

KS4 Preferences Process January and February 2026: Timeline of Events

<u>Curriculum Needs Analysis</u> Meeting of Deputy Headteacher (Raising Standards), Deputy Headteacher (Ethos and Behaviour), Head of Year 9, Year 9 PSM and SENDCO to discuss the learning and curriculum needs of all Year 9 students.	Week Beginning 5 th January 2026
<u>Curriculum Team Support</u> All departments will provide detailed information to students through lesson time and Google Classroom. Individual pupils can access guidance from class teachers should they need it.	Monday 5 th January – Thursday 12 th February 2026
<u>Targeted Preferences Guidance Meetings</u> SLT, Head of Year 9, Year 9 PSM and SENCO will meet with key pupils. Any pupil will access guidance from the team should they request it via Deputy Headteacher (Raising Standards).	Monday 5 th January – Thursday 12 th February 2026
<u>KS4 Preferences Assembly</u> Preferences assembly where full process explained to all pupils and KS4 Course Booklet provided.	Wednesday 7 th January 2026
<u>GCSE Course Booklet</u> GCSE Courses Booklet 2024-26 is available on the school website in section entitled 'Year 9: GCSE Preferences Process'.	Thursday 8 th January 2026
<u>Tutor Time Information Giving</u> Tutors will gradually share the recordings from each subject to Year 9 tutor groups to help pupils make well-informed choices regarding their preferences.	Monday 12 th January – Friday 6 th February 2026
<u>Aspiring Futures Careers Event</u> An evening to support course choices and career aspirations. A drop-in careers fayre with a range of employers, Further Education and Higher Education institutions.	Thursday 15 th January 2026
<u>Parent and Pupil KS4 Preferences Evening</u> A drop-in event where pupils and parents will have the opportunity to ask subject leaders questions about GCSE courses.	Thursday 22 nd January 2026
<u>Taster Session Registration Link</u> A taster session link will be sent along with the preferences form link to allow pupils to sign up to taster sessions if they are considering certain subjects.	Wednesday 28 th January 2026
<u>Taster Session Registration Deadline</u> Deadline for registering interest in taster sessions with Mrs. Case.	Wednesday 4 th February (11am) 2026
<u>Taster Sessions</u> Pupils who have chosen subjects they have never experienced will have the opportunity to take part in a short taster lesson to check it is what they want to pursue.	Friday 6 th February 2026 (& Thursday 5 th too if needed)
<u>Preference Document Release</u> Preferences form (Google Form) is released to pupils via parental email.	Friday 6 th February 2026 (5pm)
<u>Final Deadline</u> Deadline for the submission of preference choices to Mrs. Case. Google Form must have been submitted at this point.	Friday 13 th February 2026



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