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Dear Families

### **KS4 Options process**

Year 9 students are starting the process of selecting their GCSE and BTEC options for Year 10. This is the most important stage in your child's education so far and we understand it can be an anxious time. Making the right decisions and choices is of vital importance. In Key Stage 4, they will be focused on the subjects/qualifications they are studying and preparing for their examinations in Year 11. They will be taking courses that will help them to prepare for further study, maybe on an A-Level/Level 3 course at Sixth Form or at college, through an apprenticeship or studying T-Levels.

You will have received a booklet to guide you and your child through the subjects and courses available and to help you make an informed choice regarding the optional subjects your child may wish to study. The choices they make will help to shape their future not only for the next two years, but also in later life.

We have also created an online SharePoint page which can be accessed via your child's Office 365 school account. This includes further information about the courses on offer, including videos from their subject teachers. SharePoint Page - <https://www.stowhigh.com/curriculum/option-process/>

I would also like to invite you to the GCSE Options Evening on Thursday 27 February 2025 from 4.30pm in the School Hall. The evening is specifically for students in Year 9 and their parents/carers.

### **The aims of the evening are to:**

- Find out about the GCSE Year 10 & 11 Curriculum. Main talks at 4.40pm and 5.30pm
- Find out what is involved in studying particular subjects in Years 10 & 11
- Be aware of the advice and guidance available from the school and other sources
- Details of the timescales for making choices about Key Stage 4 study
- Meet subject leaders who are keen to talk about their curriculum offer
- An opportunity to speak to specialist staff for personalized support, Mrs Mylrea our Careers Support Officer and Mrs Broxton our SENDco



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Following the Options Evening, students will be required to complete and submit a Microsoft Form indicating their final GCSE option choices. The form will go live from Monday 03 March and must be submitted by 6.00pm on Monday 10 March.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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