



# WELCOME TO OUR YEAR 9 GUIDED CHOICES EVENING

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## GUIDED CHOICES BOOKLET FOR 2024-2026

Your Comprehensive Guide to Choosing GCSE Subjects for  
Key Stage 4

### Our Values

- Opportunity** – to experience new things
- Community** – to work together to make choices
- Courage** – to make calculated decisions


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For any questions regarding the guided choices process then please email Miss Phillips – [chloe.phillips@sws.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:chloe.phillips@sws.cheshire.sch.uk)



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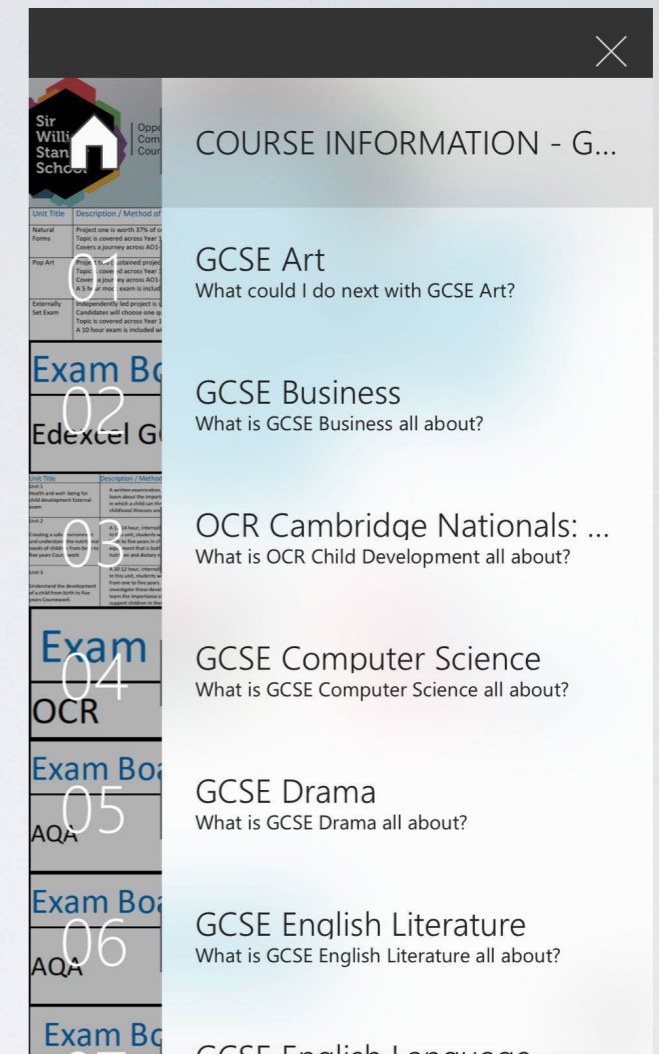
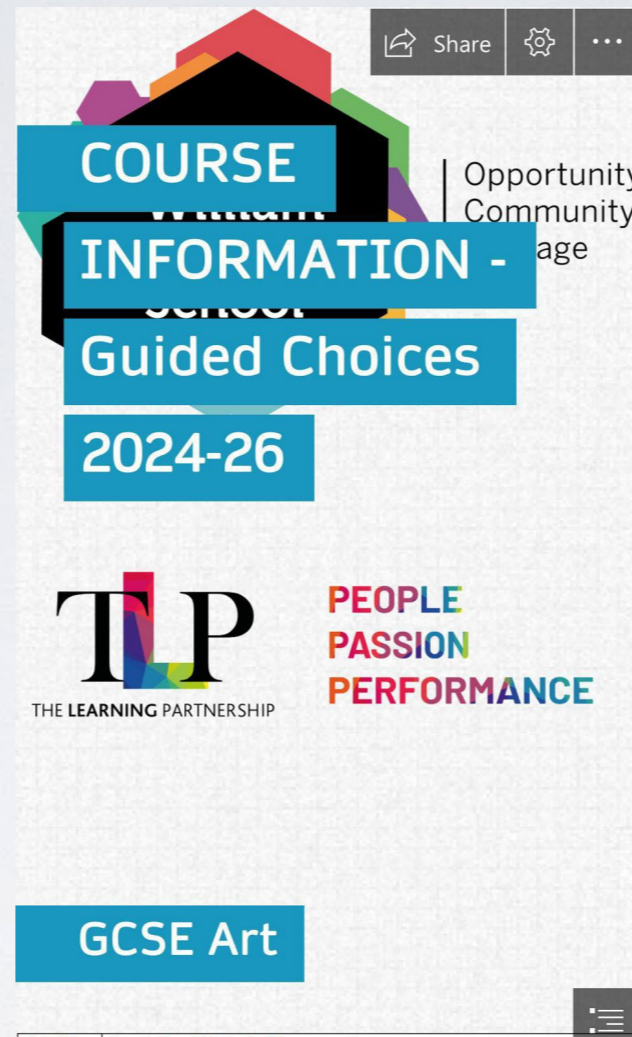
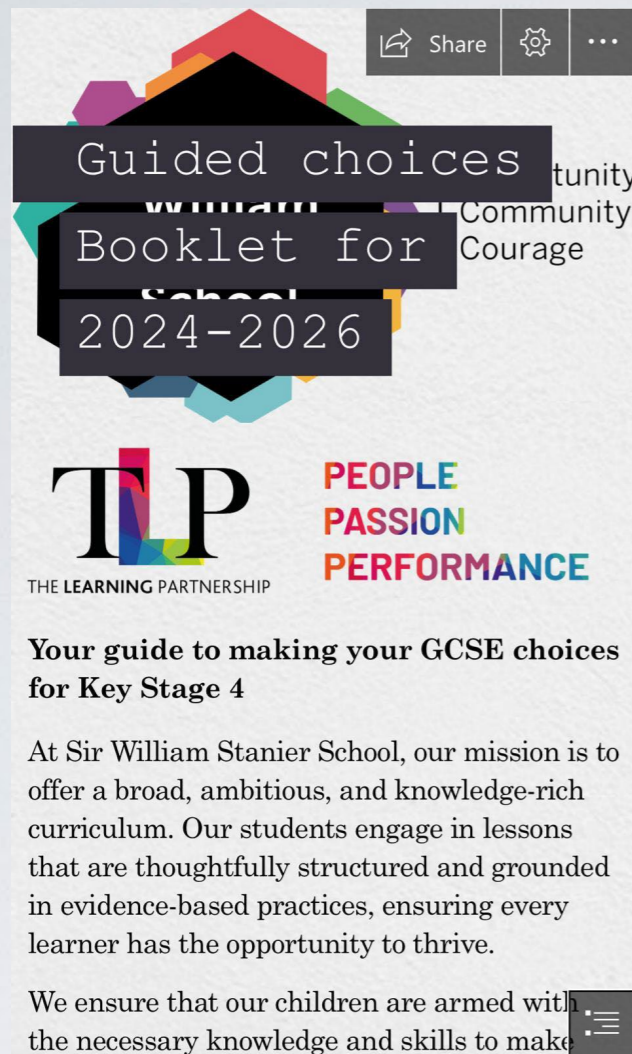
**Guided Choices Information**

# Education is the Key



*“If you don’t build your own dreams then someone else will hire you to build theirs...”*

# GUIDED CHOICES EVENING



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# TIME FRAME & CONTACT DETAILS

## KEY EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

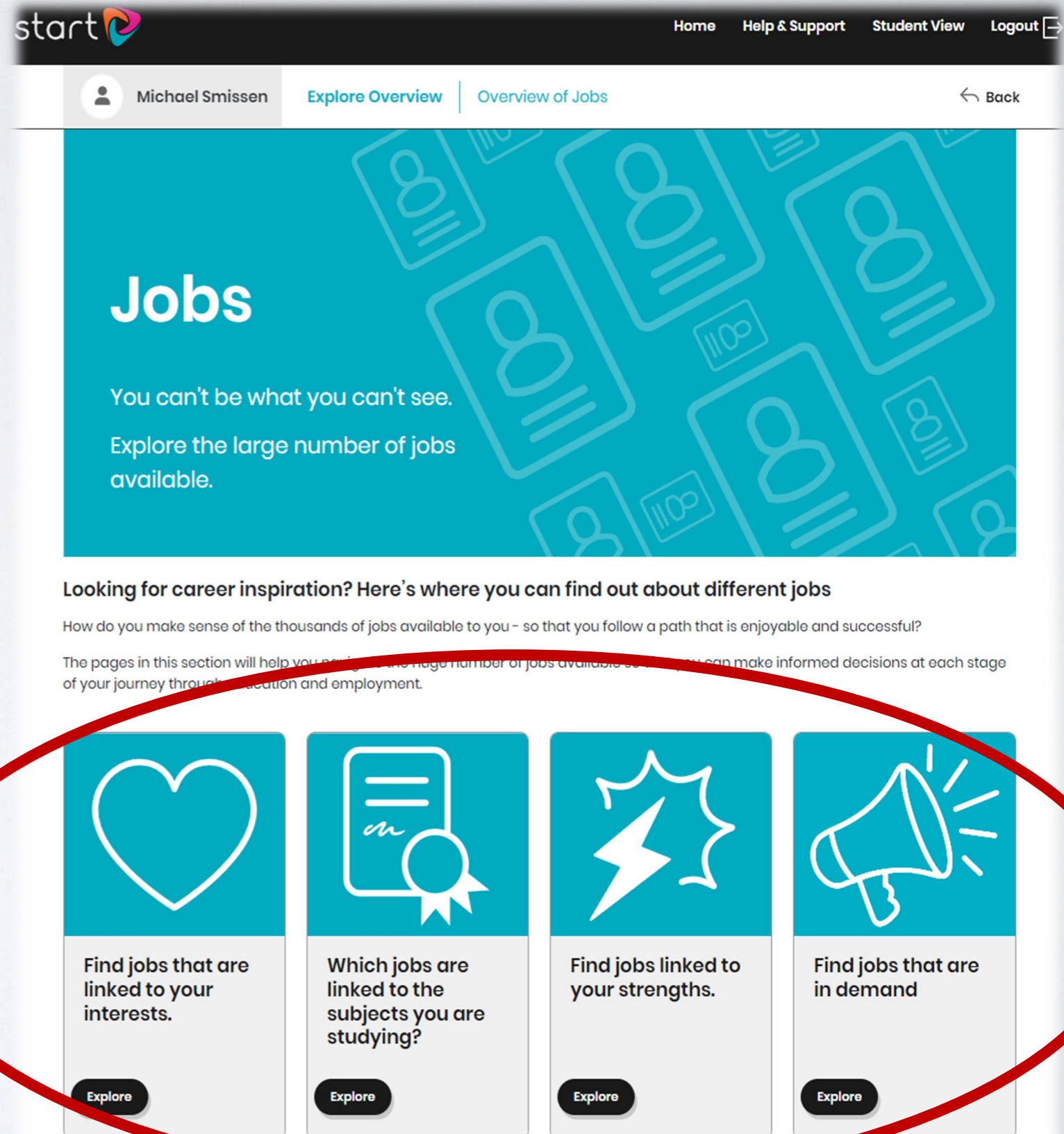
Date	Key Events
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Year 9 Guided Choices Assembly Period 1</b> – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February. A presentation to students and parents/carers, opening the guided choices process.
w/b 5 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Taster &amp; GCSE Overview Lessons Begin</b> Year 9 students have the opportunity to have taster lessons in the Key Stage 4 subjects.  All subjects to give overview of GCSE Specification.  Sample Practical Taster Sessions in key subjects begin
w/b 5 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>'Options Live' link emailed to students' school account</b>  Students are emailed their log in details in order for them to make their Guided Choices. This online platform is called 'Options Live'.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February @ 4-6pm	<b>Guided Choices Evening</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Guided Choices Link Completed</b> All 'Options Live' forms to be completed.
15 <sup>th</sup> April - onwards	<b>Guided Choices Review</b> If additional support is required, a member of SLT will contact students/parents/carers before final allocations are confirmed.
HT6	<b>Confirmation of Guided Choices Allocation</b>  A confirmation letter informing you and your parents/carers of the choices that have been allocated is sent home.

For any questions regarding the guided choices process then please email:





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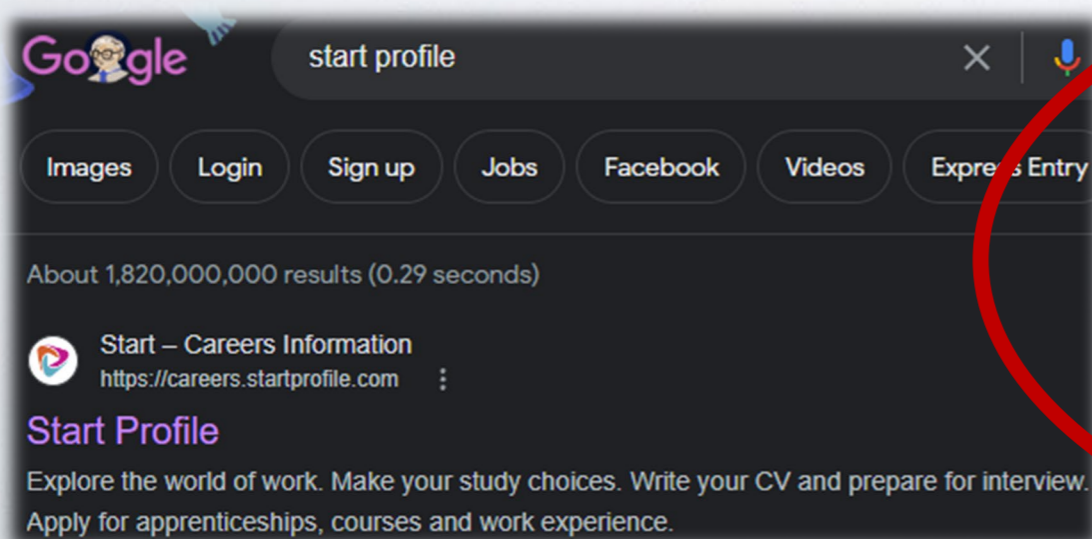
# WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW?

- Something you like
- Something you are good at
- Something you may be interested in



The screenshot shows the 'start' website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Help & Support', 'Student View', and 'Logout'. Below this, a user profile for 'Michael Smissen' is visible, along with 'Explore Overview' and 'Overview of Jobs' tabs. The main content area has a teal background with a repeating pattern of person icons and the word 'Jobs'. The text reads: 'You can't be what you can't see. Explore the large number of jobs available.' Below this, there is a section titled 'Looking for career inspiration? Here's where you can find out about different jobs' with a sub-heading: 'How do you make sense of the thousands of jobs available to you - so that you follow a path that is enjoyable and successful?'. A paragraph follows: 'The pages in this section will help you navigate the large number of jobs available so that you can make informed decisions at each stage of your journey through education and employment.' At the bottom, there is a grid of four teal boxes, each with an icon and a description, all enclosed in a red oval:

-  Find jobs that are linked to your interests. [Explore](#)
-  Which jobs are linked to the subjects you are studying? [Explore](#)
-  Find jobs linked to your strengths. [Explore](#)
-  Find jobs that are in demand [Explore](#)



The screenshot shows a Google search result for 'start profile'. The search bar contains 'start profile' and the search results show 'Start - Careers Information' with the URL 'https://careers.startprofile.com'. Below the search result, there is a 'Start Profile' link and a description: 'Explore the world of work. Make your study choices. Write your CV and prepare for interview. Apply for apprenticeships, courses and work experience.'

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Pathway	This pathway is ideal for students who have an interest in...	A	B	C	Careers
<b>Health Pathway</b>	Science. Caring for others, including children, people with a physical or learning disability and the elderly	Science - Triple	Health and Social Care or Child Development	Food	Including: Nursing, Midwifery, Care Worker, Mental Health nurse, Paramedic, Speech & Language. NHS or private sector.
<b>International Business Pathway</b>	Worldwide travel. Finance. Working with people. Being an entrepreneur.	French	Business	Media Studies or Photography	Including: Entrepreneur, Human Resources, Marketing, Office Manager, Sales Manager, Law, Accounting / Finance, Advertising, International relations.
<b>Digital Entrepreneur Pathway</b>	IT. Web design. Media. Computing. Technology systems. The Online World.	Computer Science	Business	iMedia or Photography	Including: Games Developer. Website design. Graphic Designer. Media. Marketing. Software Development. Mobile app Development.
<b>Ebacc Pathway (History/Geography/French)</b>	These are subjects most likely to be required or preferred for entry to university degree courses and ones that will keep the most doors open.	Any <u>Ebacc</u> Subject	Any <u>Ebacc</u> Subject	Any Subject	Choice of almost any career in any area.
<b>Sustainability and Climate Change</b>	Interest in the planet, your environment and the impact human behaviour has on these.	Science - Triple	Geography	Food	Including: Environmental Sciences. Estate Management. Geologist. Business. Surveyor. Agriculture. Psychologist.
<b>Arts Pathway</b>	Creative. Musical. Enjoy performing.	French	Drama	Music	Including: Artist. Teaching. Art Therapy. Community Arts worker. Game Design. Graphics. Actor. Musician. Marketer in the arts industry. Entrepreneur. Many exciting careers can stem from an Art qualification

## Below are the reasons you might have for choosing or not choosing a subject.



Is this a good reason for choosing a subject?

My friends are doing it

YES

NO

UNSURE

I like the subject

YES

NO

UNSURE

The subject is linked with a career I am interested in

YES

NO

UNSURE

I think the subject will be easy

YES

NO

UNSURE

The subject is suited to me as a boy or girl

YES

NO

UNSURE

The subject is linked with a course I would like to do after GCSEs

YES

NO

UNSURE

The subject will allow me to keep my options open when I choose my next steps

YES

NO

UNSURE



# GUIDED CHOICES BLOCKS

## Ebacc Choice

You have chosen 1 of 1  courses from this list

**Computing** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

*i* This course is also available in Open Choice

**History** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

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**French** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course CP

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**Science** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

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**Geography** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

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## Open Choice

You have chosen 2 of 2  courses and 1 of 1  reserves from this list

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Reserve

**Business Ed/Stud** Choice  
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

**Child Development**  
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

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**Information Tech**  
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**Media** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

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**Music** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

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**Photography** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

**Religious Studies**  
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Reserve

**Science** GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

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**Sports Sc/Studie** Reserve  
GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course

Reserve

*\* All subjects offered are dependent on enough students wanting to study them*

# FIND OUT MORE FROM YOUR SUBJECT TEACHERS

**Below are some questions you might want to ask:**

1. Do you think this subject is right for me?
- 2. Where could this subject take me after GCSE?**
3. Are there any specific requirements for taking this subject?
- 4. What topics will we cover in this subject and how will you assess my knowledge?**
5. Can I take this subject alongside other subjects I'm interested in?
- 6. What are the opinions of other students currently taking this subject?**

# Frequently Asked Questions

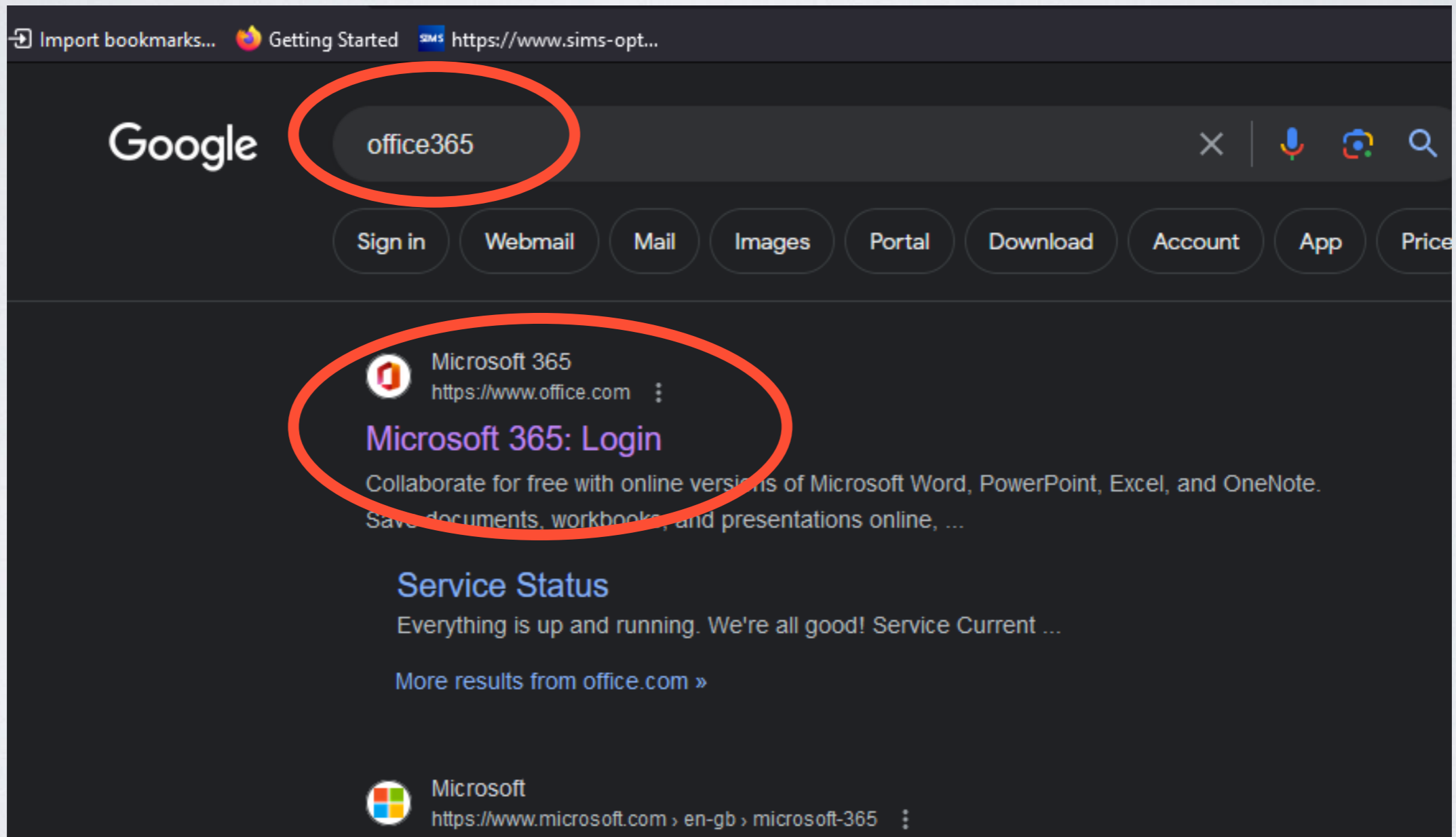
- 1. Will all courses go ahead?** *Only if we reach a minimum number to be able to run the course.*
- 2. Will I definitely get my choices?** *Simply put, no, but we have done everything to try and ensure you can. You will ideally get your reserve choice.*
- 3. What do I put in the student comment box?** *This is VERY IMPORTANT because we want you to tell us if your decision making was tough eg, “I’d be happy with anything that I have picked” or “I really wanted to do DT”.*
- 4. Why is there no DT/Engineering?** *We are in a trust where our sister school offers a far better ‘engineering’ offer.*
- 5. Why are we doing it now?** *To be able to offer as many students their first choice as possible. To make sure you can log in when it goes live.*
- 6. What if I plan to go to UTC?** *You just never know, what if you change your mind? However, let us know in the comments box.*

# Faculty Leaders

- Maths Leader – Mr Lyons
- English Leader – Miss Fiddes
- Science Leader – Mr Casewell
- Humanities (Geog, History, RE) Leader – Mrs Purves/Miss Phillips
- Business & IT Leader – Miss Towers
- Performing Arts (Drama and Music) Leader – Mrs Bartlett
- Food Leader – Mrs Randle
- Art Leader – Mrs Lodge
- Modern Foreign Languages (French & Spanish) Leader – Mrs Purves
- Physical Education and Sport Leader – Miss Taylor

# MAKING YOUR CHOICES

1. Google: Office365





# Hello, Welcome back

Sign in

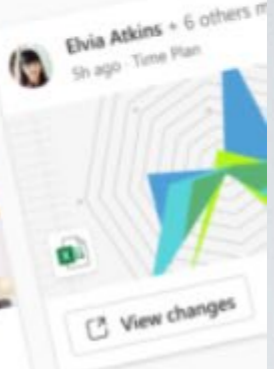
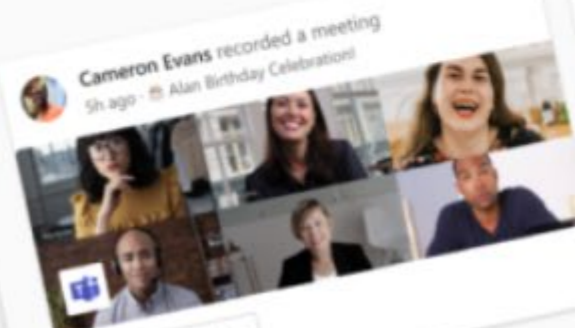
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[Not you? Forget this account](#)

Microsoft 365



## Good afternoon, Kat



Add to ToDo

All

Recently opened

Shared

Favorites

Bring your ideas to life



Inclusive quotes  
Elvia replied to a comment

All of our collective experience make up how we come th

Collective Experience  
You recently opened

### Event Planning Proposal

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Home



Create



My Content



Feed



Apps



Outlook



Teams



Word



Excel



PowerPoint



OneNote

## Welcome to Microsoft 365, Harry

### Quick access



All



Recently opened



Shared



Favourites



No recent content

Create a new document or upload one to get started

Home View Help

New email Delete Archive Report Sweep Move to Reply Reply all Forward Quick steps Read / Unread

**Favourites**

- Inbox
- Sent Items
- Drafts
- Add favourite

**Folders**

- Inbox 1
- Drafts
- Sent Items
- Deleted Items
- Junk Email
- Archive
- Notes
- Conversation History
- Create new folder
- Search Folders

**Groups**

- Whole Year 9 Team
- Discover groups
- Manage groups

**Inbox** ★

- 1 noreply@sims.co.uk (No subject) 15:10  
Hi Harry, Simply accept this invitation

**(No subject)**

Some content in this message has been blocked because the sender isn't in your Safe senders list. I trust content from noreply@sims.co.uk. | Show blocked content

**noreply@sims.co.uk**  
To: Harry Taylor  
Mon 29/01/2024 15:10

Hi Harry,

Simply accept this invitation and register within 90 days.

**Accept Invitation**

If the button above doesn't work, copy and paste the following link into your browser.  
<https://registration.sims.co.uk>

Should you need to enter it, your personal invite code is: **8QKBV9T4J4**

Sent on behalf of,  
Sir William Stanier School

Reply Forward





## Activate Your Account

So that we can confirm your identity, please enter your email address and personal invitation code.

Username

Invitation Code

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## Account Registration

So that we can confirm your identity, please answer your security question below.

What is your date of birth? (DD/MM/YYYY)

09/10/2010

Next

Secured by SIMS ID

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### Create a Strong Password

- At least one capital letter
- At least one number
- At least one special character
- At least 8 characters

Password

Confirm Password

Show Password

Next

Secured by SIMS ID  
[ESS Hosted Services: Check Service Status](#)



## Account Registration

Your account has been successfully created.  
You are now able to log in.

[Log In](#)

We have sent you an email to confirm your email address. This is necessary to allow you to be able to reset a forgotten password.

Please read the email and follow the instructions to validate your email address.


Remember to check in your SPAM folder

Secured by SIMS ID  
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Sign in to SIMS Options



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