

The Joseph Whitaker School

An Academy specialising in Sport and Performing Arts

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23rd February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 9 Guided Choices for GCSE – Academic Plus Pathway

Throughout the first three years of your child's secondary education they have received a broad and balanced curriculum which followed the National Curriculum.

It is now time to ask students to consider which courses they would like to study throughout Year 10 and Year 11.

All students will follow a core curriculum comprised of English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Science, PE, History and/or Geography and Life Skills and Moral Issues (PSHCE, Careers and RE). Many students will also continue with a Modern Foreign Language (French and/or Spanish).

The guided choice booklet provides details of the courses available to students. We want each student to make wise choices following thorough consideration of their interests, aptitudes and future pathways.

In order to ensure that students are guided in making these choices we have allocated students in to one of three different pathways.

Your child will follow courses from the Academic Plus pathway and all details of this are contained within the booklet.

Further information will be available in a presentation taking place at The Joseph Whitaker School on **Tuesday 3rd ~March 2026 at 6.30pm** in the Main Hall (the presentation is approximately 30 minutes long).

A paper copy of the Guided Choice Booklet will be handed to your child in assembly.

Please attend at your allotted time as it is important that you hear the correct information for your child's pathway.

Many thanks for your continued support with the education of your child.

Yours sincerely

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