

26th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Key Stage 4 Curriculum Preferences

This week sees the start of the Key Stage 4 Preferences process.

Published Information – Preferences Booklet and ‘Meet the Subject’ Videos

Today, we have published a range of information to help you in your decisions. Firstly, we have a Key Stage 4 Preferences booklet, which details the process, some of the key considerations, and subject specific information. Curriculum Team Leaders have also put together videos with some key information, to help inform you about their subject courses at GCSE. All this information can be found on this web page <https://www.saintcecilias.london/year9keystage4preferences>.

Please watch the videos with your child and submit any questions you have to KS4CurriculumEvening@saintcecilias.london by **9am on Wednesday 31st January**. These questions will be forwarded to the relevant Curriculum Team Leader and will be answered in the FAQ sessions on Thursday evening. Please note that questions around individual suitability for the subject cannot be answered at this event. If you wish to know if your child is suitable for a subject, please contact their subject teacher directly.

Virtual Event – Thursday 1st February 6.00 - 7.30pm

On Thursday 1st February, there will be a presentation detailing the process in a little more detail, demonstrating how to make the choices on the SIMS Student app and some helpful hints regarding making the choices. The presentation will start at 6pm and will be held via Microsoft Teams. Please log-in to the virtual event [here](#). Please find joining instructions attached.

Subject FAQs with the Curriculum Team Leaders

Please find the list of sessions for the subject FAQs with Curriculum Team Leaders below. Please click on the link and it will take you to the meeting. The CTL will let you in from the lobby when it is time to start the session. During the meeting, you will be muted. If there is time, CTLs may open the floor for questions. If you wish to ask a question, please use the ‘Raise your hand’ tool, and the CTL will be able to unmute you so you can ask your question. Alternatively, you can write in the chat.

Mrs Catherine Young, Careers Co-ordinator, will be offering sessions during this part of the event so that you can hear some advice on how to choose subjects for GCSE and how to seek additional advice regarding career pathways.

Session 1 6.30-6.45pm	Computing	Drama	Geography	MFL	Careers	
Session 2 6.45-7.00pm	Art	Business Studies	History	Music	Careers	
Session 3 7.00-7.15pm	Art	Geography	Music	PE	Careers	
Session 4 7.15-7.30pm	Business Studies	History	MFL	PE	Textiles	Careers

If you would like to have an appointment with Mrs Young with your child, you can book an appointment for during the day on Thursday 1st or Monday 5th February. These will run using the Parents' Evening System. Alternatively, if you would like your child to meet with Mrs Young at a different time on their own, please email her via cyoung@saintceccilias.london.

I hope you find these materials and events useful. Should you have any questions, please send them to KS4CurriculumEvening@saintceccilias.london.

Yours sincerely,

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