

Dear Parents/Carers

Subject: GCSE Subject Pathways Process

I hope this letter finds you well. As your child approaches an important stage in their secondary education, we would like to inform you about the process of choosing their final subjects. This is a significant milestone in their academic journey, and we aim to guide both pupils and parents through every step to ensure that informed decisions are made.

In the coming weeks, our Year 9 pupils will begin the process of selecting the subjects they wish to study for their GCSEs. The subjects chosen will play an important role in shaping their future educational and career paths, and we encourage pupils to carefully consider their strengths, interests, and aspirations when making their choices.

Key Dates and Important Information:

· **Parent's Evening Thursday 16th January.**

This provides you with detailed information about how your child is progressing in every subject.

· **Week beginning Monday 3rd February**

Pupils will have an assembly about the process and what they need to think about. This week we will also provide all pupils with taster sessions of each subject and staff will be talking about what is required for GCSE and links to future careers.

· **Information Evening/Parents' Meeting: Thursday 13th February 2025, 5.00pm-6.30pm**

This session will provide an overview of the GCSE options process, available subjects, and the criteria for selecting them. There will be a short 30 min presentation on the steps you need to take and then time to meet with each subject teacher.

· **Subject Choices Deadline: Friday 28th February.**

During this week pupils will be given their pathway choices. There will be a first, second and third choice option. All pupils will have a guidance interview with a member of staff to support them, this member of staff will record their final decision. Please ensure your child has made some decisions about what they would like by this date.

· **Subject Guidance**

Throughout the whole process there will be lots of time in form time and lessons where pupils will have the opportunity to meet with their tutors and subject teachers to discuss their choices and gain advice on which subjects best align with their abilities and future goals.



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How to Support Your Child in Choosing GCSE Subjects

- Encourage your child to think about subjects they enjoy and excel in. Passion for a subject can contribute significantly to success.
- Discuss potential career pathways or further education options that might require specific GCSEs.
- Remind your child that the choices they make now should align with their strengths and long-term goals but that flexibility exists in choosing subjects that they may find challenging or rewarding.

George Eliot Academy will provide all necessary support to help your child make these decisions, including detailed guidance on subject content, exam structure, and the implications of their choices.

If you have any questions about the pathways process or if you would like additional support in making informed decisions, please do not hesitate to contact:

Your child's Form Tutors

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We are committed to helping both you and your child navigate this important process.

We look forward to seeing you at the information session and supporting your child as they take this exciting step towards their future academic success.

Sincerely,

Mrs Dee Stanton

Deputy Principal



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