



Solihull School

8 February 2010

To Parents of Pupils in the Fourth Forms

Dear Parents

Subject Options for the Lower Fifth Forms: 2010-2011

In September your son/daughter will be passing into the Lower Fifth, when the two-year GCSE course will begin. This is clearly an important moment, as these choices will be significant in the academic path your child follows in the coming years. I am writing now to ask you and your son/daughter to make his/her GCSE choices. Details of the subject contents are in the GCSE booklet issued to your son/daughter today.

In the Lower Fifth, pupils take the following compulsory subjects (those in bold lead to GCSE):

Mathematics, English, English Literature, French, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, PSHE, Physical Education, Games.

In addition to these compulsory subjects, each pupil will take **three** further subjects from the following list:

Art	Information Technology
Design & Technology	Latin
Geography	Music
German	Religious Studies
History	Spanish

For obvious reasons, pupils will not be able to study a subject at GCSE if they have not studied it in the Fourth Form.

When selecting their options, pupils must take into account their ability in, and enjoyment of, each subject. They should also gauge its importance to their future studies. **If they drop a subject at this stage, they are unlikely to be able to study it in the Sixth Form.** Your son/daughter should talk to his/her Form Tutor and subject teachers about these issues and you will have an opportunity to do the same at the Parents' Evenings. If, even at this early stage, your son/daughter would like guidance about his/her future career, he/she should consult Reverend Dr Niall Cluley, the Head of Careers.

I would like to emphasize that the choices are not final and that they can be changed. However, whilst we will make every effort to accommodate changes, this is dependent upon the structure of the timetable and whether the sets have been finalised.

I would be most grateful if you could complete the accompanying form and return it **to your son's/daughter's Form Tutor by no later than Wednesday 3 March.**

Yours sincerely

M J Garner
Head of the Middle School

Subject Options in the Lower Fifth Forms: 2010-2011

(Please complete in **black ink**)

Pupil's Full Name:

Form:

Compulsory Subjects (GCSE subjects in bold):

Mathematics, English, English Literature, French, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, PSHE,
Physical Education and Games.

In addition to these compulsory subjects, each pupil will take **three** further subjects from the choices given in the table below.

Please enter a tick in the right hand column alongside the **THREE** subjects to be studied next year.

Subject	Choice
ART	
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	
GEOGRAPHY	
GERMAN	
HISTORY	
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
LATIN	
MUSIC	
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	
SPANISH	

Please indicate preferred D & T option:
Electronic Products (**EP**) or
Resistant Materials (**RM**)

Parent's Signature:

Date:

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