

Year 9 Guided Choices Assembly



Wednesday 25th February 2026

Guided Choices

Making the right choices for year 10 is an important stage in your education.

This process allows you to think about future goals and supports you to choose some of the subjects they will study over the next two years.

Core Curriculum

- Maths
- English (Language and Literature)
- Science
- Religious Education
- Physical Education, you don't have to sit an exam in this subject but you could choose to

Turn and Talk

Which subjects do you get to choose from?



Guided Choices Curriculum

- The range of subjects to choose from is wide:
 - Art, Photography, ASDAN, Design Technology (Textiles), Food and Nutrition, Physical Education, Drama, Computing, Languages (French and Spanish) and Humanities (including History, Geography and Sociology)
 - Most are academic courses (GCSEs) and some are vocational (BTECs), e.g. Physical Education, ASDAN

The Ebacc Curriculum

We expect the majority of students to follow the EBacc pathway by choosing one humanity, one language and two options subjects.

CHOOSE ONE HUMANITY FROM THE LIST BELOW:	CHOOSE ONE LANGUAGE FROM THE LIST BELOW:	CHOOSE TWO OPTIONS FROM THE LIST BELOW:
Geography	French	Art
History	Spanish	Computing
		Physical Education (BTEC)
		Design Technology (Textiles)
		Drama
		Photography
		Sociology
		Triple Science
		Food Nutrition and Preparation
		ASDAN

Turn and Talk

What are sensible reasons to pick a subject?

What are *not* sensible reasons to pick a subject?



Choosing your subjects

- Aptitude
- Enjoyment
- Interest
- If you have career or university course ambitions already, you must do some research before deciding on your options; if not, keep doors open
- Find out as much as possible about the courses available and which ones would be most suitable for you
- Ask the advice of Subject Teachers, Form Tutors and Heads of Year

Next Steps

1. On your year group Google classroom and in your parent or carer's email inbox, you will receive a Key Stage 4 Curriculum/ Guided Choices booklet. You should read this with your parents and/ or carers.
2. From Monday 2nd to Friday 13th March 2026, your subject teachers will discuss the Key Stage 4 options available in their areas with you in class. This will also be a focus of PSHE lessons.
3. On Wednesday 11th March 2026, there will be a guided choices fair during morning registration time when you have the opportunity to ask option teachers questions about the subjects you may want to study. Think of some questions in advance!
4. Later in March, your guided choices form will be issued.
5. You and your parents and/ or carers will be able to book a meeting with LAB or SAI to support you in deciding your Key Stage 4 options.
6. Once the deadline has passed (after the Easter holiday) and your forms have been handed in, option groups will be reviewed by LAB, SAI and subject leaders.
7. Once groups are reviewed, your final Key Stage 4 options will be confirmed in writing.

N.B. You can also choose to take a Community Language and you should communicate this on your form if you are interested in this.

Any questions?

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