



Aylsham High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

January 2026

Year 10 option choices

Year 10 students are currently working on their option subjects, studied on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week, in a very mature manner and we are very pleased with the progress they are making. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's progress, then please do not hesitate to contact their subject teacher.

One of the benefits of our options system is that students can review how their options are going throughout the year and make changes to remaining choices if appropriate. The majority of year 10 students now have the opportunity to review their final option choice for year 11. Whilst we try our best to accommodate those students who may have changed their minds from a previous choice, due to class sizes, this is not always possible.

All students are required to continue with the curriculum pathway, that they are currently following in year 10, into year 11.

The following information may help your child with selecting their options this year:

1. Options subject videos

There are videos available for each of the various subjects that we run. These include, for example, what level they are, what the students will do, what are the expectations of students and how they will be assessed. If, after watching the videos, you have any questions about a particular subject please contact the relevant department via email and they will be able to resolve any query you or your child may have.

Email address for staff can be found here:

<https://www.aylshamhigh.com/usefulcontactsandemailaddresses>

[Click here to access the playlist](#)

2. Options information on the school website

Options information is available on the school website which includes information about the key stage 4 curriculum, how the options process works, an options booklet, options presentations and guidance on how to make options choices.

<https://www.aylshamhigh.com/optionchoices>

The options booklet also contains links and QR codes to each of the available subject videos.

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3. SIMS Options videos for using the online system

To support families with using SIMS Options, we have made some videos available for you to watch which explain:

- how students choose their options
- how students log into their SIMS Student account to access SIMS Options
- how a parent/carer approves their child's options via their SIMS Parent account



These videos can be accessed [here](#) or via the QR code above.

On this playlist is a video for each year group and pathway. Please ensure that you watch the relevant video for your child's pathway which is shown on your child's SIMS Options page.

4. SIMS Options and how to select your choices

Once your child has decided on their options these can be selected and saved via SIMS Options by using SIMS Student and then you, as the parent/carer, will need to approve your child's options through your SIMS Parent account. Please ensure that you and your child have read carefully the information in SIMS Options explaining the individual pathway that your child has been assigned and the choices that they need to make.

SIMS Options online will be activated on Thursday 15th January at 4pm. We will only be accepting options from students who have the parent/carer approval box ticked. **Choices for all students need to be selected and saved via SIMS Options by Friday 13th February at the latest.**

Form tutors and the SEN/pastoral team will be able to support students with their option choices if needed.

Questions or queries

The options form on SIMS Options makes it clear what decisions have to be made, but if you have any questions or queries about the options process, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Stonestreet, astonestreet@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk or your child can seek out option subject staff, their form tutor or see a member of staff in the STAR office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'P Brockington'.

P Brockington
Deputy Headteacher