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Dear Families

### KS4 Options Process

Year 9 students are at the start of 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, you will be focused on the subjects/qualifications you are studying, and preparing for the examinations in Year 11. You will be taking courses that will help you 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 you make will help to shape your future not only for the next two years but also in later life. This can also be found here: [KS4 Options Booklet 2023-24.docx](#)

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://stowhigh.sharepoint.com/sites/Year8GCSEOptionInformation>

I would also like to invite you to the GCSE Options Evening on Thursday 29th February 2024 at 5pm 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
- 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
- Be aware of the timescales for making choices about Key Stage 4 study
- An opportunity to meet subject leaders and staff keen to talk about their curriculum offer
- An opportunity to speak to our SENDco Ms Orton

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 1st March and must be submitted by 6.00pm on Monday 8th March.



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

Kind regards

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