

Dear Parent or carer

At DBA, we believe that autonomy matters. Choosing what you want to achieve mastery in for the transition year to KS4 allows you to direct your own life whilst still studying the foundation subjects that form part of the national curriculum to give you that powerful knowledge for adult life. We will not take away the breadth of your knowledge, simply allow you to get better at something that matters to you.

In September 2024, your child will begin Key Stage 4 and start to study towards achieving good GCSE grades in their chosen subjects. In order to keep doors open towards your child's chosen career pathway, the subjects studied at GCSE must allow them to progress onto the next stage of education which is right for them. For this reason, I would like to give your child the opportunity to consider whether the subjects they chose for their year 9 Mastery year are right for them and give them the opportunity to change their options for September 2024.

How the process works

1. If your child is happy with the subjects they are currently studying, there is no need for any action from you. We will carry their options through into Year 10 and they will continue with the same subjects that they currently study.

2. If your child would like to make changes to their option subjects, please discuss their changes with them and if necessary, scan the QR code below to access a Microsoft Form which will allow you to make changes to their options. If both subjects are to be changed, the Microsoft form will need to be completed twice.

- QR code to be used for making changes to options:



The deadline for completing the Microsoft Form to register any changes is 5pm Monday 22nd January.

- Year 10 options booklet to help inform your choices:



We hope that you and your child feel that you can make informed choices as part of this process. If your child would like any further information, please them to speak to subject teachers who will be happy to discuss. If you need help with the process, please contact Mr Gee via email: fgee@dixonsba.com.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gee

