



# The Astley Cooper School

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Dear Parent/ Carer

February 2025

## Preference Evening - 27 February 5:00 to 6:30

On Thursday 28 February, we are holding a Preference Evening for students in Year 9. This is an opportunity for you and your child to find out more information about the key Stage 4 curriculum. The purpose of this is so that you have enough information to make an informed decision about which subjects your child would like to opt for at GCSE.

During this evening, you will be able to visit each subject area to find out more information. This will be a good opportunity for you and your child to ask questions and enquire about the suitability of the courses we offer.

You can arrive anytime between **5:00 and 6:30**. We would recommend that you allow 45 minutes for the evening. When you arrive, please make your way to the Canteen and the Hall.

Below is a brief introduction to the options that students will have to select.

Compulsory	Choice of 3 subjects from below	
English Language & Literature	GCSE Art, Craft & Design	GCSE Media Studies
Mathematics	BTEC Business/ GCSE Business	GCSE PE / BTEC Sport
Science (Counts for 2 GCSE)	GCSE Computer Science	GCSE Spanish
Relationships & Sex Education	GCSE Design and Technology	GCSE Religious Studies
Core Philosophy Ethics & Religion	GCSE Geography	BTEC Dance
Core Physical Education	GCSE History	Drama (Technical Award)
A choice between History OR Geography*	GCSE Hospitality & Catering (Food Studies / Technical Award)	GCSE Music

**\*Please note students can opt for both History and Geography. For example, if a student chooses History as their core, they can still pick Geography as one of their preferences.**

To select the subject, please use the following link after the evening: <https://forms.gle/HemuM4VyZt5TohtF6> All students can discuss with a member of staff about their preferences but if you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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