THE HAMBLE SCHOOL
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6 March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 Preference Process

We are now making plans for the curriculum your son/daughter will follow starting September 2026 and the time has come to consider which Key Stage 4 courses are most appropriate for your child as they move into Year 10. This is an important time, and we want to ensure that you and your child are as informed as possible.

At The Hamble School, we are determined to offer each and every student a curriculum that suits their individual needs, while complying with national recommendations and guidelines. In summary, your child will continue with their studies in English, Maths, Science, Core PE and PSHCRE. This time last year, your child also chose 6 subjects to study in Year 9. Moving into Year 10, your child will carry 4 of these on to GCSE/BTEC level.

In the coming weeks we will be publishing our 2026 Preferences web page and supporting students in school with:

1. Guidance through assemblies.
2. Taster Sessions for all Key Stage 4 subjects during timetabled lessons.
3. Support from tutors.

We have outlined the preference process below:

Date	Activity	Aim
26 February 2026	Parents Evening	To enable teachers to share subject-specific information regarding the Year 10 curriculum and current progress.
W/b 16 March 2026	Preferences Assembly	To inform students about the Preferences Process and about making choices.
18 March 2026	Launch of the Preference webpage	To provide students and parents/carers with detailed information about different subject courses.
W/b 23 March 2026	Taster sessions to be held within timetabled lessons	To ensure students are fully aware of what each subject will entail in Key Stage 4.
27 March 2026	Preference Form to be opened to students (online) Instructions on how to complete Preference Form to be sent home	To complete preferred subject ranking.
17 April 2026	Preference Form Deadline	Forms must be completed by this date.
June/July 2026	Confirmation of student subject choices	A letter will be sent home to confirm allocation of subject choices.

If you have any questions about the preferences process please email Mr James (Year 9 Progress Leader) using general@thehambleschool.co.uk.

We look forward to working with you to ensure your child achieves their maximum potential and enjoys their studies.

Yours faithfully

Mr L Wood
Assistant Headteacher

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.