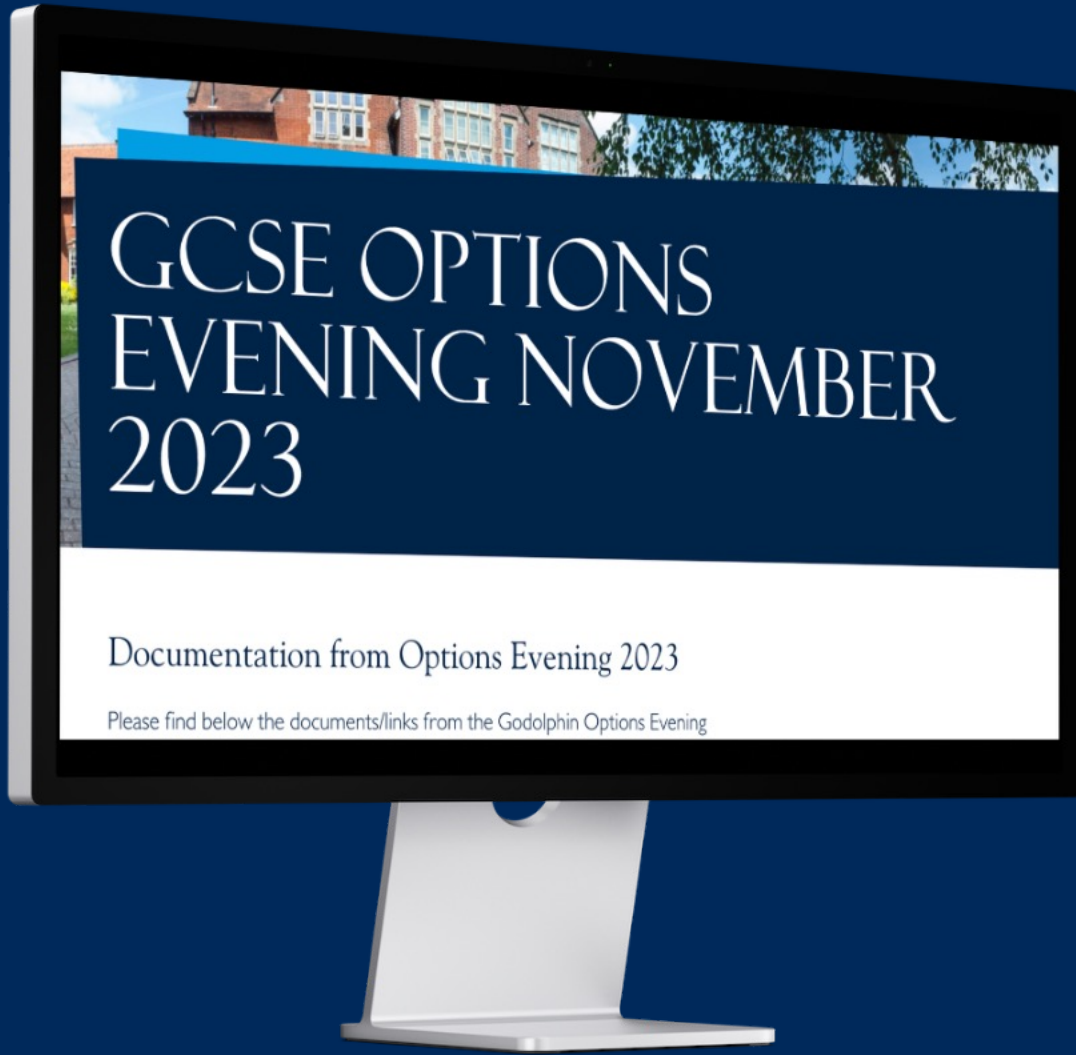


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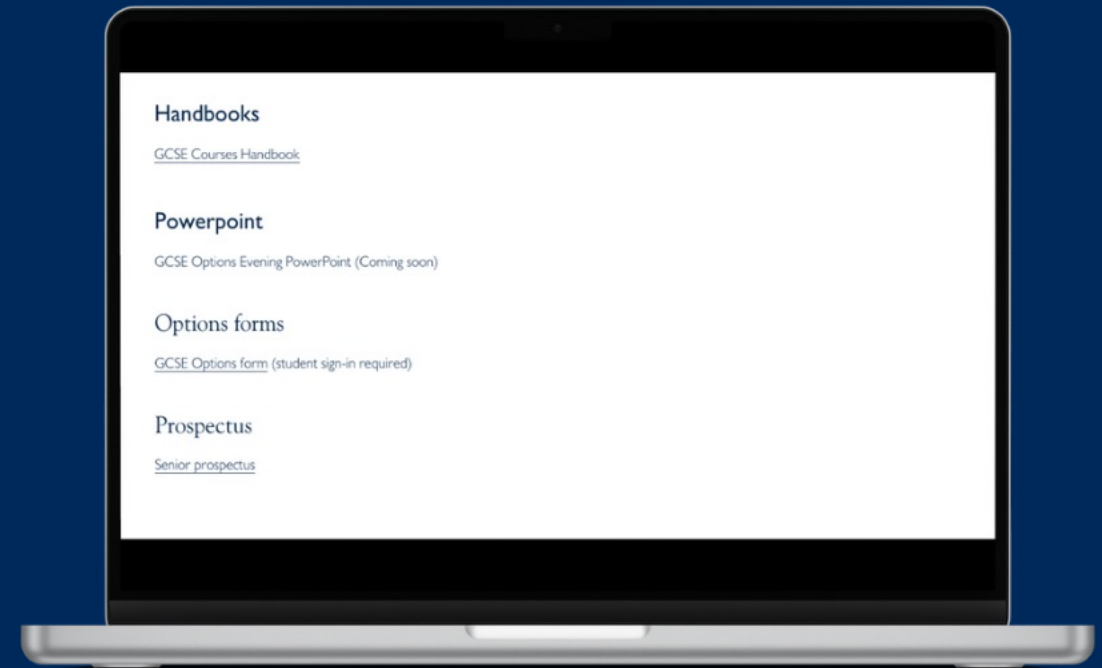
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Results



GCSE 2023

A-LEVEL 2023



97%
first choice
university
A-Level 2023

>>>



Average
Value
Added
0.6+
A-Level 2023

>>>



50%
A-A* Grades
A-Level 2023

>>>



Excellent
performance against
equivalent schools
A-Level 2023

>>>



79%
A-B Grades
A-Level 2023

>>>



Wide range of
Russell Group
universities
A-Level 2023

>>>

LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS 2023

- ◆ Aberystwyth University
- ◆ University of Bath
- ◆ University of Birmingham
- ◆ Arts University Bournemouth
- ◆ University of Bristol
- ◆ Cardiff University
- ◆ University of Chichester
- ◆ Durham University
- ◆ The University of Edinburgh
- ◆ University of Exeter
- ◆ Falmouth University
- ◆ Glasgow School of Art
- ◆ University of Glasgow
- ◆ King's College London,
- ◆ University of London
- ◆ St George's, University of London
- ◆ Manchester Metropolitan University
- ◆ Newcastle University
- ◆ Oxford Brookes University
- ◆ University of Oxford, St Anne's College
- ◆ University of Plymouth
- ◆ Royal Holloway, University of London
- ◆ UCL (University College London)
- ◆ University of Warwick
- ◆ University of Winchester
- ◆ University of York

Degree Apprenticeships

- ◆ Thales Engineering
- ◆ Roke Cyber Security



Founded
1726



93%
First
choice
university



Entry at
11+
13+
16+

"The professional, yet relaxed and convivial atmosphere must surely rub off on the pupils – it's friendly, thoughtful, unstuffy and genuinely delightful" Talk Education

In the
heart
of the
Cathedral
City of
Salisbury



Leaders
in Digital
Learning



49%
achieved A*-A
79%
achieved A*-B

A-Level 2023

Average
value
added
+.8
Grades

GCSE 2023

Day, flexi, weekly
and full
boarding



Extensive
bus routes
and only
1 hour
from
international
airports



Future
Skills
Programme



"Pupils' tolerance, respect and sense of inclusivity are successful in producing a caring and harmonious community" ISI 2023



450
Students

4
Boarding
houses
Walters
Cooper
Jerred
School



Eco-
Schools
Green Flag
Award



"Godolphin has the best of both worlds – perched on the edge of town with plentiful space, while enjoying a strong bond with the city, its cathedral and community" Muddy Stilettos

Winners
of National
Pro Corda
Chamber
Music
Competition



Average
value
added
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Grades

A-Level 2023

Duke of
Edinburgh's
Award



5000
Alumnae



Combined
Cadet
Force



LEITHS
ACADEMY



"Throughout the school, pupils display a thirst for knowledge across the curriculum. This is due to the enthusiastic and expert teaching which encourages pupils to do well and try new things" ISI 2023


"Firm, friendly, no nonsense discipline leads to an atmosphere in which girls and teachers are at home with each other. The best is expected of everyone. Godolphin is a very special place to grow up in" Good Schools Guide

79%
A*-B
A-Level 2023



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A-Level 2023

Successful
Oxbridge
places



Day, flexi, weekly
and full boarding
Integrated day &
boarding community



Scholarships
Academic
Art
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Degree
Apprenticeships
Dyson, Google, Roke, Thales

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Success in
national
and
county
sport
Hockey,
Lacrosse
and
Netball

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Your
Future
Friday
Series

Godolphin
Alumnae
network




44%
Degree
level
Maths,
engineering,
science and
medicine
courses

56%
Degree
level
Arts,
humanities
and social
sciences
courses

Scholars'
Programme



Mentoring,
leadership
and
volunteering

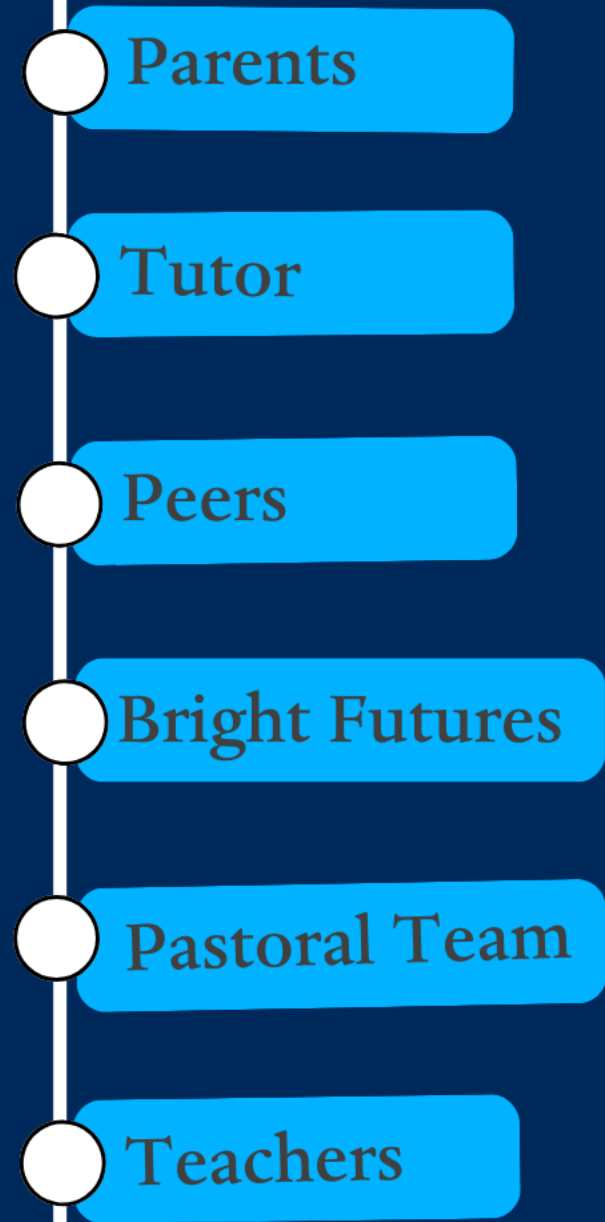


Bright
Futures
Careers
Programme



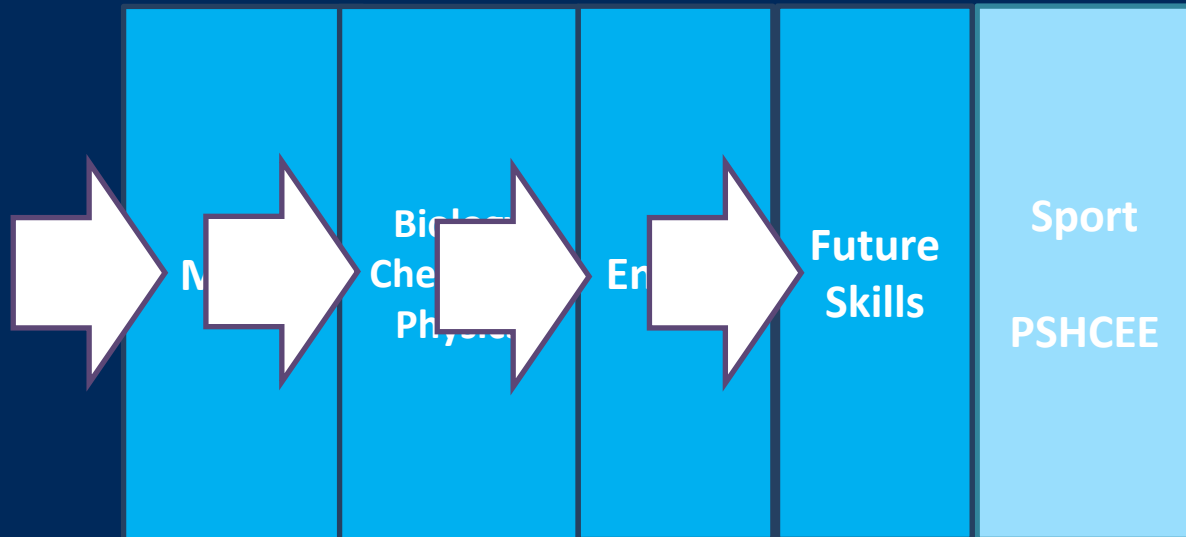
"Pupils are guided appropriately to the courses which are right for them as first choice destinations due to the success of the school's carefully planned careers education programme" ISI 2023

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GCSE Curriculum – September 2024

Core Programme



Options 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.**

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**.

How many GCSEs?

- GCSEs are bulky and demanding, so 8-9 is plenty.
- Academic breadth is provided by 8-9 GCSEs, with co-curricular
- For the most able, Ancient Greek GCSE is offered in session time. More on fourth options and how we can accommodate later.
- Inspiring Bright Minds Programme, Go Discover and extension within lessons.
- No “soft” options.

How to choose?

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



Who to speak to?

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





FUTURE SKILLS

What is the value of Future Skills?

- What is education for?
 - Very varied, but thriving in life.
- 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.



What is in Future Skills?



□ **Modules include:**

- Debate and Persuasive Speech
- Teamwork and Leadership
- Entrepreneurship and Technology
- Research Methods and Ethics
- Self-Improvement and Understanding
- Project Management
- Critical Thinking and Analysis
- Life Skills

- The Future Skills programme will:
 - Provide a structure for students to identify and develop their skills and experiences into a personal profile that is based on their unique strengths.
 - Allow students to communicate, demonstrate and evidence the learning, skills, attributes and dispositions that are going to make them a “success”.
 - Allow for further accredited courses where appropriate.
 - Ensure that students develop their own skills and strengths that they can both **evidence** and **communicate** them effectively.



FAQ: Perspectives on Future Skills

- Is it right for University acceptance?
- Is it right for employability?
- Is it right for breadth of study?
- Is it academic?
- Does it preserve aspiration for students?
- Are the benefits of Future Skills worthwhile?
- Is it radical?



Recruitment Context

- University Degrees, Degree Apprenticeships or other Higher Education
 - Selection commonly includes exam results
 - Universities make offers on the basis of 8 GCSEs and 3 A-levels.
 - Selection is made, and offers awarded on that basis.
 - Broader qualifications (eg EPQ) are often factored in to lower offers, or additional UCAS points.
- Employers
 - Recognise the skills developed during the GCSE years, not only the grades.
 - Interviews, and therefore final opinions, focus much more on the skills achieved outside the curriculum.
 - Self-assurance, awareness and knowledge of how skills are developed and improved.
 - Experience suggests recruitment proceeds much more frequently with recruitment tests, online video tasks or interviews etc.



Is Future Skills for everyone?

- We believe that it is.
 - Most able academically or not.
 - Quite apart from the academic benefits, the wellbeing advantages also featured heavily on the Curriculum Review feedback.
- **However:**
 - for the most academically able students it may be suitable to study an additional GCSE within the timetable. This would mean that a student would miss Future Skills lessons, and carry a workload that may impact wider co-curricular and curricular participation and success. There will be an opportunity to enquire about that facility on the Options form.

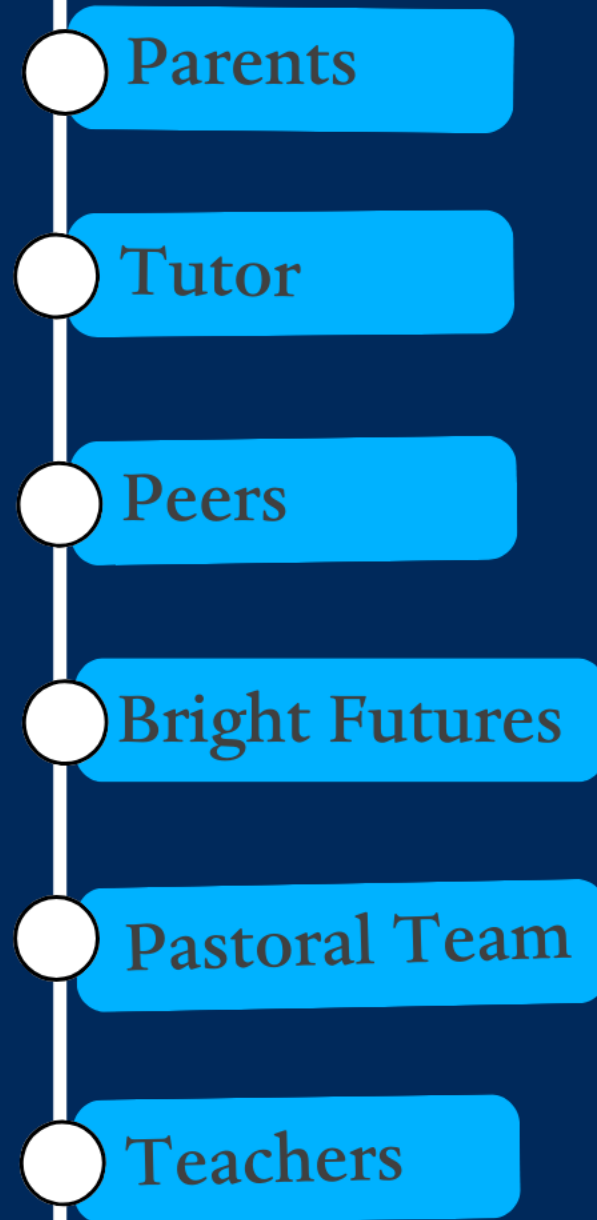


Feedback so far...

- Already achieved in fourth year:
 - Teamwork activities
 - Interview practice and skills
 - Debating
 - Planning and research
 - Investigation of leadership styles and strengths
- Feedback:
 - “being confident was more difficult, but useful to practice stating positive things about yourself”
 - “leadership sessions were useful”
 - “covering wider issues”
 - “persuasive communication practice”



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Parents



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Community



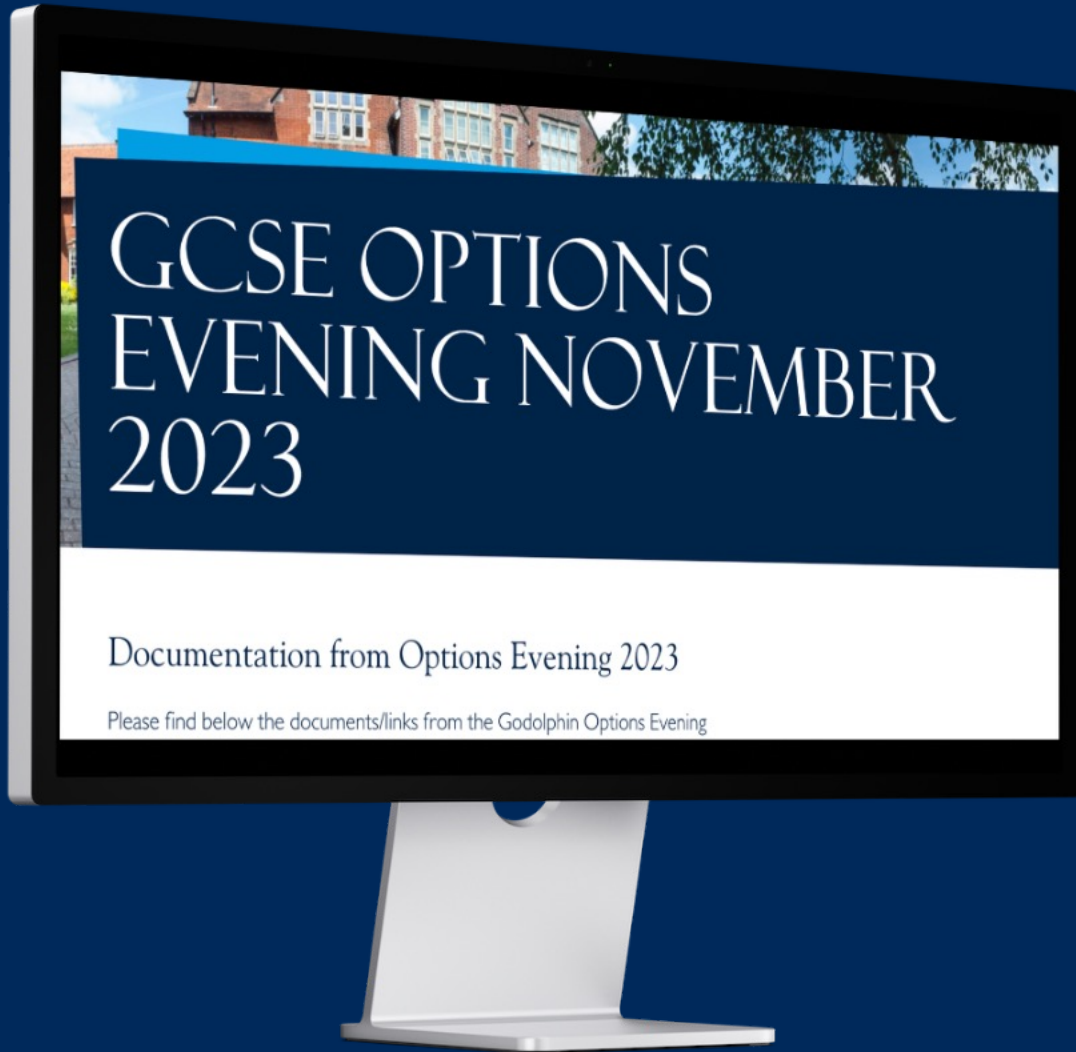
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To inform and prepare
for life after school

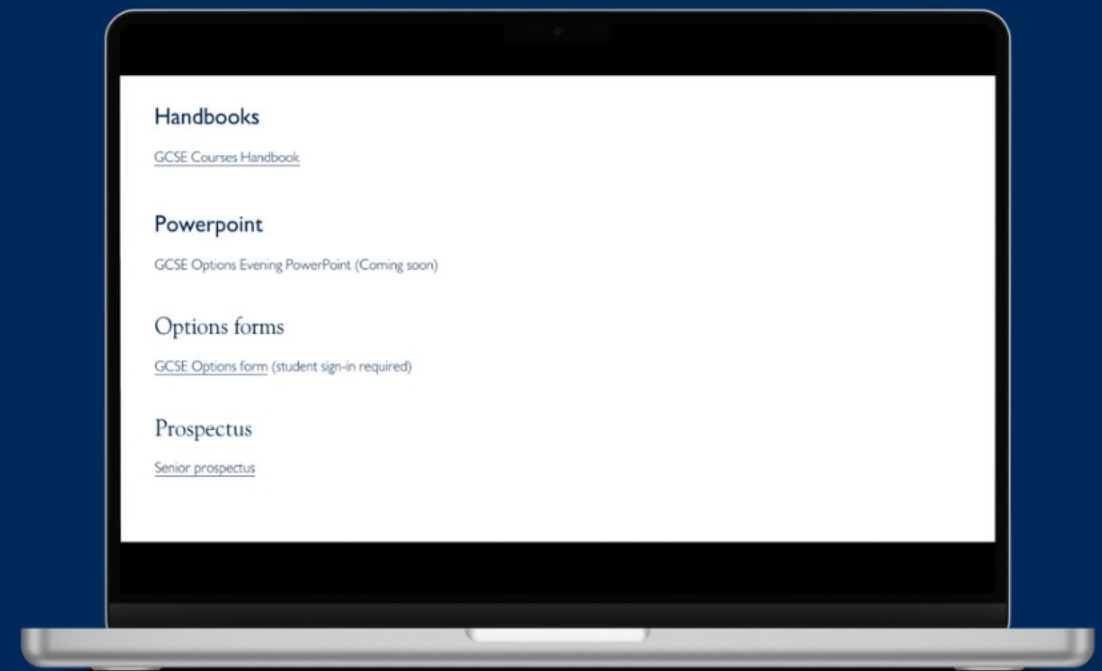




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When to choose - Timeline



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



Practicalities



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