

January 2024



**Glenlola
Collegiate
School
Bangor**

Year 10 GCSE Subject Choices

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child in Year 10 is in the process of giving consideration to which optional subjects they will study for GCSE. Over the next few weeks, a number of careers provisions have been put in place to support pupils and parents so that they can make the most informed decisions possible.

In December, all Year 10 pupils were surveyed to gauge general interest in a range of possible GCSE subjects. The results of this survey have been used to help us plan the most suitable curriculum for pupils currently in Year 10 and this is reflected in the options available in the GCSE Subject Choice book. This book, which contains guidance on making choices for GCSE, information about the subjects offered at GCSE, the content of each specification, and the careers paths related to them, can be accessed here:

[Glenlola Collegiate School GCSE Subject Choice Book 2024](#)

During the week commencing Monday 29 January, each pupil will be invited to attend an individual interview, with Careers and section staff, to discuss career ideas and GCSE subject interests. Staff will look at the subject choices that pupils are considering for suitability and may wish to discuss potential alternative subject choices and pathways. These discussions will take into account the academic profile of students and any advice given to them by their subject teachers.

The date and time of this has been given to pupils during form time and interviews will take place during the school day.

On Wednesday 7 February, an Options Event will take place in the school assembly hall, from 1:15-2:15pm. This will begin with a short presentation by the Acting Head of Careers. At this event, you and your child can learn more about the subjects offered at GCSE level, the content of each specification and the careers paths related to them, as well as speak with School Careers Guidance staff. Careers Advisers from the Northern Ireland Careers Service will also be present to discuss possible career pathways, should you wish to avail of this advice.

This will be followed by a Parental Consultation afternoon, on Wednesday 21 February when you can meet online with your child's subject teachers to discuss their progress and receive academic guidance regarding GCSE subject choices.

Completed GCSE subject choice forms should then be returned to your child's Form Teacher no later than Wednesday 28 February 2024.

We hope that you find this information useful, and we very much look forward to seeing you in school for the Options Event.

Yours sincerely

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