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Headteacher Clare Morgan

Thursday 8th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to give you an overview of the Year 9 Preferences Process (formally known as the Option Choices Process) for this year, which is now underway. Pupils had an assembly yesterday where the process was explained. A copy of the assembly is available on the school website.

This is a very exciting time for students as they make decisions about the next stage of their educational journey, choosing their preferred courses for Key Stage Four. Please be assured that we are all here to support them every step of the way.

There is plenty of time remaining before final preferences need to be selected but it is always sensible to start considering preferences sooner rather than later. The information below outlines the timescales involved and the support available along with some key dates for your diary.

Timeline of Events:

Curriculum Needs Analysis 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
Curriculum Team Support 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
Targeted Preferences Guidance Meetings 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
KS4 Preferences Assembly Preferences assembly where full process explained to all pupils and KS4 Course Booklet provided.	Wednesday 7 th January 2026
GCSE Course Booklet GCSE Courses Booklet 2024-26 is available on the school website in section entitled 'Year 9: GCSE Preferences Process'.	Thursday 8 th January 2026
Tutor Time Information Giving 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





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Aspiring Futures Careers Event 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
Parent and Pupil KS4 Preferences Evening 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 4.30-6.30pm
Taster Session Registration Link 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
Taster Session Registration Deadline Deadline for registering interest in taster sessions with Mrs. Case.	Wednesday 4 th February (11am) 2026
Taster Sessions 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)
Preference Document Release Preferences form (Google Form) is released to pupils via parental email.	Friday 6 th February 2026 (5pm)
Final Deadline Deadline for the submission of preference choices to Mrs. Case. Google Form must have been submitted at this point.	Friday 13 th February 2026

I have highlighted three particular dates for your diary which are the 'Aspiring Futures Career Event' on Thursday 15th January, the KS4 Preferences Evening on Thursday 22nd January from 4.30-6.30pm and the final deadline on 13th February.

A copy of the KS4 Course Booklet 2025/26 is now available on the school website. Should you require a printed copy, please request via the school office.

As you can see from the timeline, we run taster sessions at the start of February for subjects that pupils do not experience in Years 7-9. A Google Form will be sent out in due course where you can register your child for these sessions should they wish to attend them. You do not have to attend the taster session in order to study that subject.

Please be assured that places on courses are not assigned on a first come, first serve basis. As long as you meet the final deadline of Friday 13th February, you will not be at a disadvantage.

Should you have any questions or queries at any stage in this process, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarah.brookes@weaverhamhighschool.com.

Kind regards,

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