

January 2026



Year 10 GCSE Subject Choices

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child in Year 10 is beginning to consider which optional subjects they will study for GCSE. Over the coming weeks, a number of careers provisions and guidance opportunities have been arranged to support pupils and parents in making well informed decisions.

The GCSE Subject Choice Book, which includes guidance on choosing subjects, information about each GCSE course, the content of each specification, and the related career pathways, can be accessed here:

[Glenlola Collegiate School GCSE Subject Choice Book 2026](#)

At Glenlola Collegiate School, we are committed to helping every pupil succeed. To support this, we offer a range of pathways designed to ensure that each pupil can achieve their full potential. Further information about these pathways can be found on pages 4–6 of the Subject Choice Book. The majority of pupils will follow Pathway 1, while Pathways 2 and 3 provide additional flexibility for pupils whose needs may be better met through alternative routes.

During the week commencing Monday 26 January, each pupil will attend an individual interview with Careers and Section staff to discuss possible career ideas and GCSE subject interests. Staff will review the subjects pupils are considering, offer guidance on suitability, and may discuss potential alternatives. These conversations will take into account each pupil's academic profile and any advice provided by their subject teachers.

Pupils have already been given the date and time of their interview during form time. All interviews will take place during the school day.

On Wednesday 4 February, an Options Event will take place in the school assembly hall, from 2:15-3:15pm. This will begin with a short presentation about making GCSE choices. 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 18 February, where you can meet online with your child's subject teachers to discuss their progress and receive additional academic guidance regarding GCSE choices.

Completed GCSE subject choices should be submitted no later than Wednesday 25 February. Choices will be collected using an online form; the link will be sent to you after half term, once you and your child have had the opportunity to meet with staff and consider the available options.

We hope that you find this information helpful, and we look forward to welcoming you to the Options Event.

Yours sincerely,

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