



13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Student

We are approaching a really important milestone in your education at Great Sankey High School. In September you will begin your KS4 chosen courses. Our aims and aspirations for you lie firmly in the ethos that a broad and balanced education, with a clear emphasis on academic subjects, is paramount. This also follows government guidelines about 'Progress 8', a new progress benchmark for you which recommends a broad and balanced curriculum at KS4.

A number of universities may ask students to take a Language and a Humanities subject (contributing to the English Baccalaureate) alongside the core curriculum as part of their KS4 entry requirements. Applying for university or a job is likely to become much more competitive in future years as more students are achieving qualifications in these subjects nationally.

We want to guide you through the options process to ensure that you are able to stand out from the other applicants and to ensure your option choices support future success.

**Core subjects** are those which you have to take. These are:

English

Mathematics

Separate Sciences or Trilogy Science (based on your progress throughout year 9 and determined towards the end of the year 9)

PE, PSHE (non – examination subjects)

Your other options are given on the form overleaf. Read the instructions carefully and use the information booklet to help you make your choices. Please make sure you add two reserve choices in the box provided and fill in the career plans box if you have ideas about your future pathway. This form needs to be returned to your form tutor by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at the latest.



I look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 22nd January 2020** at our Guided Options Evening. There will be a chance for you to speak to us about your choices and other matters if necessary.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs C Kane  
Deputy Headteacher

## KS4 GUIDED OPTIONS 2020

**Deadline Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Return to your form tutor**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Form:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In addition to the core subjects you must select from the following by ticking the boxes:**

**1. Choose one of these subjects**

F	French GCSE	
Gm	German GCSE	
Sp	Spanish GCSE	
Rs	RS GCSE	

**2. Choose one of these subjects**

G	Geography GCSE	
H	History GCSE	

**3. Choose two of these subjects**

A	Art and Design GCSE	
Bs	Business GCSE	
Cn	Computer Science GCSE	
Bm	BTEC Tech Award in Creative Media Production.	
Dt	Design and Technology GCSE	
Dr	Drama GCSE	
Ep	Electronics GCSE	
Fn	Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE	
G	Geography GCSE	
Gd	Graphic Design V Cert	
Hs	Health and Social Care BTEC Technical Award	
H	History GCSE	
IT	Information Technology Cambridge National Award	
Mu	Music GCSE	
Mt	Music Technology Level 2 Technical Award	
Ps	Psychology GCSE	
Rs	Religious Studies	
Sn	BTEC Sport Studies	
Tx	Textiles GCSE	

**Reserve Choices:**

Please choose **two** reserve subjects from **Option box 3:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Choice:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Choice:**

**Possible career plans:**

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**Parent / Carer signature:**

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**Form tutor signature:**

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