KS4 Options Online Information Evening

Welcome to this evening's presentation. Please ensure that your microphone and camera are switched off.

Tonight's speaker will be Ms Kemp, Deputy Headteacher.

Year 9 Inclusion Manager, Miss Fearn, and Year 9 Head of Year, Mrs Frewin, will also be in attendance.

If you have any questions, throughout the options process, please email:

curriculum@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk

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Decision-making and support

- Students should ensure that they continue to engage with the full breadth of their current KS3 curriculum
- Ask teachers about the content of any GCSE courses in which they are interested
- In December, students and parents will receive further information - including a curriculum booklet and links to subject presentations, which have been created by the Heads of Department
- In the Spring Term, students will be offered a 1:1 interview with a member of the leadership/pastoral/SEND team.
- Student may visit the Careers Team – based in the Upper School Information Centre (USIC)

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Year 10-11 Curriculum Structure

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS – all students

Combined/Treble Science
English Language
English Literature
Mathematics
A Modern Foreign Language
History or Geography
Religious Education (completed in Year 10)
PSE (non-examined)
Core PE (non-examined)

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By invitation or as part of a reasonable adjustment, some students take:

Complementary Study

Designed to provide additional curriculum support for some students. This takes the place of one foundation subject. If your child does not study a language at KS3, this might be available for them, depending on their needs.

Or

Independent Study

Non-subject specific supervised independent work. This takes the place of one foundation subject. If your child does not study a language at KS3, this might be available for them, depending on their needs.

And/or

A vocational qualification

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SUBJECT CHOICES

TWO choices should then be selected from the list below.

Students will already have selected either Geography or History, as part of their foundation subjects, but they are welcome to select the other as a choice.

Students will also have already selected their existing Modern Foreign Language, as part of their foundation subjects. Should they wish to select an additional Modern Foreign Language, or swap from their existing Modern Foreign Language to another, they must contact the school directly to discuss the feasibility of that request.

CHOICES AVAILABLE

Business Studies; Child Development; Computer Science; Dance; Design Technology (Product Design **or** Engineering); Digital Information Technology; Drama; Fine Art; Food Preparation & Nutrition; Geography; Graphic Communication; History; Media Studies; Music; Photography; GCSE PE; Sociology

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Please note that the availability of ‘choice-based’ courses is, in part, dependent on the numbers of students who select that subject. If, for example, there are very low numbers of students opting for a particular subject, its viability might be reconsidered. Additionally, the Curriculum Booklet will offer students more information about the types of skills that would lend themselves to particular subjects. To study Computer Science, for example, a good level of mathematical skill would be required.

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Number of Qualifications

- 11 if studying Treble Science
- 10 if studying Combined Science
- 9 if allocated Complementary or Independent Study
- Fewer might be studied as part of a reasonable adjustment

Reserve Subject Choice

All students will be asked to submit a reserve subject in case their first choices cannot be accommodated. Choose this wisely as it could be allocated.

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Reserve Subjects

- Please be mindful that you might be allocated your reserve subject
- You should, therefore, take care to choose this wisely and with the prospect of studying the reserve subject in mind
- It is very possible that a reserve subject might be invoked, where blocking/timetabling generates a ‘clash’ of original choices

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Deadlines

Please assist the process by adhering to published deadlines.

If you foresee an issue with meeting a deadline, or need additional support, please let us know as soon as possible.

Timeline

DATE	EVENT
October	KS4 Options Online Information Meeting
December	Students shown a recorded presentation during form time giving an overview of the Year 10-11 Curriculum.
December	Letter sent to parents giving an overview of the Year 10-11 Curriculum, a link to the recorded presentation their child has been shown, a link to the 2027-29 Curriculum Booklet and a link to the Subject Presentation videos.
February (early)	One-to-one interviews with senior members of staff to discuss the students' curriculum choices.
February (mid)	Online Curriculum Form available.
February (late)	Deadline for student choices to be submitted.
W/C 29 June 2027	Confirmation of student choices.

Please note that any student wishing to swap/change a subject would only be permitted to do so at our discretion - availability and timetabling constraints permitting. We will consider these requests up to the 1st October 2027.

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