

+ CHOOSING GCSEs IN YEAR 10 – ADVICE & GUIDANCE

In December/January of Year 10, all pupils are required to choose which GCSE subjects they wish to study. Some are compulsory but apart from those, pupils have more or less free choice of subjects. Pupils are advised to choose carefully, selecting subjects they enjoy, which are relevant for their career pathway if they know it, and also selecting subjects where they will experience success and which will keep a number of options open. It is important to consider potential A level pathways leading on from GCSE choices.

Support offered to pupils leading up to GCSE subject choice decisions:

- Important information covered in the Careers module and advice given by their tutor and Careers staff
- Visits to the Careers Suite to access all resources (hard copy & digital access)
- Visits to an ICT Suite to access Careers software and to research careers online
- Designated Careers Week in early December where all pupils will learn of the importance of specific subjects in career pathways in their subject classes and have the opportunity to ask subject-specific questions of their teachers
- Presentation to all of Year 10 by Mrs Kelly (Head of Careers) and Mr Glenn (Head of Years 9 & 10) during Careers Week
- GCSE Information Booklet distributed to all Year 10 pupils with detailed information on all subjects offered, including the nature of assessments
- Information (including booklet) placed on the year 10 Careers Google classroom to aid decision-making
- Year 10 Parents Information Evening in December to inform parents on GCSEs, subject choice, careers information etc.
- Individual Careers Guidance interviews in January to review GCSE subject choice and to discuss Career plans and aspirations, ensuring the appropriate subjects have been chosen to facilitate these pathways

Hyperlinks:

- [Year 10 Careers Presentation](#)
- [Skills in Demand pdf](#)
- [GCSE Subject Information Booklet](#)
- [Subject Choice Form](#)