

## **Beths Grammar School**

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the timeline to support your child in choosing their GCSE options. Whilst they may not know what they wish to do when they leave school, it is imperative that they are able to be successful at the end of year 11 to create choices and pathways for their future.

The options process will begin with an options assembly for the students on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** and will be followed up with an in-person parent/carer Information Evening on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April**, commencing at 6pm. Following parental feedback from last year, we are releasing the options booklet early and it can be found <a href="here">here</a> and provides information on the options process and subject pages giving details about the courses which your son may wish to consider studying at GCSE. At the back of the booklet, you will find a link to a 'Microsoft Form' which we ask you to click on and select your option choices **in order of preference**. This form will open for entries on the 24<sup>th</sup> April with the deadline for completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Please find below a table of events in the run up to the deadline for selecting your option choices:

| Date                        | Activity                    | Notes   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 | Options booklet released    | Detailing GCSE options for study at KS4             |
| 1st April 2025              | Options Assembly            | This will launch the options process for students   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 | Options Information Evening | To inform parents/carers about the options process  |
|                             | 6pm-7pm                     |   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2025    | Virtual Parents Evening     | Appointments with subject teachers to discuss       |
|                             |                             | academic progress and suitability for further study |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025    | Options Choice Deadline     | Forms to be submitted by this date                  |

Any option change request, after the deadline, will need to go via your son's Head of Year, Miss Stevens, and whilst we will try to accommodate it, we cannot guarantee it will be possible.

With best wishes,



Ms S. King Assistant Headteacher