

7th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Making Choices - Year 9 options process**

Welcome back, we hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable break, and that the start of 2026 has been a positive one for you and your child. As we begin the new term, we are entering an important stage of your child's secondary education.

As we approach the crucial decision-making period for Key Stage 4 (KS4) subject choices, we are excited to inform you about the events we have coming up to support you and your child through this transition. These opportunities are designed to help students make informed, confident choices about their next steps, and we kindly ask that you ensure you are available to engage with them.

**Wednesday 11th February - Subject Marketplace**

During this evening you will have the opportunity to come into school with your child and find out more about the options process. You will be given a short talk in the hall to inform you about the process and then there will be an opportunity to freeflow around our subject marketplace speaking to the teachers of the options subjects and asking questions to find out about the course content and help inform your subject choices.

Please follow this link to select your preferred time slot; [Marketplace sign-up 2026](#).

**Making Choice Information Booklet**

At the start of February your child will be sent home with a QR code which will link through to an online Options booklet. From February this will also be available on the school website. It will contain all the information regarding the options process and the possible subject choices.

**Subject Taster Session**

We understand that selecting the right subjects for KS4 is a significant decision, one that can shape your child's future educational and career opportunities. To aid in this decision-making process and help them to make well informed choices, we are delighted to announce that we will be offering Subject Taster Sessions tailored specifically for our Year 9 cohort.

These Subject Taster Sessions will provide your child with the opportunity to gain first hand experience and insights into a variety of subjects offered at KS4 that they may not have experienced at Key Stage 3, or that may be significantly different in delivery. Our dedicated teachers will lead these sessions, offering engaging activities and discussions to help students better understand the course content.

The Subject Taster Sessions will run after school between 23rd Feb - 13th March. A full timetable for these will be provided and students will receive a link to their school email account to sign up to the taster sessions.

We encourage all Year 9 students to participate actively in these sessions to make the most of this valuable opportunity. Attendance is not mandatory, but we strongly believe that these sessions will greatly benefit your child in making informed decisions about their KS4 subject choices.

### **Monday 16th March - Making Choices 1-1 Appointments**

On this evening students and parents/carers will be invited into school to attend a one-to-one meeting with a member of Stopsley staff in which you will finalise and submit the GCSE options selections. We will be sharing more information about this event in due course.

We will send updates and reminders as we approach these events.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education journey. Together, we can empower our students to make informed choices that will shape their academic and professional futures positively.

Yours sincerely,

*E. Hardy*

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