

MAKING YOUR CHOICES

THINGS TO DO

- Research a range of careers and post 16 courses or apprenticeships. Find out what qualifications and grades they require.
- Read all the information provided carefully and think about which subjects interest

you.

- Find out what educational routes are expected for that career path. For instance, is a specific degree course or particular subjects at A level required? What GCSE grades are needed to get you onto the A level course or apprenticeship? What work experience will help you get onto the course or into a job?
- Use the national careers service website to find out about careers
<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>
- Talk to your parents, tutor, teachers and older students. Spend lots of time on this – it's important that you get it right.

THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T DO

- Don't choose subjects to be with your friends. What's right for them may not be what's right for you!
- Don't choose a subject without knowing the facts.

WHERE CAN YOU GO FOR HELP?

- **Parents:** *your choices are important to them too.*
- **Form Tutor:** *they know you well.*
- **Subject Teachers:** *they know the details of the courses and what they lead onto.*
- **Your Head of Year/ Pastoral Support Officer:** *Mr Vaughan/ Miss Hadlington*
- **Mrs Smith:** *Co-ordinator of Maths.*
- **Mrs Connolly:** *Co-ordinator of English.*
- **Mrs Catton/ Miss Chell:** *Critical Studies.*
- **Mr Hall:** *Co-ordinator of Science who will be able to advise about combined and triple science.*
- **Miss Wheatcroft:** *Co-ordinator of MFL (French and Spanish) who will advise you about languages.*
- **Mr Porter:** *Head of Geography who will be able to advise about GCSE Geography.*
- **Mr Dallow:** *Head of History who will be able to advise about GCSE History.*
- **Mrs Cooper:** *Head of Theology, Philosophy and Ethics who will be able to advise about GCSE Religious Studies.*
- **Mr Field:** *Head of P.E. who will be able to advise about GCSE PE.*
- **Mrs Chamberlain-Page:** *Head of Art & design who will be able to advise about GCSE Art & Design/ GCSE Art Photography*
- **Mrs Baggott:** *Head of Design & Technology who will be able to advise regarding D.T. GCSE and Careers.*
- **Mrs Condyllyffe-Morse-Glover:** *Head of Food Preparation and Nutrition who will be able to advise about the Food Preparation & Nutrition GCSE.*
- **Mr Lynch:** *Head of Business Studies who will be able to advise about GCSE Business Studies.*
- **Miss Dimmock:** *Head of Computing who will be able to advise about BTEC in Digital Information Technology.*
- **Mrs Wagstaff:** *Head of Drama who will be able to advise about GCSE Drama.*
- **Mrs Hastings:** *Head of Music who will be able to advise about GCSE Music.*
- **Mrs Corfield:** *AHT Curriculum, she co-ordinates the options process and timetabling*