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Dear Parents and Carers,

**In this letter, you will find details of:**

- Where to access information about the options process
- The Key Stage 4 Options Information Event to be held on Thursday 18 January
- Where to access information about all the subjects available to study at Key Stage 4

We are delighted to be starting the formal options process for the class of 2026. Choosing subjects is an exciting and serious task for the students to undertake and our aim is to provide all students with the opportunity to pursue their interests, meet their academic potential, follow a broad and balanced curriculum and to be thoroughly prepared for the next stage of their education. We look forward to working closely with students, parents and carers to ensure the best combination of courses are selected.

It is crucial to the success of this process that students are well informed about the courses on offer and there are a number of ways in which this can be achieved:

- All options information is available on the school website. This includes an information video about the options process and a video for each subject available as well as a web page with details about the course and what it entails. It is essential that students have seen and read the information about each subject before making their decision. Students should pay particular attention to the new subjects such as business studies, media studies, film studies, health and social care and computer science. This information can be found at: [Soham Village College - Key Stage 4 Option Choices \(sohamvc.org\)](https://www.sohamvc.org/Key-Stage-4-Option-Choices).
- We will hold an **Options Information Event on 18 January from 4.30-6.30pm** when you can visit the school and find out about the courses on offer in Key Stage 4 if you would like to. This event will be held in Lodeside Hall and is a drop-in event – no booking is required. There is no formal options talk or presentation, all this information is on the school website including a presentation. Staff will be available to speak to if you require more information.
- Students will all have an ‘options assembly’ next week explaining the whole process, all this information is on the school website including the presentation students will see.
- There will be further presentations by individual subjects in lessons and assemblies to give students more information about the different courses on offer.
- Discussions with teachers and older students about the courses available can also help with the decision making.

The key dates for your diary are:

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| • Wednesday 17 January | Students attend an assembly in school about the options process |
| • Thursday 18 January  | Options Information Event, 4.30-6.30pm                          |
| • Thursday 29 February | Year 9 Virtual Parents’ Evening                                 |
| • Friday 22 March      | Deadline for the return of the electronic options form          |



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**Other schools in our Trust:**  
Kennett Primary School  
The Shade Primary School  
The Weatheralls Primary School

Students have plenty of time to consider their options and need to be ready to make their final choices in late March. They will do this by completing an electronic form on Google forms. A link to this will be sent to your child's school email address later this term and a letter will be sent home notifying you the link has been sent out.

If necessary, please contact the school office to request a paper copy of this information.

Yours sincerely,

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