

8th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that your child is coming to the latter stages of Key Stage 3, they will need to choose their GCSE options.

Please find here a link to our Middle School Years booklet. This booklet explains the curriculum for Years 10 and 11 and gives detailed information about each subject.

[MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS BOOKLET - 2026 - 2028](#)

You may have questions, of a general nature, about choosing subjects, Key Stage 4 or GCSE exams. We would like to invite you and your child (one parent only per student due to seating restrictions in the Queen's Hall) to attend a short meeting on **Thursday 22 January** from 5.00-6.30pm.

The meeting will run as follows:

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| 5.00-6.00pm | Subject leaders of option subjects will be available to speak about the content of that subject (Main Block, Geography, Music Room) |
| 6.00-6.30pm | Presentations (Queen's Hall) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Curriculum in the Middle School / How to choose option subjects (Mr Fossey)▪ Moving into Year 10 (Mr Carr) |
| 6.30pm | Individual Q&A |

Please reserve a maximum of two tickets for this event via Little Box Office (one adult, one child) [here](#). If you are unable to attend but your child wishes to do so, please reserve them a place via Little Box Office.

Students will prepare for GCSE examinations in Mathematics, English Language, English Literature, a Language (Either a Modern Foreign Language or Latin), a Humanity (History or Geography), Physics, Chemistry, Biology and two other optional subjects. They will take the full course GCSE exam in these ten subjects in May and June 2028. All subjects are taught in mixed ability groups except for Mathematics.

GCSE options are listed below:

Art (Fine Art)	French	Music
Art (Art Graphics)	Geography	Physical Education
Classical Civilisation	German	Religious Studies
Computer Science	History	Spanish
Design Technology	Latin	

Please be aware of the following:

- All students must choose **at least** one of French, German, Latin or Spanish (Language)
- All students must choose **at least** one of History or Geography (Humanity)
- Unfortunately, no student may begin French, German, Spanish or Latin at this stage
- A student **may** choose Classical Civilisation, even if this has not been studied in Year 9
- It is not possible to take both Fine Art and Graphics, only one Art option may be chosen

On **Friday 23rd January** students will receive their login details via their school email for them to be able to enter their GCSE Option Choices online. Options should be entered in preference order where applicable. It is important that students enter their choices **by 9.00am on Wednesday 28 January 2026** when the online form will close.

We will try to ensure that as many students as possible are able to study the subjects they have opted for, **but we are unable to guarantee this**, and some will inevitably be disappointed. This is due to the limits of set size in specialist rooms and the restraints on the timetable. It is for this reason that we ask students to choose carefully their order of preference and to add a reserve option.

Yours sincerely

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