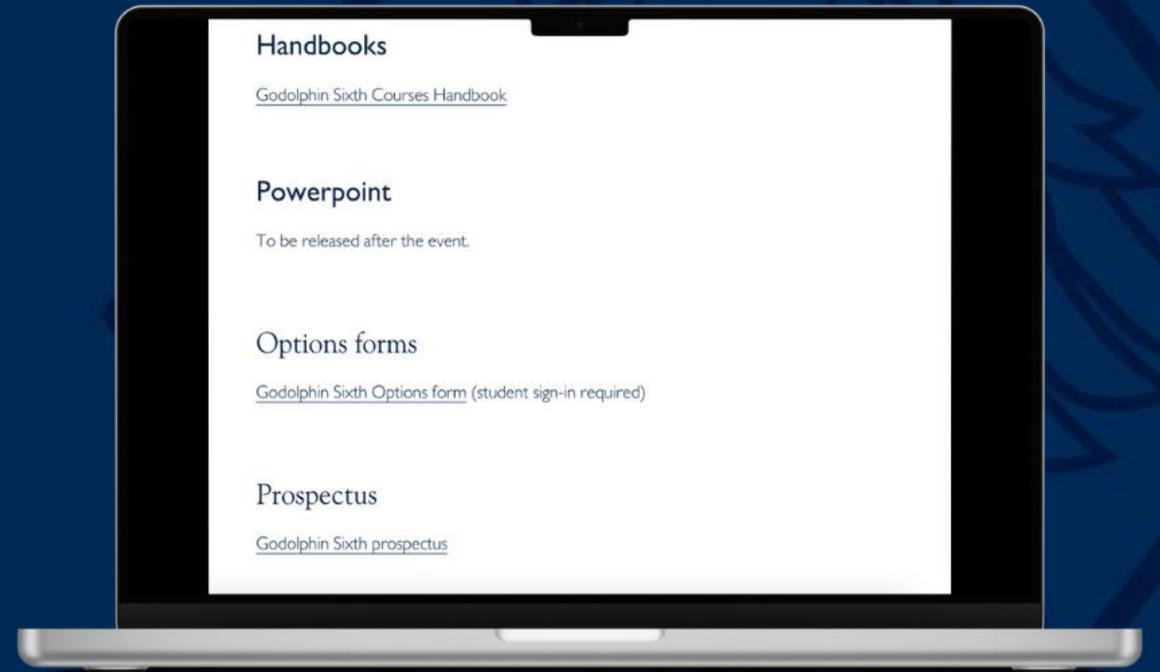
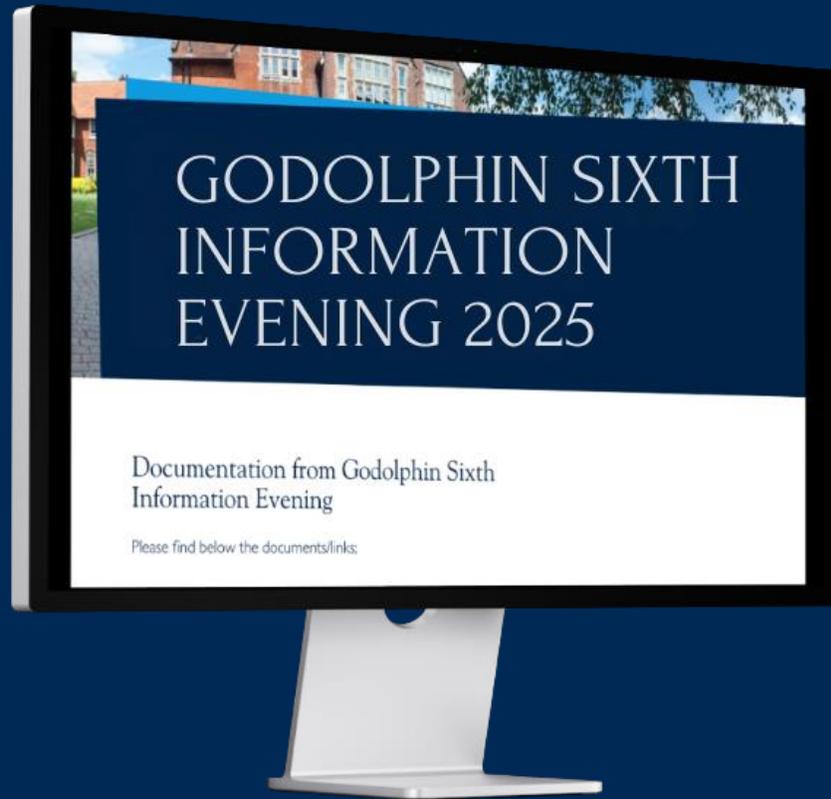




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# Academic Achievements

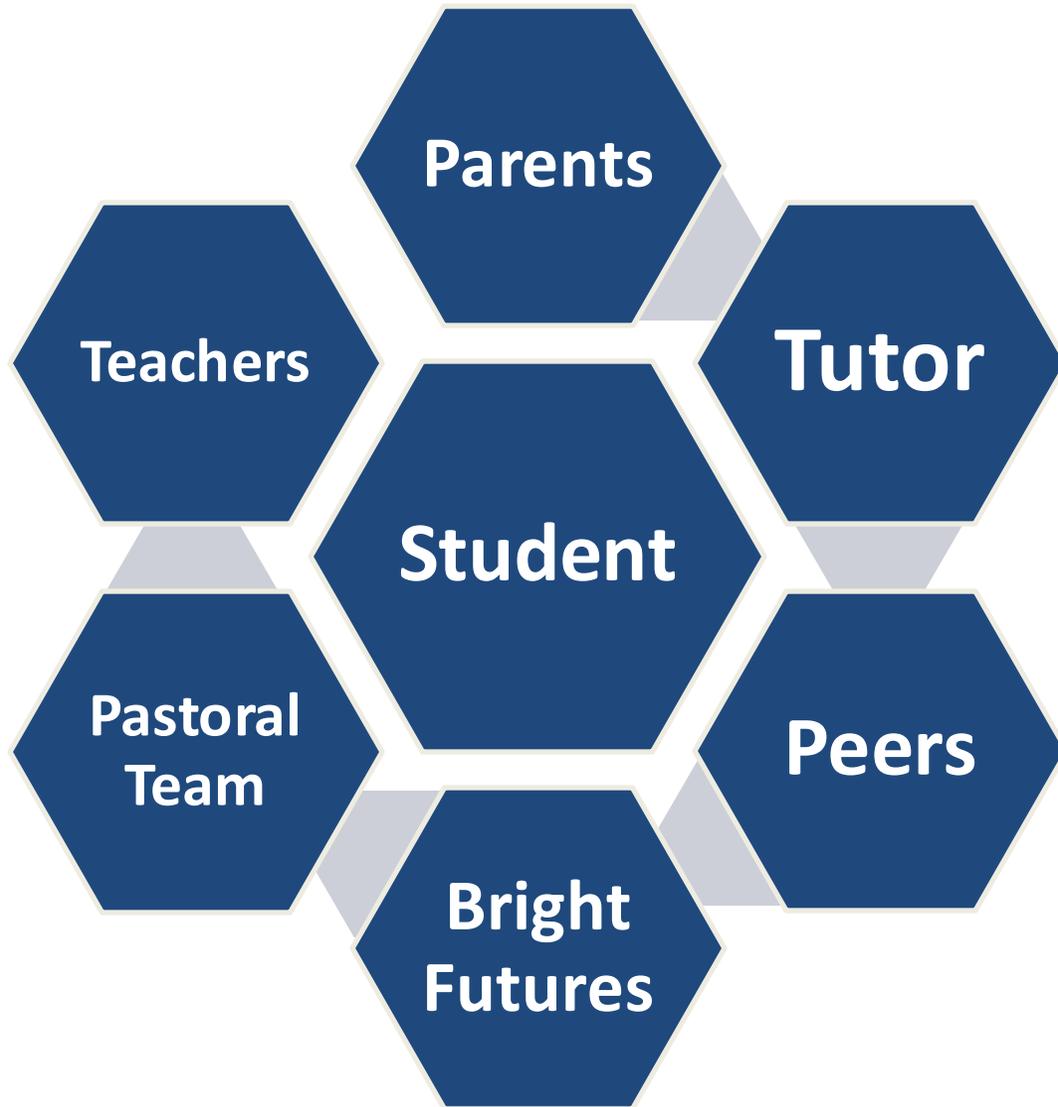
1. Students achieve well:
  - High proportion of high grades
2. Students achieve well for themselves
  - High value added
3. Student achieve better than they would elsewhere
  - Top 3% of schools nationally.

# Leaver destinations

- University of Aberdeen
- Aberystwyth University
- University of Bath
- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- Cardiff University
- University of Chichester
- Durham University
- The University of Edinburgh
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- Royal Holloway
- King's College London
- University of London
- Mountview Drama School
- Lancaster University
- University of Liverpool
- Newcastle University
- Northumbria University
- University of Nottingham
- University of Oxford, St Anne's College
- UCL (University College London)
- University of St Andrews
- University of Southampton
- University of Sussex
- University of Warwick
- University of Winchester
- University of York
- IE Madrid
- Tufts, USA
- Degree Apprenticeships
  - Thales Engineering
  - Roke Cyber Security
  - Dyson Institute of Engineering & Technology

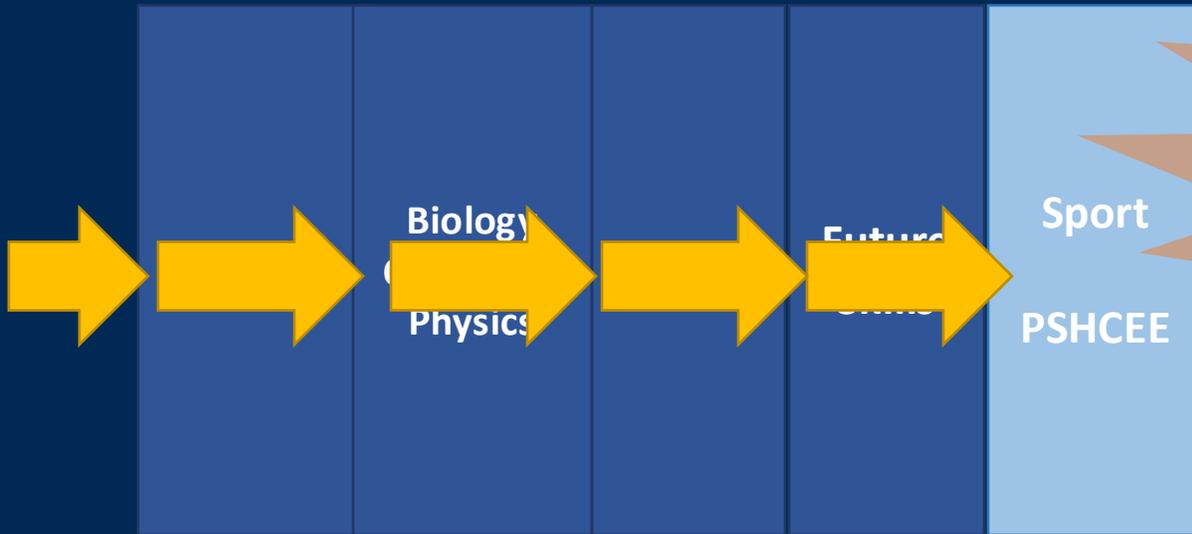


# Support Network



# GCSE Curriculum – September 2026

## Core Programme



- A **flexible** and **bespoke** curriculum that has **breadth** and is academically rigorous
- The timetable is built around student choices – i.e. **we do not restrict choice through use of fixed blocking.**

## Options Programme

3 free choices of GCSE subjects including a breadth of Arts, Creative subjects, Languages and Humanities

Inspiring Bright Minds and Go Discover

Academic Challenge  
Ancient Greek GCSE in session time

Further Breadth  
Co-curricular provision

# What is the value of Future Skills?

- What is education for?
  - Very varied, but “thriving in life” is a good start.
- How?
  - Academic results
  - Employment opportunities, and progression
  - Articulate and confident young people
- What do students need?
  - Passion, enthusiasm
  - Practise, examples, experience
- What best supports academic achievement?
  - Space, time, encouragement, healthy balance of all aspects of life.

# How to choose?

- Enjoyment
- Enthusiasm
- Plans for future study
- Career / course
- Honest ability
- Balance/breadth of subjects and manageable workload
- NOT because your friends are doing it or because of a particular teacher!



# How to choose?

- Tutor
- Current Subject Teachers
- Heads of Department
- GCSE Subject Handbook
- Mrs Firth
- Parents
- House staff



# How many?

- New GCSEs more bulky and demanding, so 8-9 is plenty.
- Academic breadth is provided by 8-9 GCSEs, **with co-curricular**
- Far better to have great grades, and a well rounded broader experience
- For the most able, Greek GCSE is offered in session time, plus extension activities, scholars.
- No “soft” options.

# Are languages important?

- Yes.
  - The skills that a language teaches you are **relevant, important and effective** in many areas of life.
  - Language skills open employment opportunities in other **countries and cultures**.
  - The most **confident communicators** often speak more than one language.
  - The **memory skills** that learning languages uses are relevant to many different areas of study.
  - Having language skills can provide a **competitive advantage**, and a cultural knowledge than otherwise.
  - **Complex language** is a uniquely human interaction and provides excellent **social contact**, if a common language is used.
  - Languages expand world view and **reduce cultural barriers**.



**Sport**



**Go Discover and  
Inspiring Bright  
Minds**



# Learning Support

Bright  
Futures



To inform and prepare  
for life after school



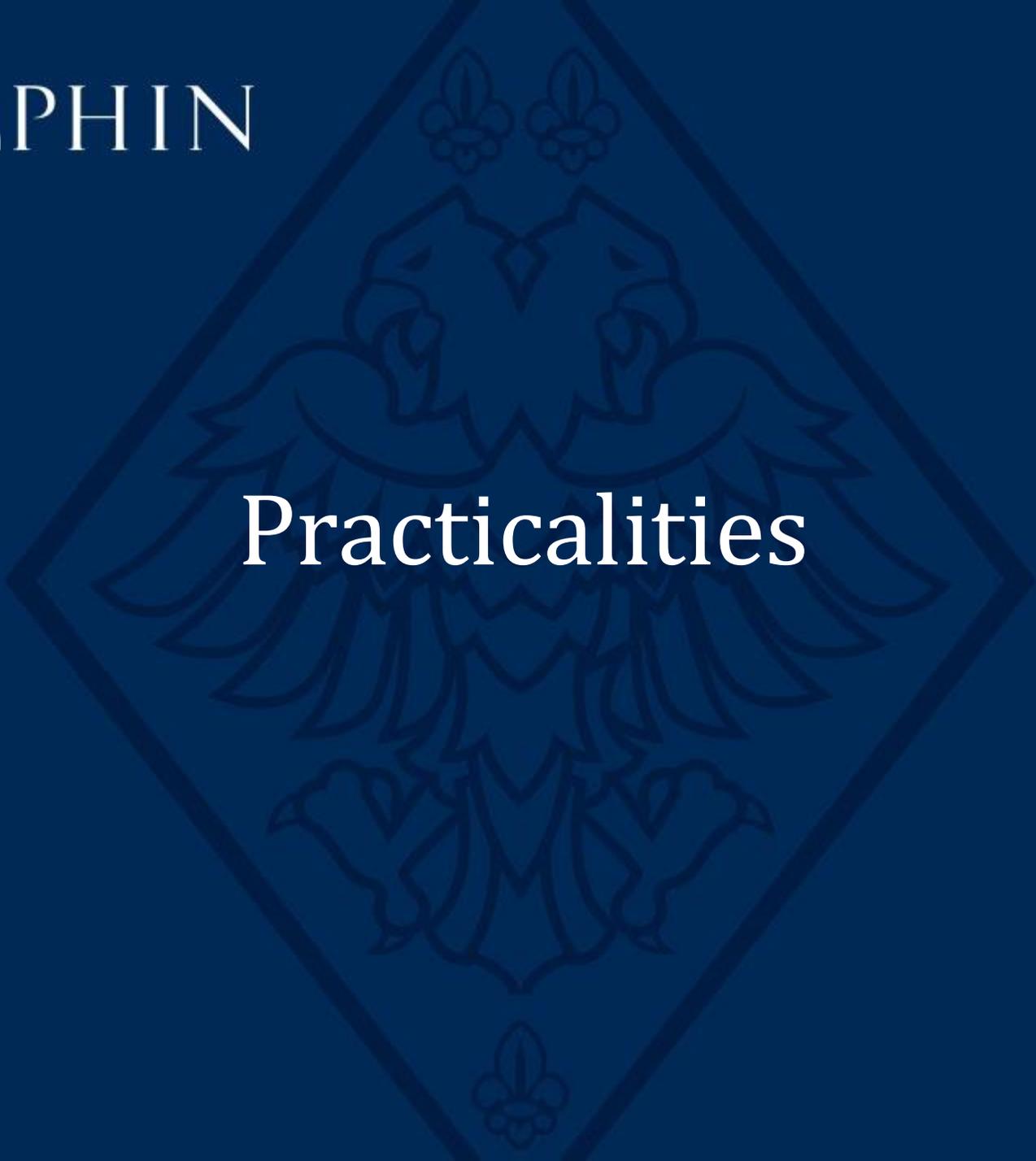


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# When to choose - Timeline

- **Spring term:**
  - Discussions with teachers
  - Options form opens
  - GCSE introductions in subject lessons
- **9 February**
  - Options form deadline
- **Summer Term**
  - Options and timetable confirmed





# Practicalities



# GCSE Options Evening

Thank you for coming.  
Enjoy the evening!

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