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**Welcome to**  
**Year 9 Parents and Guided**  
**Choices Evening**





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## Guided Choices

When our students have reached the most important point in their school life so far – choosing the subjects that they will study at Key Stage 4. Guided Choices allow students to pick the subjects that they would like to study alongside a 'core' of subjects that are seen as essential, such as English, Maths, Science, and Religious Studies.

Getting the right choice of subjects is crucial. The decisions can affect or determine what a student's future will hold; the job that they do, the apprenticeship they follow, the College or University course that they take.

Our Guided Choices process supports the students in making these choices. The information below provides step-by-step guidance and offers answers to many of the most commonly asked questions.

This page will continue to be updated during the Guided Choices process, so please check back regularly for support and guidance at each stage of the process.

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### Guided Choices Introduction Assembly

This assembly for students explains how the Guided Choices process will work this year, and the key dates at each stage. Click [here](#) to download the assembly.

### Guided Choices Booklet



# Key Dates

- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – Guided Choices Assembly Year 9
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 9 Reports posted home
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Guided Choices Booklet available and letters home confirming pathways
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Guided Choices Taster Week
- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Combined Guided Choices and Parents' Evening
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Deadline for Guided Choices form
- **Mid-May** – Confirmation of Guided Choices via letter
- **September** – Start of new timetable (Year 10)



# Qualifications?



Institution	Age	Year Group	Qualification	Level	Status
Primary School	4 – 11 Years	Reception – Year 6	SAT's (sat in Year 6)	N/A	Compulsory
Secondary School	11 – 16 Years	Year 7 – 11	GCSE's (sat in Year 11)	Level 2	Compulsory
Further Education (College/Sixth Form)	16 Years +	Year 12 – 13	A-Levels/BTECs Access courses/ Apprenticeship	Level 3	Compulsory
Higher Education (University/College)	18 Years +	Undergraduate (1 <sup>st</sup> year/2 <sup>nd</sup> year/etc.)	Degree, HNC, HND, Foundation Degree, Higher/Degree Apprenticeships	Level 4 - 6	Optional

# Grades?

NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
U	G
	U

**GOOD PASS (DfE)**  
5 and above = top of C and above

**AWARDING**  
4 and above = bottom of C and above



# Core Subjects



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**You will all continue to study:**

- Maths
- English
- Science
- Physical Education (PE)
- Life and Moral Skills (Religious Studies)



# Core Subjects



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## Maths

- Maths – 1 GCSE qualification

## English

- English Language – 1 GCSE
- English Literature – 1 GCSE

## Science

- Combined Science – 2 GCSEs  
– Combination of Biology, Chemistry, Physics



# Core Subjects



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**You will all continue to study:**

- Maths x 4 lessons
  - English x 5 lessons
  - Science x 5 lessons
  - Physical Education (PE) x 1 lesson
  - Religious Studies (RS) x 1 lesson
  - **16 hours in total, leaving 9 for Options**
- 25 hours**



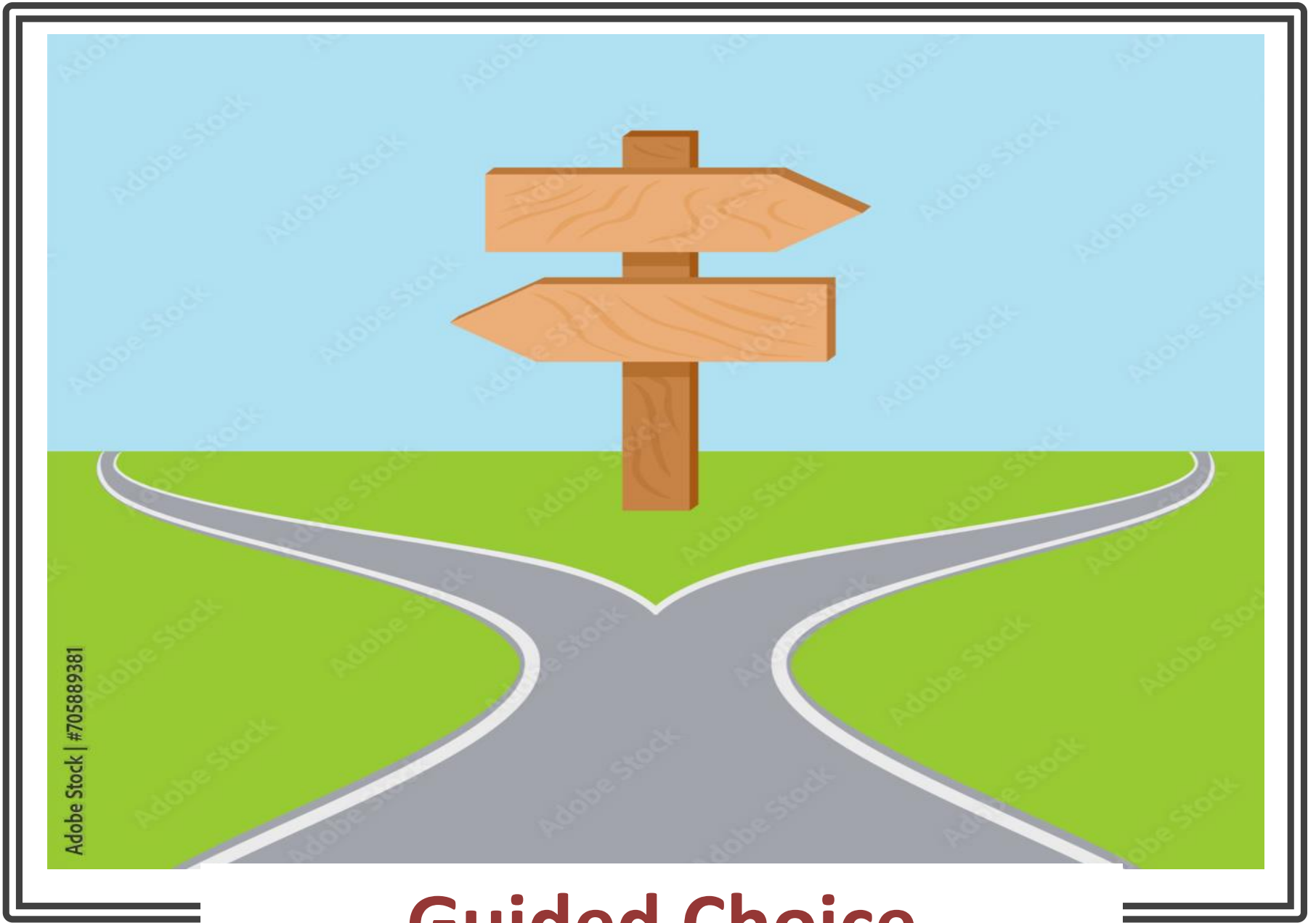
# Option Subjects



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- You will then choose other subjects you would like to study – **GCSE option subjects**.
- **3 options** for 3 hours each per week in 10 and 11.
- **Reserve choice** – essential that this is a subject you want to do.





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# Guided Choice

# PICK N MIX



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# **SOUTHERN SPREAD SET MENU**

Enjoy our special \$59pp Set Menu, featuring a Showcase of American Flavours.

## **FIRST COURSE**

Jalapeño Popper  
Louisiana Crab Cakes

## **SECOND COURSE**

Fried Chicken  
Cajun Fish Tacos  
Cajun Fries  
Pear Salad

## **THIRD. COURSE**

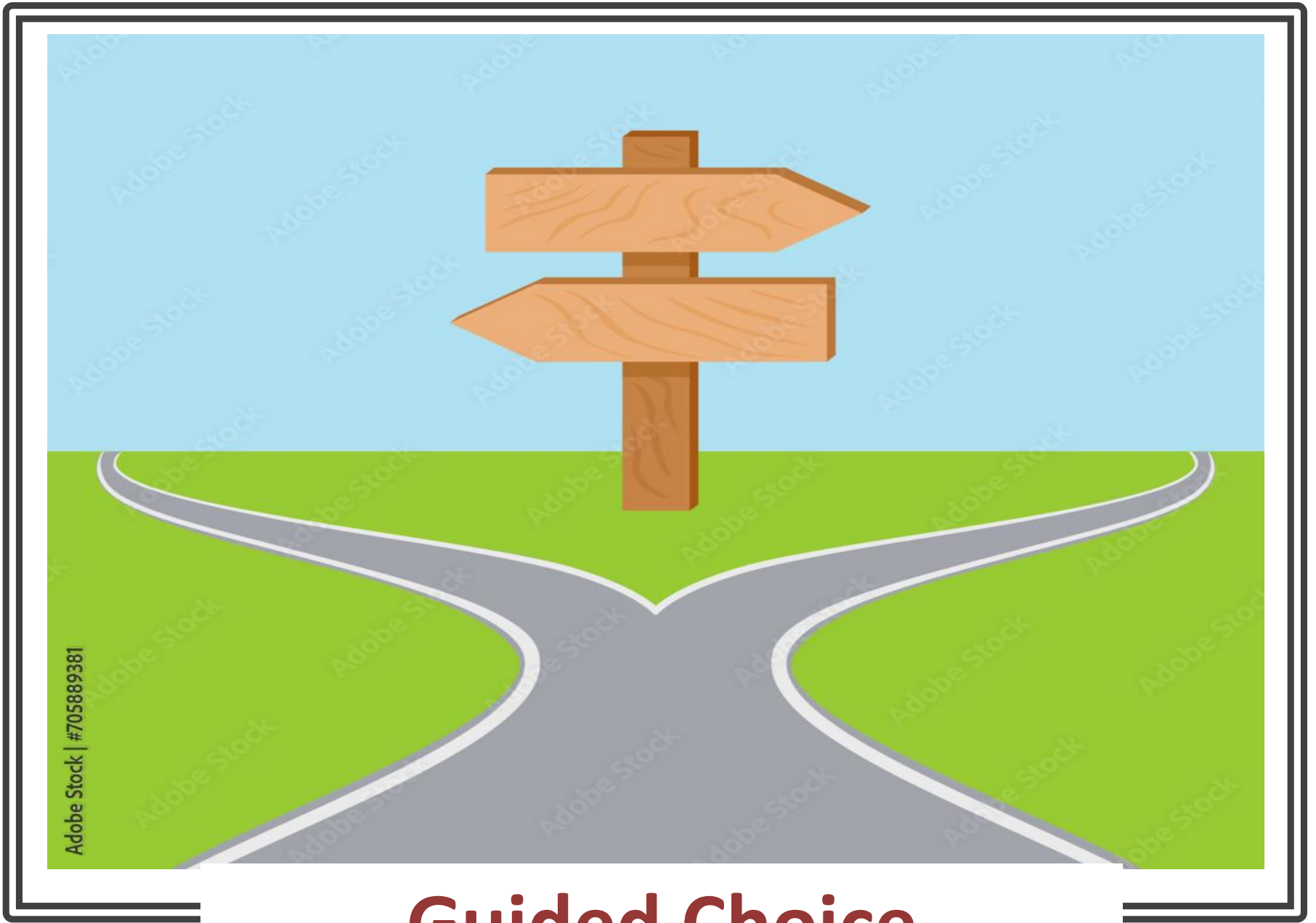
Key Lime Pie

We are VEG & GF friendly.

\*Please ensure to make note in reservation of any dietary requirements to receive a modified set menu

'All guests on table must order the set menu to apply'

**BOOK  
NOW!**



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# Guided Choice



# Guided Pathways



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You will be guided on to a pathway:

- **Ebacc** pathway – open to every student
  - A language, a humanity, another subject
- **Progress** Pathway
  - A humanity, another two subjects (can be a language)
  - Must study History, Geography, Spanish, French, Triple Science or Computer Science



# Subjects



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History	Geography	Religious Studies (PRE)
Business / Enterprise	Computer Science	Design & Technology
Hospitality and Catering	Health & Social Care	Child Development
Music	Drama	Art
French	Spanish	Sport Studies
	Separate (Triple) Sciences	



# Reserve Choice



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Essential that this is a subject  
you want to do.



# How do I choose?



# Be true to yourself

- Make choices that are right for you
- Don't choose what your friends are doing just to be together.
- Don't choose lessons based on the teacher. You may not be taught by them.



# “How do I choose my options?”

- There are a number of points that you must consider when taking your options in order to make sure you make effective choices.
  1. Career Interests
  2. Being Successful
  3. Further Education
  4. Balanced

**Talk to parents, teachers, older siblings, careers advice**



# Don't panic!

- **All** of our pathways are structured to ensure that they lead to high quality level 2 qualifications, which are valued by colleges and employers.
- **All** of our pathways ensure that all students can make a successful transition to post-16 education, training and careers.
- If you have any questions or concerns, just ask!





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**Thank you**

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