



19 January 2021

Key Stage 4 (GCSE) Options 2021-2023

Dear Year 9 Parents, Carers and Students,

This term is when Year 9 students choose their Key Stage 4 (GCSE) subjects.

There will be lots of advice available but it's also the time when students and parents can do some research so that decisions are made with the right information.

Both GCSEs and A Levels have undergone quite fundamental changes in recent years and we will make sure that everyone is briefed on how to make informed choices.

Here are the key dates:

Thursday 25 February Online Information Evening for Parents and Students, 7 pm

Information will be shared with parents and students via the school website, this will include a recorded presentation from Mr Scoble and a digital options information booklet. After reading this information, students will be in a position to do some research and start making decisions.

w/b Monday 1 March Year 9 Q & A assembly

A chance for students to ask questions about option choices. The process of completing the online options form will also be explained.

Monday 8 March Online Options Form opens, 4pm

9 and 10 March Year 9 Consultation Evening, Online, 4.30-7.30pm

Please see overleaf for how to make appointments.

Sunday 14 March Option Forms submitted online by 6pm at the latest

March-May Further discussions with individual students as necessary

September 2021 Courses begin (some core subjects begin KS4 work in Year 9)

Yours sincerely

Giles Scoble
Headteacher

Year 9 Consultation Evening - Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 March 4.30 -7.30pm

The Consultation Evening is mainly a chance for you and your daughter to have online appointments with her subject teachers about her progress this year, but it may also be helpful in making option choices.

The evening will take place over two evenings to allow for greater teacher availability, please note some teachers are only available on one evening.

The booking system <https://aylesburyhigh.schoolcloud.co.uk/> will open for bookings at **7pm Monday 22 February** and close Monday 1 March at 9am. Details how to book are attached. *(The site is not accessible until the time shown above).*

The system is first come, first served, and as some teachers teach more Year 9 pupils than the number of appointment slots, please be aware that it is not possible for them to meet everyone.

Initially the system will restrict you to a maximum of six appointments, but later in the booking week there will be the opportunity to make more appointments (if teachers are not fully booked). You will be sent an email with the time and date that this will happen.

Once the booking system has closed (22 February) please read the **additional attached information** regarding how to access your meetings.

'In order to make video calls you need to have as a minimum....' (page 1)

To ensure your system will work for you we recommend you access the site in advance of the day.

If you are unable to make your bookings, or if you need to make any amendments after 22 February please contact Mrs Betts by email (kbetts@ahs.bucks.sch.uk) who will be able to make and alter appointments for you.

Mrs S Saunders
Head of Year 9