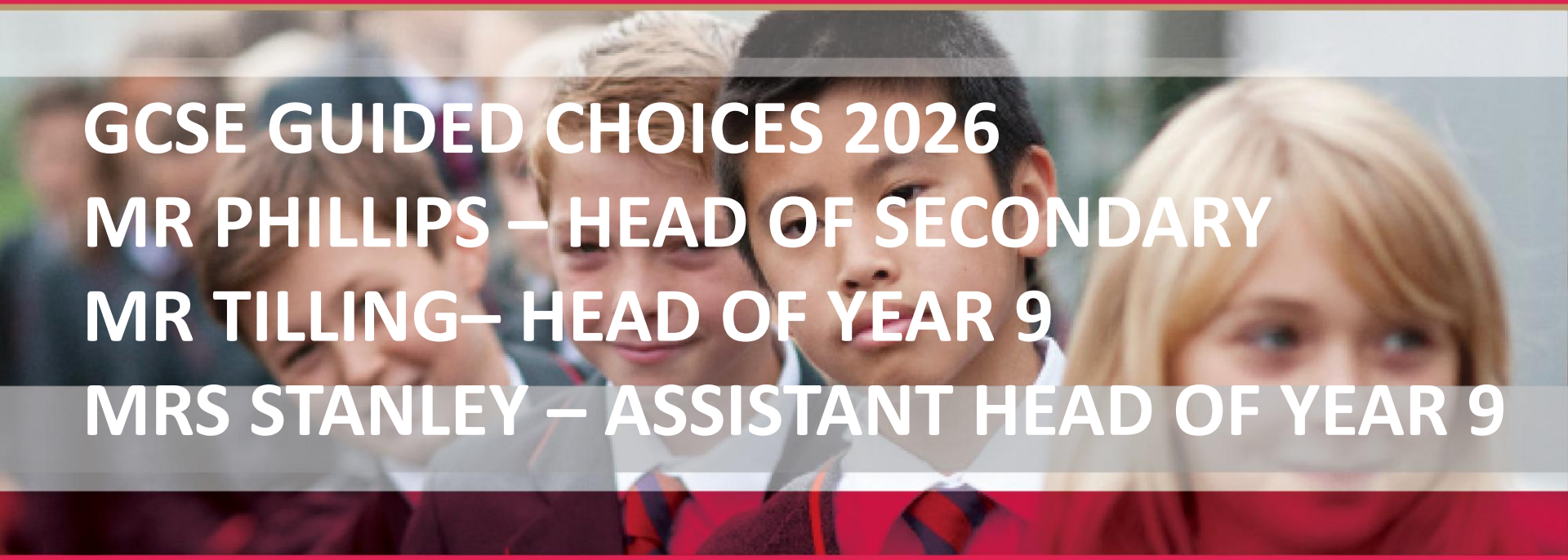


GCSE GUIDED CHOICES 2026

MR PHILLIPS – HEAD OF SECONDARY

MR TILLING– HEAD OF YEAR 9

MRS STANLEY – ASSISTANT HEAD OF YEAR 9

- French
- Spanish
- History
- Geography
- Fine Art
- Business Studies
- Dance
- Design Technology
- Drama
- Food Preparation
- Media Studies
- Music
- Physical Education & Sports Studies
- Computer science
- Religious Studies (Full course)
- Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry & Physics)

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GCSE Core Curriculum

All students will follow this Core Curriculum.
It comprises:

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Combined Science (unless Separate Sciences are selected)
- Also:
  - Core PE
  - Personal Development Curriculum (PSHE and RE)



GCSE English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

In addition, pupils will then choose an Ebacc subject from:

- French
- Spanish
- History
- Geography



The English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

In order to achieve the **English Baccalaureate** qualification, pupils will need to select and complete GCSE qualifications in the following subjects:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science (*either* GCSE Combined Science *or* 3 single sciences)
- Geography *or* History
- A Modern Foreign Language (French or Spanish)



GCSE Open choices

In addition to the core curriculum students will select a 3 additional subjects, making 9 GCSEs in total:

- French
- Spanish
- History
- Geography
- Fine Art
- Business Studies (GCSE)
- Dance
- Design Technology
- Drama
- Computing
- Food Preparation & Nutrition
- Media Studies
- Music
- Physical Education (GCSE)
- Sports Studies & Outdoor activities
- Religious Studies (Full course)
- Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry & Physics)



The reserve choice…

- We cannot promise that all your courses will run or are possible to timetable without clashes, which is why we ask you to pick a reserve subject.
- You must be prepared for the fact that you may have to study your reserve subject instead of one of your free choices; so please pick wisely.



Timeline

Assembly to pupils – Thursday 15th January

Guided Choices Evening - Wednesday 21st January 5pm – 6.30pm

Guide Choices goes live on Sims Online, Friday 23rd January

Completion of Guided Choices Form, Monday 23rd February
The online form needs to be completed by 23/2/26
Mr Phillips has created a guide to explain how to login and complete via SIMS OnLine.



Key Information

- You now have approximately a month to choose your options
- DO NOT RUSH
- Don’t complete your choices too early.
- Keep asking questions and talking to your teachers
- Speak to your teachers and tutors if you have any queries
- Your parents must sign (electronic tick in a box) your Guided choices form
- Don't pick subjects because of a friend or the teacher!



Attending school every day = 100% attendance

Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year.

Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed. An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.





GCSE GUIDED CHOICES – HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR ONLINE FORM

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How to complete the form

All pupils/ parents need to select one subject from the list below.
To select a subject please click on the subject box
The box 'you have chosen 0/1courses from the subject will change to green – showing 1/1.
To change chose, click again on the subject you selected (this will unselect) and the click another subject.

Pathway A

EBACC - compulsory choice

EBACC - Compulsory choice. All students must selected one subject from the list.

You have chosen 0 of 1 courses from this list

- **French** GCSE Full Course — This course is also available in Open Choice
- **Geography** GCSE Full Course — This course is also available in Open Choice
- **History** GCSE Full Course — This course is also available in Open Choice
- **Spanish** GCSE Full Course — This course is also available in Open Choice



ll pupils/ parents need to select three subjects from the list below.
s before, click on unclick as required. However, the most important subject to you should be elected first; then the 2nd; finally the 3rd.
t is important to select a reserve subject after this.

en Choice

n Choice -- choose three subjects.

strongly recommend that you study both a language and a humanities subject.

have chosen 0 of 3 courses and 0 of 1 reserves from this list

rt GCSE Full Course — Reserve	**Business Studies** GCSE Full Course — Reserve	**Computing** GCSE Full Course — Reserve
ance GCSE Full Course — Reserve	**Drama** GCSE Full Course — Reserve	**French** GCSE Full Course — Reserve This course is also available in EBACC - compulsory choice
ood Technology GCSE Full Course — Reserve	**Geography** GCSE Full Course — Reserve This course is also available in EBACC - compulsory choice	**History** GCSE Full Course — Reserve This course is also available in EBACC - compulsory choice
edia Studies GCSE Full Course — Reserve	**Music** GCSE Full Course — Reserve	**Product Design** GCSE Full Course — Reserve
eligous Studies GCSE Double Award — Reserve	**Spanish** GCSE Full Course — Reserve This course is also available in EBACC - compulsory choice	**Triple Science** General — Reserve

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At this stage you have selected your subjects.
It is important for parent/carer to approve the subjects choice. To do this please click on the box.
After the stages – Mr Phillips (Head of Secondary) or Mr Tilling (Head of Year 9) will approve – school approval box.
Should there be any issues we will be in contact.



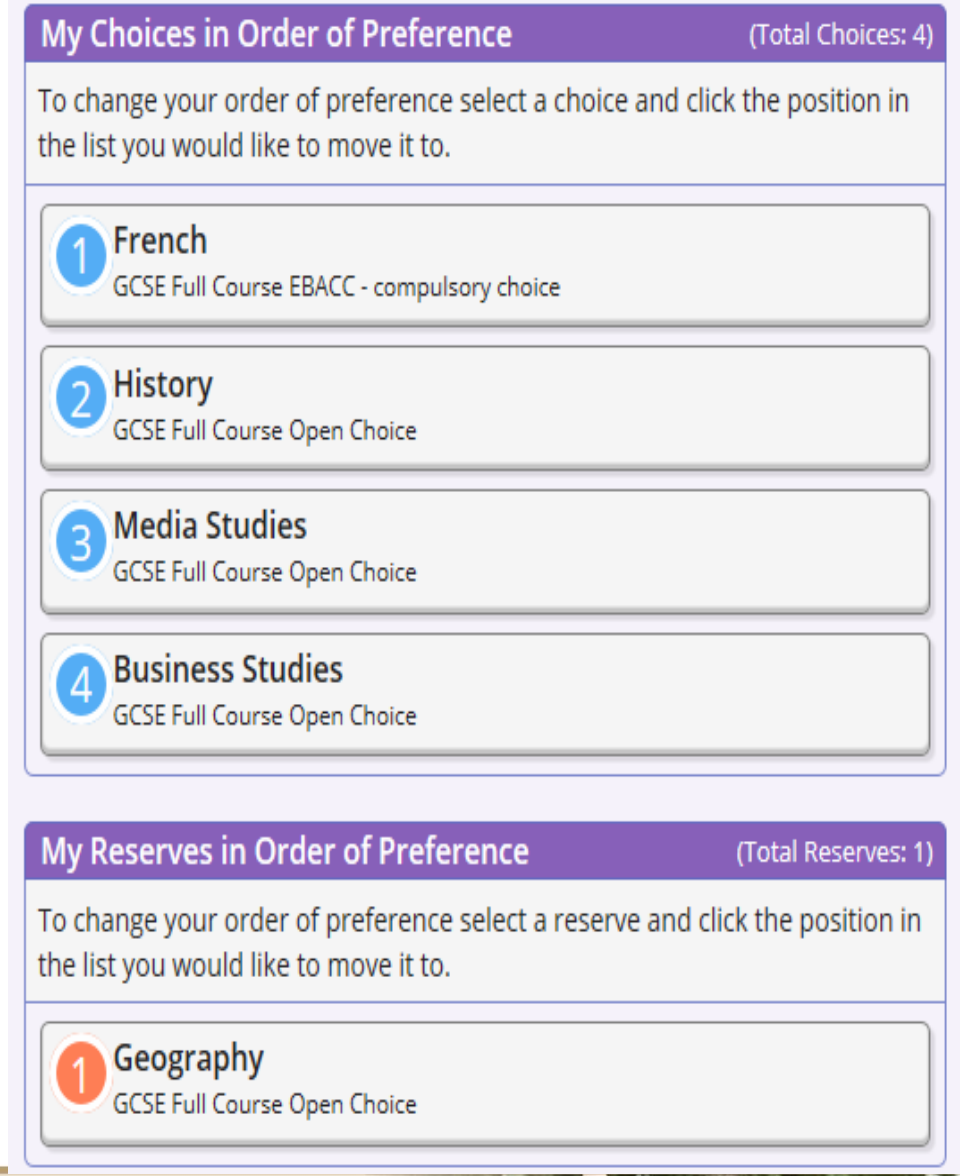
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- **Key information**

It is important you select your subject in preference order.

In this example, French (Ebacc compulsory choice) is 1st. Then History is the next most important, Media 3rd and Business studies 4th.





Key Information

- The online link for options will be ‘live’ from 23rd January
  - We will send a link with this information in the letter
  - *www.sims-parent.co.uk*
  - If you have previously registered you need to use your previous password (or reset this yourself).
  - You will be required to log in; please see letter/guide how to log into SIMs. This was sent via email from *noreply@sims.co.uk*

- The deadline to complete the form is 24/2/26.
- You can change your subject choices up until this date.



Key Information

- Any questions regarding subject choices please contact your child's form tutor and the subject leader (see teacher contacts in the guided choices booklet).

- If you have any questions regarding how to complete the form, please contact Mr Tilling (Head of Year 9) or Mr Phillips (Head of Secondary).

- Time now to visit Secondary building – see booklet for rooms.
- Please return via the main hall before 6.30pm

