



Sullivan Upper School

19 January 2024

To: Parents/Guardians of Pupils in Year 10

Dear Parent/Guardian

GCSE SUBJECT CHOICES

It is now the time for your son/daughter to make their GCSE subject choices.

During the first term, each Year 10 pupil has completed the Employability section in their Learning for Life and Work classes which will have prepared them to make these choices. We would encourage any pupil who has further questions regarding GCSE choices to speak with their Subject Teacher or Head of Department. Form Teachers can give general advice on making subject choices.

The Careers Service has recommended the following nidirect links for further information:

For Students:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/subject-choices-year-10> including video:

https://youtu.be/d_ssJV_XfjQ

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/forms/year-10-subject-choices-quiz>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-10/A-Young-Persons-Guide-Sept-23-PDF.pdf>

For Parents:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/news/gcse-subject-choices-advice-students-and-parents>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/helping-young-people-career-choices>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-10/A-Parental-Guide-Sept-23-PDF.pdf>

Please find the Sullivan GCSE Subject Choice Information Booklet attached to this email. This contains details about each GCSE subject offered at Sullivan Upper School along with advice on how to make the best choice for your child. Please read this carefully before making your decision.

The Year 10 Parental Consultation will take place on Thursday 25 January 2024 and you can take this opportunity to speak with Subject Teachers about their GCSE subject and if it would be a good choice for your son/daughter.

The link for the Online Subject Choice Form will be sent via ParentMail on 25 January 2024. You must complete this online form and submit it by **3.30 pm on 31 January 2024**. The form will close at this time.

We anticipate that for many students, the choice of subjects will be straightforward. However, if you have specific questions regarding choices, you can use the Subject Choice Form to request a 10 min appointment with a member of the Careers Department. These online meetings will take place between 6-8 February.

If you have any further questions, please make contact by email via info@sullivanupper.hollywood.ni.sch.uk or by leaving a telephone message FAO Mrs Torrens with school reception on 028 90428780.

Summary of Key Dates:

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| 22 January 2024 | Subject Choice Information Booklet available. |
| 25 January 2024 | Year 10 Parental Consultations (with subject teachers)
Online Subject Choice Form opens. |
| 31 January 2024 | 3.30 pm Final date for online Subject Choice Forms to be returned. Earlier submission would be welcome. |
| 6-8 February 2024 | Optional 10 min online appointments with Careers Staff |

Yours sincerely

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