

Monday 10 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

It is time for our students to make an important decision regarding their GCSE options. This decision will significantly impact their educational journey and future career opportunities. I am writing to provide you with information about the process and how we can support your child during this crucial phase.

Why Are GCSE Options Important?

Selecting GCSE subjects is a pivotal moment for our students. It allows them to tailor their studies to their interests, strengths, and aspirations. Here are some key points to consider:

1. **Career alignment:** encourage your child to think about their career goals. Which subjects align with their desired career path? Discuss potential professions and how specific GCSEs can contribute to their future success.
2. **Subject enjoyment:** students should choose subjects they genuinely enjoy. Passion and interest drive motivation leading to better academic performance.
3. **Complementary choices:** consider how the chosen subjects complement each other. Some combinations may open up more opportunities for further study or specific career paths.
4. **Avoid common pitfalls:** remind your child to avoid making decisions based on peer pressure, ease, or external opinions. Opt for well-researched choices that resonate with their personal goals.

Our Support Process

To guide our students through this process, we have implemented the following steps:

1. **Options assemblies:** assemblies during tutor time, along with form tutor presentations, will clarify what each course offers. Teachers will provide insights into expectations, content, and potential career paths.
2. **Options booklet/promotional videos:** the following link will provide access to the online options booklet and promotional materials. Please review it with your child at home. The booklet and videos outline available courses, prerequisites, and additional information. All information can be found on the Brayton Academy website.

[Brayton Academy - GCSE Options](#)





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- Options evening: parents and carers are able to come and speak with staff on the evening of Thursday 27 February 2025 from 4pm until 6pm. **You do not need to attend the event if you feel you have all the information you need and are happy to go ahead with your choices.**
- Career exploration: We encourage students to explore future careers using the careermap website. This platform helps them understand various professions and the qualifications required.

Next Steps

Please use the QR code below to register your interest in attending the options evening on the 27 February 2025. Registering does not obligate you to attend but will allow us to gauge numbers so we can prepare for your arrival.

You will receive a second communication week commencing 03 March 2025, with instructions on how to register your option choices.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance. You can contact me at cparish@braytonacademy.org.uk

Let's work together to ensure our students make informed decisions that set them on a path to success.



Link to form: <https://forms.office.com/e/3KLWHp84eW>

Yours sincerely
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