

Welcome

Y9 Parents' Information Evening



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Welcome David Clarke, Principal

The Year Ahead Chris Reay, Head of Year 9

The Options Process Ed Slingsby, Deputy Principal

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Chris Reay, Head of Year 9



Core principles

Attendance + Behaviour (effort) = Progress

"Getting the little things right make the big things much easier"

The basics

- Punctuality
- Uniform
- Homework
- Equipment
- Phones



Behaviour

Role models for younger students

STEM

Open Evening

Peer Mentors



Upcoming Highlights

- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Peer Mentors
- Options
- Trips
- Careers



The Options Process

Ed Slingsby, Deputy Principal

GCSEs, BTEC and other Technical Awards

What's the difference?

- GCSEs have all final exams in May/June
- BTEC and Technical Awards have ~60% course work and a smaller exam element that is taken before the summer

What are the grades worth?

GCSE points:

9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1

Vocational Courses Points:

Level 2 Distinction* = 8.5
Level 2 Distinction = 7
Level 2 Merit = 5.5
Level 2 Pass = 4
Level 1 Distinction = 3
Level 1 Merit = 2
Level 1 Pass = 1.25

What is the English Baccalaureate?

- English and maths
- At least 2 sciences
- At least 1 of history and geography
- At least 1 of French and Spanish

Options Class of 2027-29

Standard route

Compulsory Subjects

*English
Language*

*English
Literature*

Maths

Extra curricular accredited opportunities in KS4:

- Sports Leader
- Dance Leader
- Duke of Edinburgh

Option E

*Triple Science:
Biology, Chemistry
and Physics*

OR

Double Science

And choose one of:

*French
Geography
History*

Option A

Art
Art Craft & Design
(with photography)
Business Enterprise
and Marketing (CN)
Business (GCSE)
Drama
Film studies
French
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History
ICT
Music
PE
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Option B

Art
Art Graphics Design
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and Marketing (CN)
Business (GCSE)
Computer Science
Dance
DT: Product Design
Food Preparation
and Nutrition
French
German
History
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Media Studies
Religious Studies

Option C

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Foundation Learning Tier

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FLT Route

Compulsory Subjects

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Language*

*English
Literature*

Maths

*Double Science
and History*

Option A

*Foundation Learning
Tier*

Option B

*Foundation Learning
Tier*

Option C

*Foundation Learning
Tier*

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Extra Core Curricular Offer (ECCO)

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Option C

ECCO – one
additional hour of
English, maths and
science per week

Provisional timeline for options

Presentation to students	Wednesday 20 January
Options evening	Thursday 21 January
Option information available from the school website	Friday 21 January
Options talks by heads of subjects	Monday 19 January – Friday 6 February
Parents' evening	Thursday 25 February
Option choices due in	Friday 26 March
Options formally confirmed to students	July

Frequently asked questions

- How will I know which route my child should follow?
- What if my child wants to follow a different route?
- What languages are available and do they have to choose a one?



Frequently asked questions

- How should my child decide which options to take?
- Will my child get the options they want?

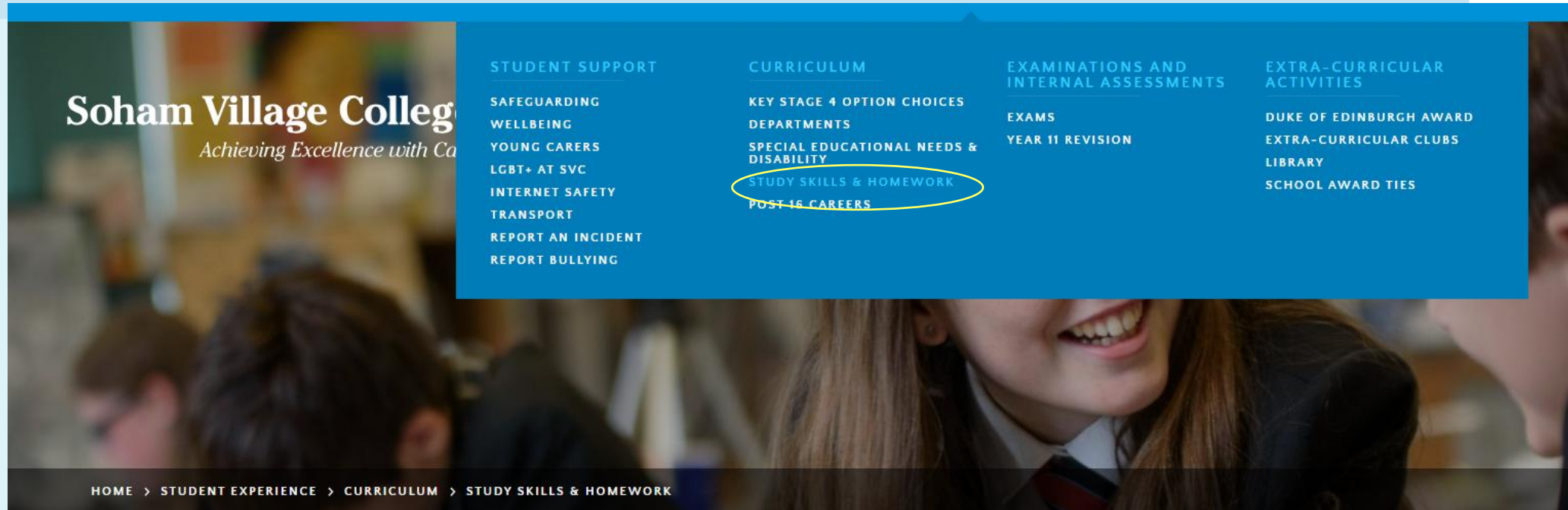


Frequently asked questions

- What do I need to do now?
- Who can help my child to make the right decisions?



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- WELLBEING
- YOUNG CARERS
- LGBT+ AT SVC
- INTERNET SAFETY
- TRANSPORT
- REPORT AN INCIDENT
- REPORT BULLYING

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- DEPARTMENTS
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- STUDY SKILLS & HOMEWORK**
- POST 16 CAREERS

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Study Skills & Homework

Equipping students with the skills to study independently is crucial to their success.

Below you will find two booklets, one aimed at students and one at parents and carers. These give both theory and practical strategies to help students become better independent learners and give them the tools to shape their own opportunities and futures.

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Departments

Soham Village College believes in delivering a curriculum that allows every student to achieve excellence and have the best opportunities in the future. We have been at the heart of the community for decades and many generations of families have trusted us to educate their children and help develop them into young adults.

In this section

ART & DESIGN

BUSINESS STUDIES

DANCE

HOMEWORK CLUB

LUNCHTIME

EVERYDAY

1.15-1.55pm in M6

YRS: 7 8 9 10 11

AFTER SCHOOL

MONDAY to THURSDAY

3- 4pm in the Library

YRS: 7 8 9 10 11

**Need a hand with your homework or a
quiet place to study?**

**You'll even get +2 BPs for coming to an
extra-curricular club!**

Many thanks for coming.

We hope that through working together we can make this the most successful and enjoyable year possible for your child.

