Soar Valley College
A SPECIALIST MATHS AND COMPUTING COLLEGE

Options 2026 - 2028

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Core Subjects

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- **2 English**
- **Maths**
- **2/3 Science**
- **R.E.**
- **Personal Development**
- **Core PE**

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- French
- History
- Geography
- Computer Sc

Ensuring Academic Breadth:

- It is important to us that all students maintain a strong academic element to their curriculum. There are two main reasons for this:
  - studying a broad and balanced curriculum;
  - access to qualifying subjects Post 16.

- Students are therefore required to choose **at least one** subject from the Academic Breadth group.

- Students predicted to achieve strong passes in a range of qualifying subjects should **seriously** consider taking French and a humanities subject alongside the core of English, maths and science. In some schools this is the only 'choice' offered to some students.

The Options Form:

Subject	PC2	Subject	PC2	Subject	PC2
English	⑥	Science	⑤	History	⑤
Maths	⑤	French	⑤	Geography	4

- At the top of the Options Planning Form there is a space for you to write the latest progress check data for the Academic Breadth subjects.

- Considering this data before choosing which options you wish to study is important.
  - If a student is likely to find an academic, examination heavy curriculum a struggle then choosing three Academic Breadth options may not be a wise move.
  - Equally, where a student's predicted GCSE grades suggest that they are likely to achieve strong grades across a range of Academic Breadth subjects then choosing more than one may be appropriate.

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Option Subjects

- Choose 4 subjects in order of preference

- You will study 2 of them

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Computer Science	PE	Design Technology	IT
French		Food and Nutrition	Music
Geography			Media Production
History			Art - Fine Art
Citizenship			Art - Graphics
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Completing the Form:

4. Academic Breadth Subject Choice: You must choose ONE. Please select the Academic Breadth option that you wish to study. You may select other Academic Breadth subjects in the Open Option Section if you wish to study more than one. *

○ Computer Science

○ French

○ Geography

○ History

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5. Open Section. Please select the subject you wish to rank as NUMBER 1. Please do not choose your Academic Breadth choice again. *

- ○ Art-Fine Art

- ○ Art-Graphics

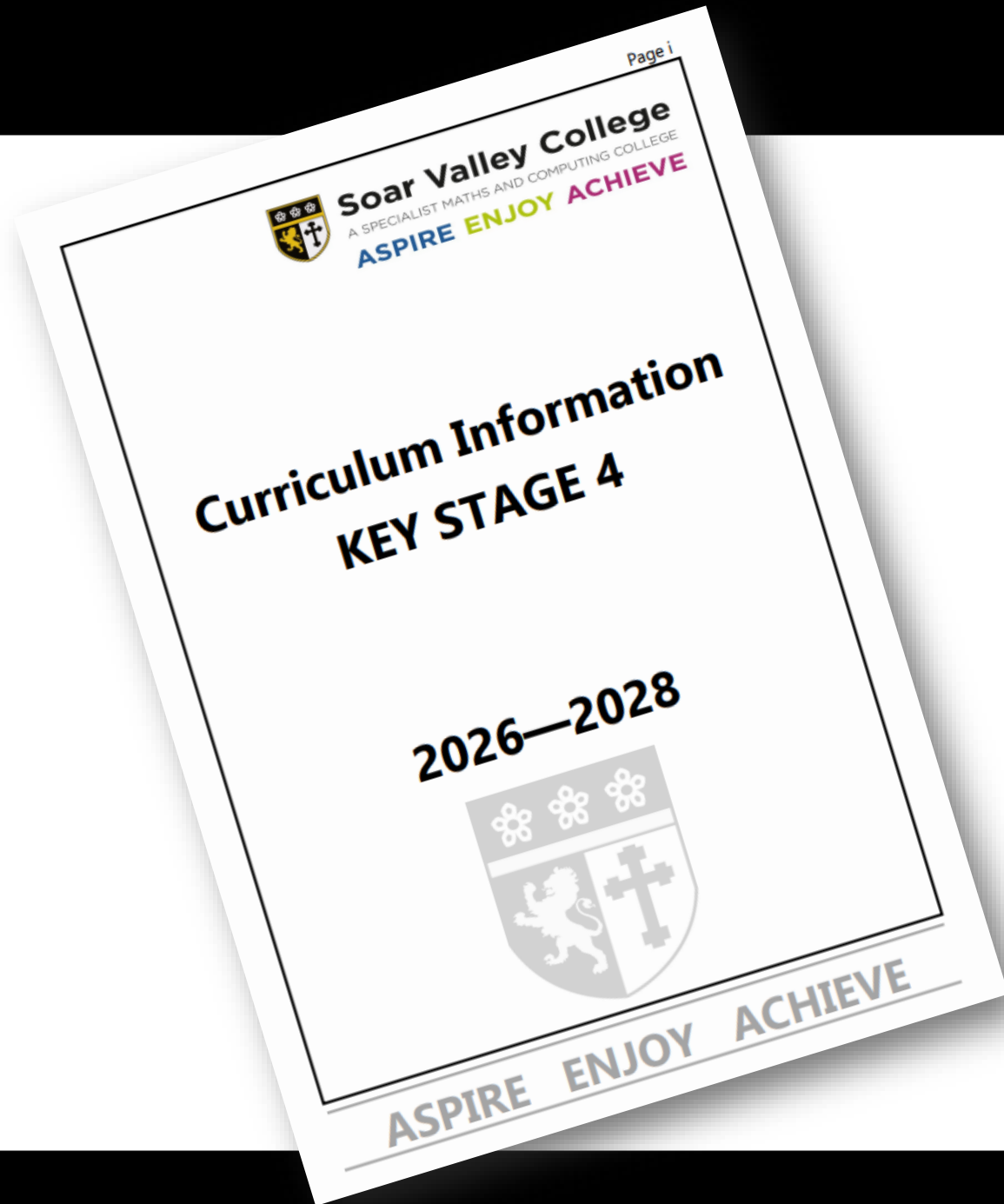- ○ Art-Photography

- ○ Citizenship

6. Open Section. Please select the subject you wish to rank as NUMBER 2. Please do not choose your Academic Breadth choice or previous choice from the Open Section again. *

- ○ Art-Fine Art

- ○ Art-Graphics

7. Open Section. Please select the subject you wish to rank as NUMBER 3. Please do not choose your Academic Breadth choice or previous choices from the Open Section again. *

8. Open Section. Please select the subject you wish to rank as NUMBER 4. Please do not choose your Academic Breadth choice or previous choices from the Open Section again. *

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Curriculum Information
KEY STAGE 4

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The Options Booklet

Information regarding all of the courses **and** the options process.

- **OPPORTUNITIES**: Options booklet, teachers, careers information, research...

- **DISCUSS**: What are the student's opinions? What are parents' opinions? What questions do you have?

- **FACTS**: Make sure choices are based on facts, not *assumptions*.

- **SUBJECT**: Base the decision on the work, not friends or teachers.

- **JUSTIFY**: Make sure there are good reasons for every choice.

- What will be studied? *Will I really enjoy all/some/none of it?*

- How will the subject be assessed? *Is there a lot of coursework content? Will the workload be manageable?*

- What sort of qualities or skills are needed? *Am I likely to be successful with the qualities/skills I have?*

- What college courses will be available for further study? *Where will it lead?*

- What careers might be available? *Do I need to pick this subject if that's an area I want to pursue in the future?*

- GCSE choices can be some of the first big decisions that students make.
- Thank you for coming along tonight to show your support for them and to help them with their thinking and decision making.
- Make use of the practice form in the Options Booklet.
- Final forms will be issued online in due course.
- **DEADLINE FRIDAY MARCH 13th**