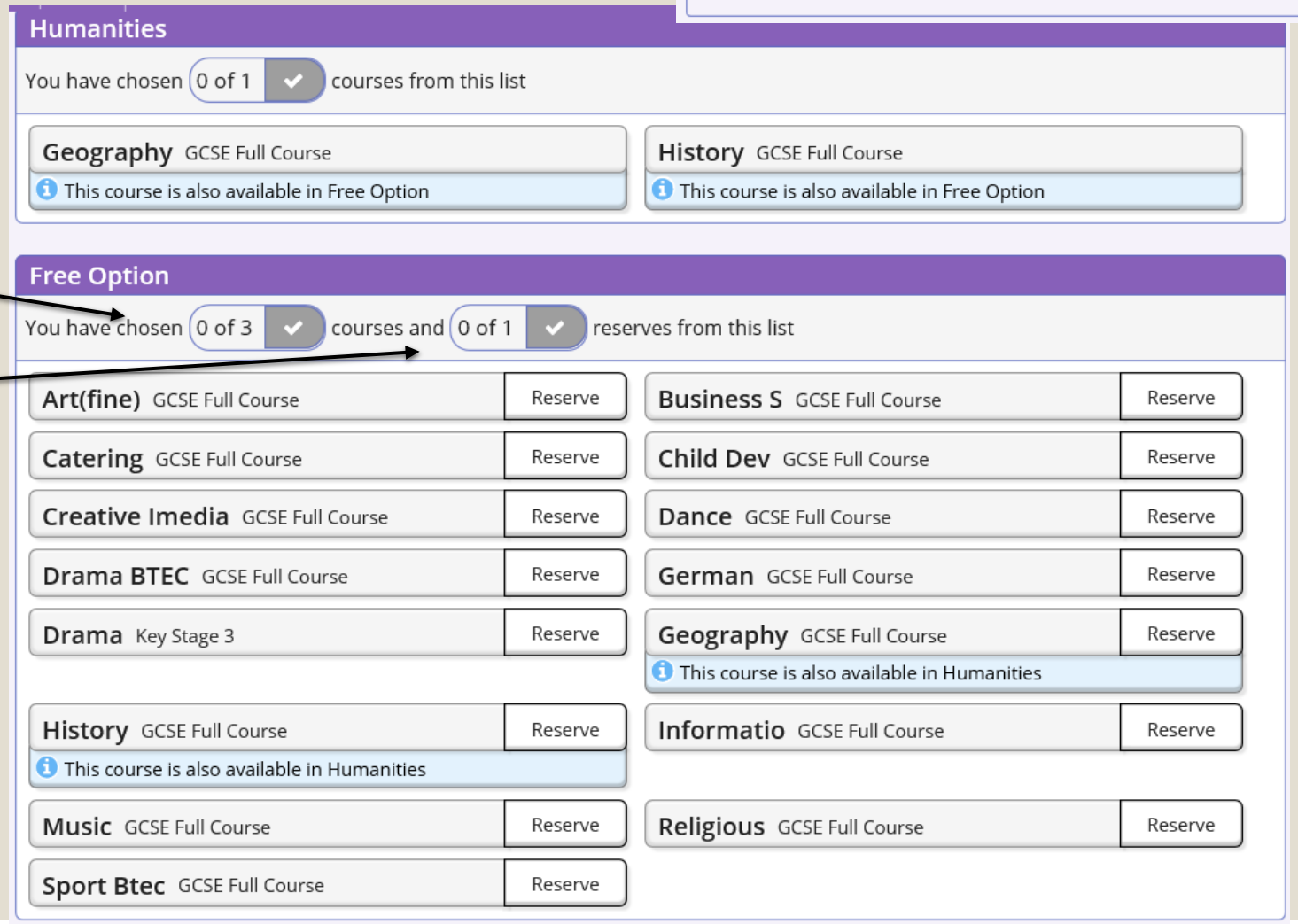
You are on the **Inspire Pathway**.

Option 1: You need to choose between History or Geography (This gives you an EBACC qualification).

Options 2, 3 and 4: You need to choose three other subjects of your choice.

Number Of choices selected

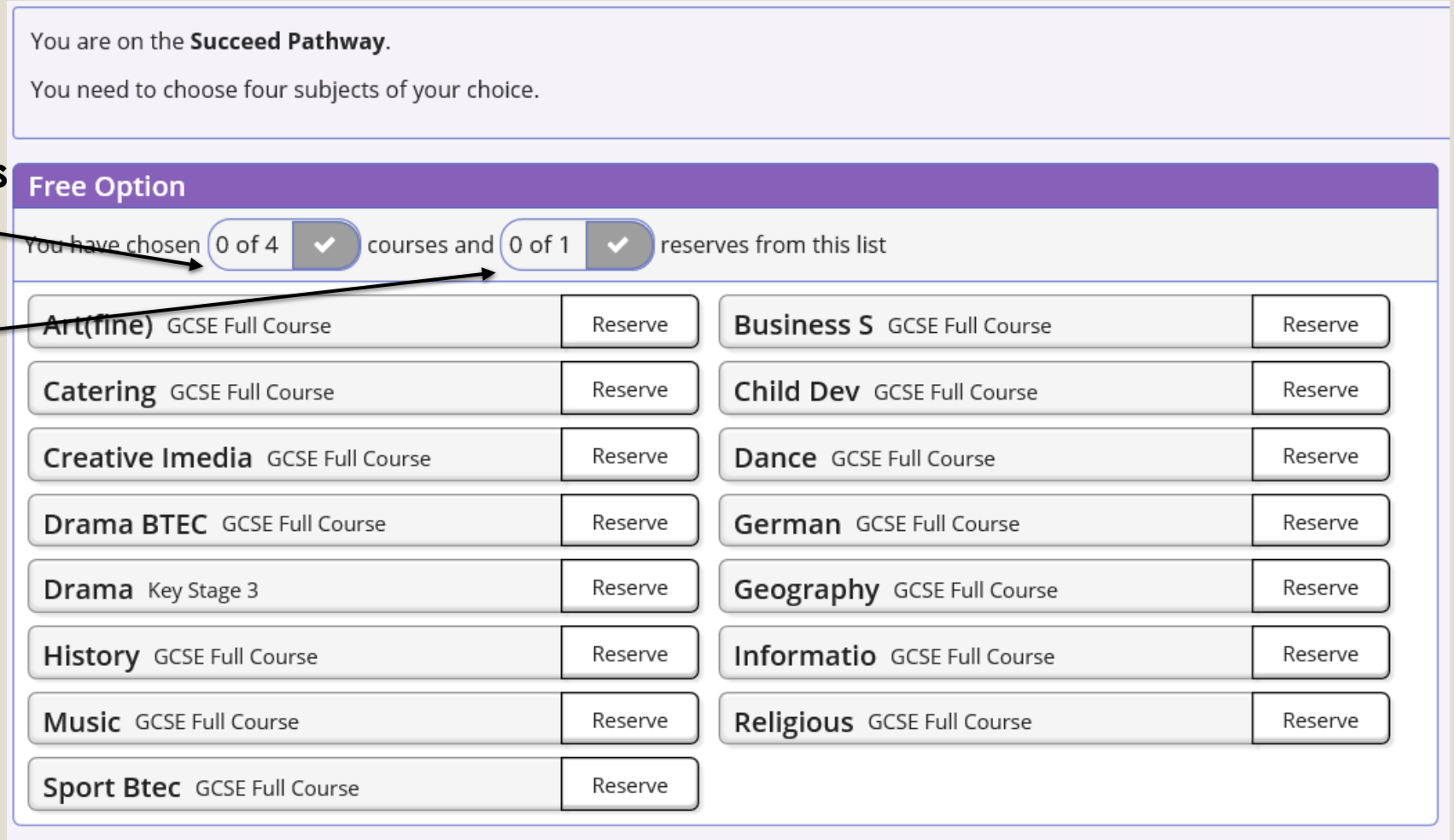
Reserve



Succeed Pathway

Number Of choices selected

Reserve



Flourish Pathway

You are on the **Flourish Pathway**.

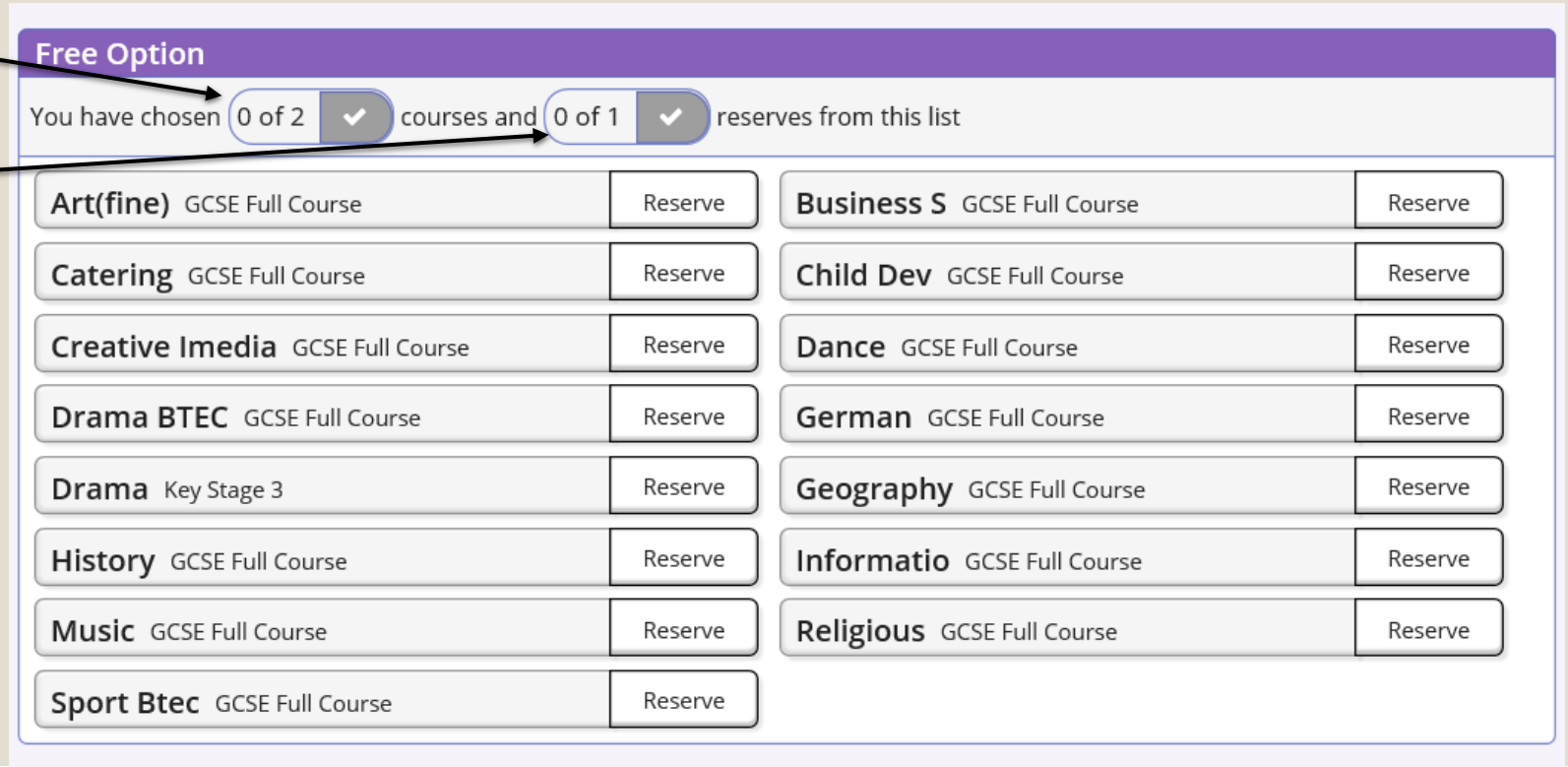
Option 1: You have been selected for Functional Skills.

Option 2: You have been selected for COPE.

Options 3 and 4: You need to choose two other subjects of your choice.

Number Of choices selected

Reserve



Frequent Q and A

- **Can I select triple science?**
  - This year, we have offered 30 students the option of doing triple science. The students have been selected using assessment data during their 2 and ½ years at Oldbury. These students have all been contacted and have agreed to do this subject. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer any more students this option for their GCSEs.
- **Do I need to do triple science to become a doctor?**
  - In order to be able to become a Doctor, you will need at least 7 GCSEs, 5 of which will need to be at Grades 7-9. You will also need to have pass grades (at least) in Maths, English Language and either Triple or Combined Science. You can definitely pursue the medical profession by doing Combined Sciences at a GCSE level providing that you obtain exceptional GCSE grades in your subjects.
- **I am on the Achieve pathway, do I need to do computer science?**
  - Computer Science is an option available to only the students on the Achieve pathway. It is not compulsory, you merely need to select another subject of your choice on the online form.
- **Will I get the subjects that I have chosen to do my GCSEs?**
  - The online options process is designed to give students the subjects that they have chosen. However, due to restrictions on class sizes, there may be limited availability to certain courses. There is not guarantee to all students getting on to their first choice, which is why it is crucial that you select a reserve.
- **When will I know my final choices for GCSE?**
  - We will finalise your subject choices during the summer term. You will receive information via your form tutors regarding the exact date.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

EMAIL YOUR TEACHERS TO TALK ABOUT YOUR SUITABILITY FOR THEIR SUBJECT

EMAIL PATHWAYS WITH OTHER QUESTIONS

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