



Key Stage 4

Options 2026-2028

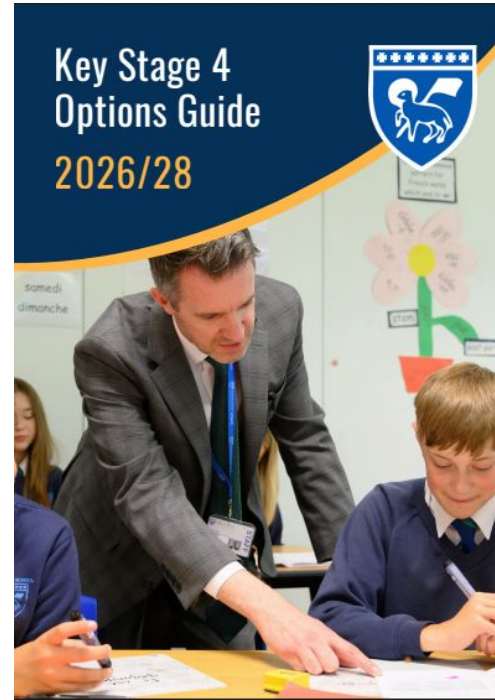
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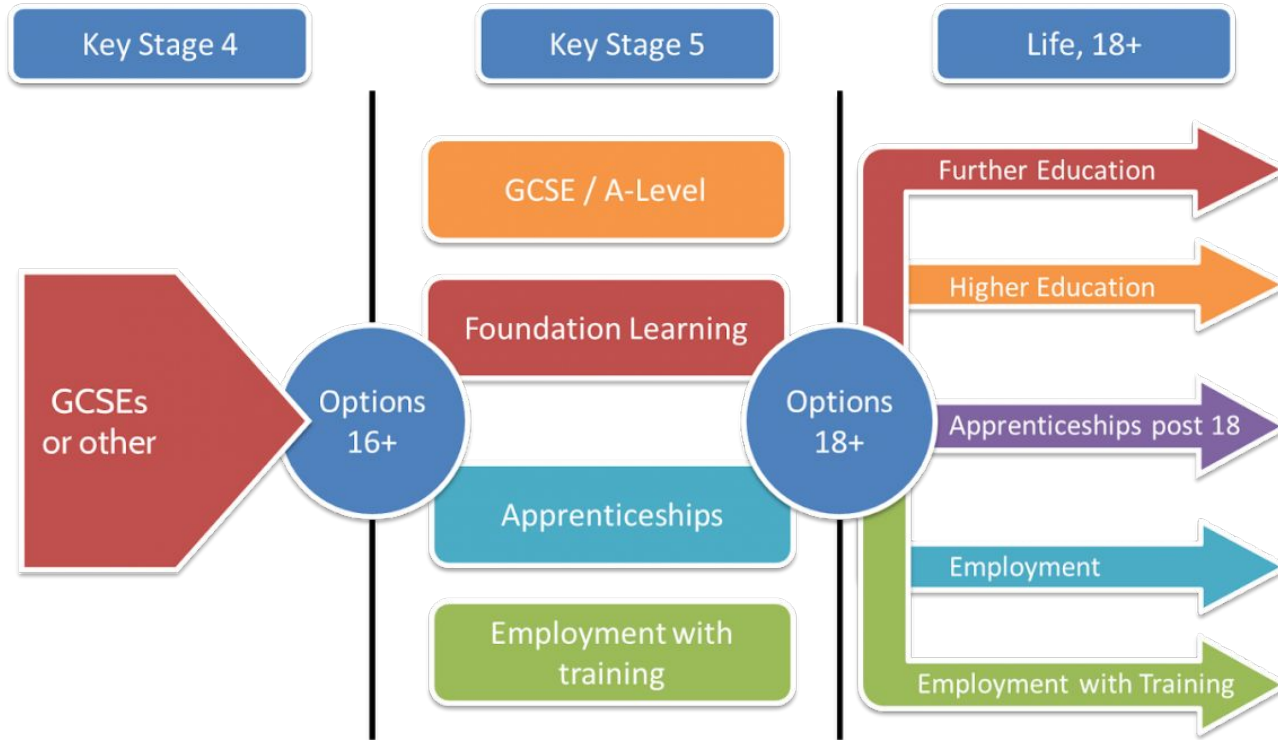
Welcome

The aims of this evening are:

- to understand the Key Stage 4 Options process
- to gain a better understanding of subjects available
- to have clarity around next steps and key dates



Consider future pathways



What is and isn't 'Optional'?

Core Curriculum

Compulsory for all students



Optional Curriculum

Up to four additional qualifications



Core Curriculum

All students study:

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| • English Language | one GCSE |
| • English Literature | one GCSE |
| • Maths | one GCSE |
| • Combined Science | two GCSE |
| • Core PE | Non-examined course |
| • Life Skills | Non-examined course |



Choose one from:

- Computer Science
- Geography
- History
- French
- German
- Spanish
- Triple Science*
- Step Up (Invite only)



New Subjects to consider

Health & Social Care



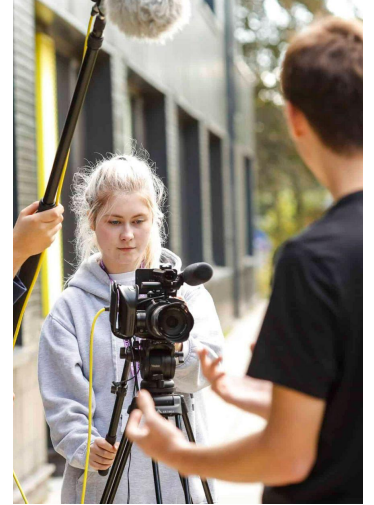
Photography



Hospitality & Catering



Media Studies



New Subjects to consider

Vocational Qualifications

GCSE Business

VS

CNAT Enterprise & Marketing

GCSE Physical Education

VS

CNAT Sport Studies

GCSE Computer Science

VS

CNAT Creative iMedia



How is it Assessed?

Consider carefully how the subjects are examined:

All exams at the end of Year 11

OR

Coursework and exams



What is the difference between GCSE & Vocational qualifications?

GCSE courses:

- Usually 100% examinations taken at the end of Year 11
- Some include practical exams done under supervision e.g. Art

Vocational courses:

- Usually 40% examinations taken at the end of Year 11
- Exam board assessments (60%) are sat over the 2 years
- Assessments are completed under supervision in school



Questions?



Do you have to take a language?

No - but we would strongly recommend you consider taking a language because of the benefits later.

Languages are viewed favourably by the Russell Group Universities.



Questions?



Do I need to do Triple Science to study A-Level sciences?

- *No, while triple science will put you in a strong position to take A levels in science, the A level courses are designed to follow on from the GCSE combined course. Taking triple science will not give you a significant advantage at A level.*
- *You should only take Triple Science if you really enjoy the subject and you should be targeting at least a grade 6 at GCSE.*



Questions?



Should I take more than one coursework based subject?

- *Coursework subjects offer many benefits but studying more than one needs to be considered very carefully.*
- *Think very carefully about the workload balance.*

Example - GCSE Photography & GCSE Art



Questions?



Will I be guaranteed my subject choices?

You will be asked to rank order your subjects when you submit your option choices online. We aim to give you all 4 subjects but if it is not possible, we will prioritise your first choices.



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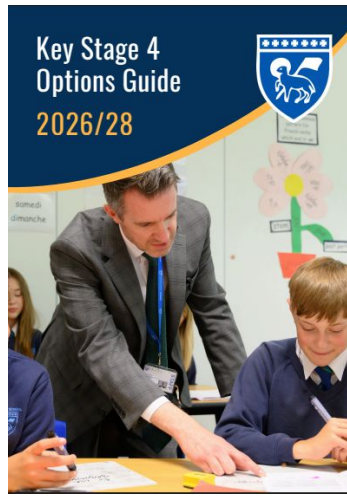
Will I be able to change my subject choices at a later date?

- *Before the summer it may be possible depending on the timetable and class sizes*
- *From September, changes will be limited because the timetable is 'locked in' and one subject change can impact other choices.*



What Now?

- Do some research:
 - What type of job would you like when you are older?
 - What subjects might you need?
 - What skills and experience would be useful?
- This evening speak to the subject experts, Careers team, Community Leaders and the Senior Leadership Team



What Now?

Date	Event
Thursday 5th February	Key Stage 4 Options Information Evening
W/Beg 9th Feb	1:1 meetings with SLT or CLs
Friday 13 th February	Key Stage 4 Options Form to go live
Tuesday 3 rd March	Year 9 Online Parents' Consultation Meeting
Friday 13 th March	Deadline for the submission of Option Choices

Choose
1 subject from column 1
3 subjects from column 2
Plus 2 reserves
Rank order the subjects



Scan me to access the
KS4 Options Form



Subjects will be allocated based
on student's priority listing and
not on the date the form was
submitted



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