



7th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to give you an overview of the Choices process this year. It is a very exciting time for your child, thinking about which subjects they will choose to study at Key Stage Four and we are here to support them every step of the way.

There is plenty of time before final decisions have to be made, but it is always a good idea to start thinking about choices sooner rather than later. The table below outlines the timescales involved and the support available.

Date	Activities / Support
11 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Choices assemblies will be delivered during Form time to provide details on the subjects that students have not studied at Key Stage Three. These will run all week. Choices booklets and a list of frequently asked questions will be distributed. These will explain course content and how courses are assessed. The Choices section of our website will go live. Here you will find all the information you need to help your child make informed decisions about their Choices. An email registration for the Choices form will be sent to parents. Please contact Student Services if you need to update your email details.
21 st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual drop-ins will be offered by teaching staff on Zoom for those parents/carers who have any further questions about courses. Please read the booklet and FAQ document first because they may well provide the answers that you need! Also, please bear in mind that this isn't the forum to ask about suitability of courses for your individual child – parents' evening is the best time for that. <p>We will be in touch nearer the time with further details about these virtual drop-ins.</p>
4 th February	<p>Year 9 Parents' Evening. This will be your opportunity to discuss your child's suitability for the courses they are interested in studying at Key Stage Four. Mr Scott will send out more details about the evening in due course. Unless the Covid situation has changed dramatically by then, this will be held virtually.</p>
12 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices deadline. The form must be submitted electronically.

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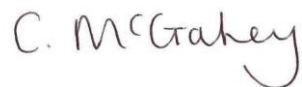
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22 nd Feb – 5 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your child will meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss their Choices. Times will be staggered across the two-week period. <p>Choices will be then confirmed as soon as feasibly possible. Timetabling can be a lengthy process – it usually takes a few weeks – and so we appreciate your patience with this.</p>
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While waiting for the Choices process to start, I would encourage you to look at the [Careers section of our website](#). There is lots of information that could help your child to prepare for the Choices process, including our Fast Tomato subscription, which provides tailored careers advice.

Yours sincerely



Catherine McGahey