

Year 9 Choices Evening: 2023-25



Welcome

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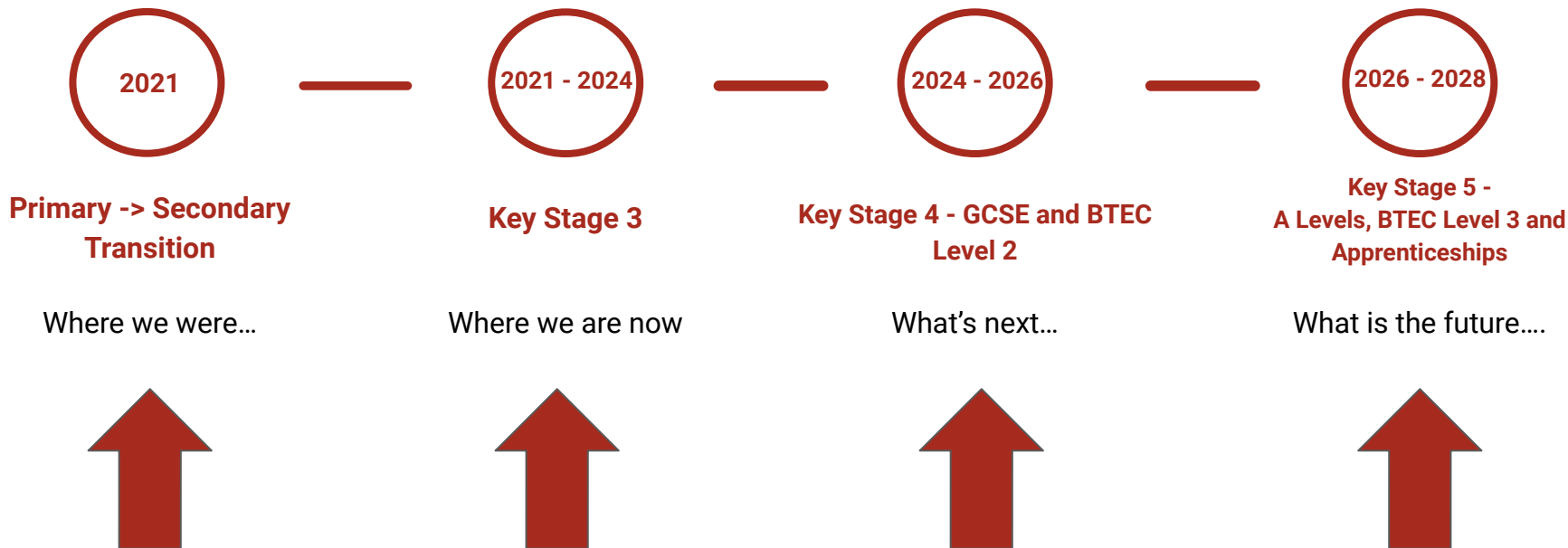


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Purpose of today:

- a. To understand what we mean by ‘Y9 Choices’
- b. To know what we offer, and why
- c. To meet, and speak with, subject leaders and teachers to gain further insights

Year 9: *where we have been and where we are going...*



Our KS4 curriculum: *what we offer...*

- a. It's broad and balanced
- b. It's relevant (*to the evolving world*)
- c. It's engaging and enjoyable
- d. It will *open doors*



Y9 Choices Evening: *it's just the beginning*



Brakenhale School
Key Stage 4 (GCSE)
Choices 2024-2026



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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 9,

We are pleased to announce that this is a significant milestone in your child's education. The choices process is a key part of their GCSE preparation and will help them to select the subjects that best suit their interests and abilities.

We will be holding a Choices Evening on the 15th of October, where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's choices with the relevant subject teachers. This is a chance to ask any questions you may have and to ensure that your child is making the best possible choice for their future.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child has a successful and enjoyable GCSE experience.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs M. Appleton
Headteacher

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Aim High | Be Kind | Take Responsibility

Brakenhale KS4 Choices

Home Core Subjects Humanities Subjects Other Subjects

BRAKENHALE KEY STAGE 4 CHOICES

KEY STAGE 4 CHOICES INFORMATION


Brakenhale School | Welcome to KS4 Choices

Welcome to the KS4 Choices Information website for 2024.

If you have questions regarding individual subjects please contact the school via school@brakenhale.co.uk and your enquiry will be directed to the relevant department.

If you have any questions about the process of selecting your subjects please attend the Choices presentation and discuss with Ms Douse / Ms Appleton and Mr George during the Choices evening.

To download the Year 9 Choices Booklet please [click here](#).



"The options process is the start of a tailored education programme that will assist in opening doors to the future."

Brakenhale Key Stage 4 Choices

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ECONOMICS

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HISTORY

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"History is who we are and why we are the way we are."

ENGLISH

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"To learn to read is to light a fire; every story that is spelled out is a spark."

Victor Hugo
(French Poet, Novelist, & Playwright)

SCIENCE

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"Science is a way of thinking much more than it is a body of knowledge."

Carl Sagan
(American Astronomer, Scientist & Author)

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

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"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love."

Mother Teresa
(Albanian-Indian Catholic Nun & Missionary)

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Subject choices: *what to consider...*

Reasons to choose a subject...

- “It links to a possible career idea.”
- “I’ve had a discussion with teacher(s).”
- “I love the subject!”
- “The subjects matches my skills and strengths.”
- “I want to try something new and this subject looks interesting to me!”

Reasons not to choose a subject...

- “My mates are doing it and I want to be in the same class!”
- “The course is easy!” (*No course is ‘easy.’*)
- “I like the current teacher. / I don’t like the current teacher!”
- “My brother / sister chose that subject.”

Our subjects: *available for everyone*

Core subjects

GCSE English Language
GCSE English Literature
GCSE Mathematics
GCSE Combined Science (Dual Award)
Physical Education (Core PE)

Step 1: Humanities subjects (pick one)

GCSE Geography **or**
GCSE History

Step 2: Other subjects*¹ (pick three)

GCSE Art & Design Fine Art* ²	GCSE History
GCSE Art & Design 3D Design* ²	GCSE Media Studies
GCSE Art & Design Photography	GCSE Music
GCSE Art & Design Textile Design* ²	GCSE Physical Education PE
GCSE Business Studies	GCSE Religious Studies
GCSE Computer Science	GCSE Separate Science - Triple Award
GCSE Dance	GCSE Spanish
GCSE Drama	Health & Social Care (Tech Award)
GCSE French	Hospitality & Catering (Tech Award)
GCSE Geography	Information Technology "IT" (Tech Award)

The Steps: *we're here to help every step of the way*

Step 1	Step 2 (starting next week)	Step 3 (End of June)
<div>Y9 Choices Booklet Shared via email</div>	<div>Choices email with login details sent to students</div>	<div>Y9 Choices Confirmed End of June</div>
	<div>Students make their Choices</div>	
<div>Year 9 Choices Evening Tonight</div>	<div>Parents / carers can view choices made on MCAS</div>	

What now?



GCSE Grades

GCSE Grading	
New Grading Structure	Old Grading Structure
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	B
5	
Standard Pass → 4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

EBacc: *English Baccalaureate*

a. Is a set of subjects that keeps a student's options open

b. Grade 5 or above in

English language and literature

Maths

Science(s),

Geography or History

a Language

c. The subjects in the EBacc are considered essential to many degrees

d. It is sought after by universities and provides many opportunities