



16th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to you to give 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
10 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choices assemblies will be delivered 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.
20 th January	<p>Year 9 Choices Evening. The current plan is to run this event in school in the evening and this is an excellent opportunity for you and your son / daughter to find out more about the options process and the subjects on offer. Staff will be on hand to answer your questions and offer advice regarding choices. We will be in touch nearer the time with further details about this.</p>
10 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. Mrs Crowder will send out more details about the evening in due course but this will be held virtually.</p>
18 th February	<p>Choices deadline. The form must be submitted electronically.</p>
28 th Feb – 11 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 week. • 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.

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While waiting for the Choices process to start, we 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,

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