

Making Choices

GCSE Options Evening 2023



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Share Information with you

Provide you with the opportunity to speak to curriculum specialists

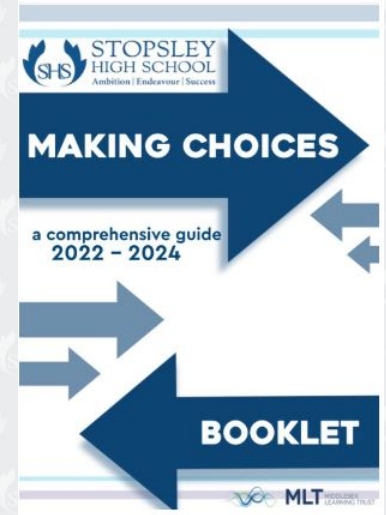


Top tips and information



Student Preparation

- Students assembly to inform them of the option choices
- Form time making choices sessions
- Making Choices Information Booklet with subject specific information to help guide their decision making
- Subject staff offering guidance in lessons regarding Key stage 4 subjects and their requirements



What will our students study?

Students will taking exams in the following core subjects:

**English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and
Science**

**Students will also study core PE and PSHCE which are non-
examined courses.**

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This year students will undertake 4 GCSE options

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We will also be asking them to take 2 reserve choices

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The Qualifications

Students will be choosing their level 2 qualifications choices.

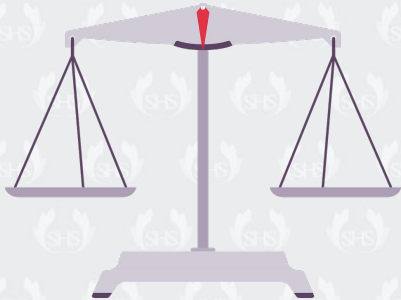
Level 2 qualifications include GCSEs, NCFE technical qualifications and diplomas.

Some options will have NEAs or Non-Examination Assessments which are a substantial part of the final grade.

Students will need to ensure that these assessments are completed to their best ability to reach their potential.

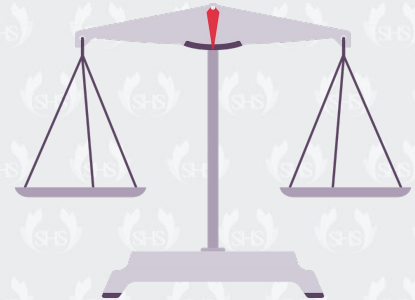
Broad and Balanced Curriculum Choices

Some students may have an idea about what they want to do and the careers they want to undertake the majority of people will not know, will change their mind and will find that they undertake a number of different careers roles in their lifetime.



Broad and Balanced Curriculum Choices

It is important to ensure that our students and prepare them for the changing careers landscape that they have a broad and balanced curriculum, to equip them with the skills for these changes.



Broad and Balanced Curriculum Choices

It is about keeping the doors to future study and career choices open.



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Level 2 qualification choices and results are looked at by Universities when students are completing their UCAS applications.

A number of subjects are considered to be facilitating and make up the English Baccalaureate or EBAcc.

What makes up the EBacc?

Maths

English

Science

**French
or
Spanish**

AND

**Geography
or
History**

There are many benefits of taking a language:

Developing understanding of other cultures

Improves maths and English

Improved memory

Highly sought after by employers



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There are many benefits of taking a humanities subject:

- **Developing perspective and making sense of the world around us**
- **Improves reasoning and decision making**
- **Creative thinking**
- **Foster sense of social justice and equality**



Option Choices Available

Art

Child
Development

Computer
Science

Construction

Creative iMedia

Dance

Design and
Technology

Drama

Ethics & Philosophy

French

Food Preparation
and Nutrition

Geography

History

Music

PE

Sociology

Spanish

Option Choices Available

Will my child get their first choice?



Options Choices available

**Can my child take the
combination of options they want
together?**



Options combinations- some cannot be taken together

Dance

OR

PE

Construction

OR

**Design and
Technology**

OR

**Food Preparation
and Nutrition**

**Computer
Science**

OR

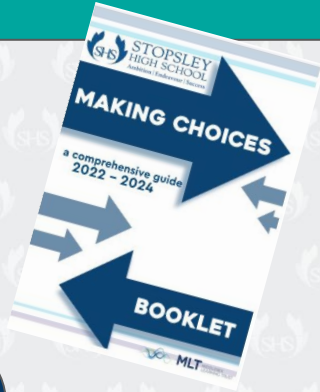
**Creative
iMedia**

Speak to your child about the subjects-

- **What interests them?**
- **Why do they want to do the subject?**
- **What are their expectations of that subject at key stage 4?**



The Options Booklet



- Look at the options booklet together
- Read the information so they understand the course requirements.
- We have shared the options booklet via SatchelOne and it is also available on our website.





Speak to your child about the subjects

What do they want to take for their options choices and why do they want to take it?

Have they spoken to their teachers about the courses?

Next Steps



You will be invited to attend an appointment with a member of staff on Thursday 20th April.



We will discuss the choice selections that your child has made with both you and your child.

The choices selections will be submitted during the meeting.

Please take the time to speak to our Department Leaders about their subjects.

You may want to ask them about:

- NEA work and what the completion of these components looks like
- What will my child be learning in class
- How the key stage 4 learning differs to that of key stage 3
- How will my child be assessed in the subject