



Our Ref: SHX/JRH

19th March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Subject: Understanding Year 10 Option Choices

As your child approaches Year 10, we understand that choosing GCSE options is an important and sometimes challenging decision. While we encourage students to select subjects they enjoy and excel in, there are necessary guidelines that shape their choices. We would like to take this opportunity to explain why students cannot always choose any combination of subjects they wish.

- **A Balanced and Broad Curriculum** - The school follows the national guidelines to ensure that all students receive a well-rounded education. Core subjects such as English, Maths, Science, PE and PHSE/RE are all compulsory because they provide essential skills for future study and employment. This ensures students develop a broad skillset, keeping future career and further education opportunities open.
- **Timetabling and Subject Specialist Availability** - The school works hard to accommodate as many student choices as possible, but practical limitations such as teacher availability and timetable structure mean that not all subject combinations are possible. In some cases, if too few students select a subject, the course may not run. Conversely, some subjects may have limited spaces due to high demand.
- **Future Career and Education Considerations** - Some students may not yet know what they want to do in the future, so we encourage them to choose a mix of subjects to keep their options open. Certain university courses or career paths require specific GCSEs – for example, a science or a language is often needed for many degree programs. Choosing a balanced set of subjects will help ensure students have a strong foundation for their next steps.
- **Supporting Your Child's Choices** - We understand that students may have strong preferences, and we aim to guide them in making the best decisions for their future. If you have any concerns or questions, our staff, including subject teachers and career advisors, are available to support you and your child through this process.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child makes informed and well-balanced option choices. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to sarah.hanquinioux@consilium-at.com

OPTION CHOICE FORM

Please indicate on each block a firm choice and a reserve for the subject your child would like to take in Year 10. Although we will endeavour to allocate all students to their preferred subject there may be limiting factors that mean your child cannot study this subject and the reserve would take its place, for example the course doesn't run.

As part of the process your child's Attitude to Learning in the subject chosen will be considered when allocating final classes for example if your child wants to take food but is often removed from the subject and doesn't bring ingredients regularly it is unlikely that they would gain a place in a cooking class.

Student Name	
Values Group	

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Photography	Art	Photography	Health and Social Care
Food Technology	Triple Science	Psychology	Sports Studies/PE
Statistics	Geography	History	Photography
History	Business Studies	Business Studies	Art
Geography	Design Technology	Sports Studies/PE	Design Technology
Religious Education/Citizenship	Food Technology	Performing Arts	French

Date Completed	
Senior Leader	
Parental Consent	

Please ensure that your child hands in this option form to reception by 25th April 2025, they can take it with them to their 1:1 appointment with Miss Hanquinioux.

Yours sincerely

S. Hanquinioux

Miss S Hanquinioux
(Deputy Headteacher)

