



12 December 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

### Key Stage 4 Options

I am writing to further inform you of the important events taking place in the next few weeks which aim to offer guidance and support for both you and your child regarding their options choices. The calendared dates are shown below:

Date	Detail
Monday 2 February 2026	Options booklet and Options Pathways sent out
Wednesday 11 February 2026	Key Stage 4 Options Evening (in person)
Wednesday 25 February 2026	Progress Report
Tuesday 3 March 2026	Year 8 Parents' Evening (online)
Friday 6 March 2026	Options deadline for submission

### Options booklet and Options Pathways

**On Monday 2 February 2026** we will distribute the Options Booklet to the students, and this will also be added to the website. In addition, we will share details of the subject choices available to your child. Please see below for the link to the school website for the KS4 GCSE Options:

<https://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/page/?title=KS4+GCSE+Options&pid=374>

### Options Evening

**On Wednesday 11 February 2026** we will hold an in-person options evening at the school. Please note that, due to the large numbers that are expected to be attending, the evening has been divided into two.

**Parents and students in the 8M half of the year group** are invited to attend their meeting, which will be held in the Sports Hall at 5.00pm. The meeting will start with an outline of the options' procedure by Mr Crockford, Head of Year 8. When this presentation is over, at approximately 5.20pm, parents and students in the 8M half of the year group will be invited to move across to the English and Religious Studies block, where representatives of the departments for Key Stage 4 subjects will be available to answer questions about the subjects that their departments offer to students entering Key Stage 4.



**Parents and students in the 8E half of the year group** are invited to attend their meeting, which will also be held in the Sports Hall, but will start at 5.40pm. Once again, the meeting will start with an outline of the options' procedure by Mr Crockford. When this presentation is completed, at approximately 6.00pm parents and students in 8E will have their opportunity to move across to the English and Religious Studies block where representatives of the departments for Key Stage 4 subjects will be available, once again, to answer questions about the subjects in the Key Stage 4 options scheme.

I should stress that this is not an evening to discuss the progress of individual students as the staff to whom you may be speaking will probably not know your child personally.

### **Progress Report**

The latest report on your child's progress will be made available on **Wednesday 25 February 2026**.

### **Parents' Evening**

On **Tuesday 3 March 2026** we will hold our Year 8 Parents' meetings online.

If you feel you need some more guidance following this, please share any issues with us and we will endeavour to support you and your child. If it is a subject specific query, we will signpost this to the relevant department.

### **Options Deadline and submission of option form**

We ask that the options form is submitted **by Friday 6 March 2026**. This is so that we can begin the task of entering the options and factoring this into our planning for next year's timetable and staffing.

### **KS4 Options e-mail**

We have created a special e-mail address for the options process. Should you have any questions or issues during the options process please contact us on [KS4Options@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:KS4Options@maidenerleghtrust.org) If the query is about a specific subject, we will forward it on to the relevant member of staff and if it is of a more general nature I will respond. Should you have any problems during this process please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to support you in solving it.

Yours sincerely



Mr T Crockford  
Head of Year 8

