

Year 9 Options Information Evening



- English (2 GCSEs Language and Literature)
- Maths (GCSE)
- Science at least 2 GCSEs for all students

Science

Combined Science (Trilogy)

- Worth 2 GCSEs
- 6 exam papers: 2 Biology, 2 Chemistry and 2 Physics (each 1 hour and 15 minutes total = 7.5 hours)

Separate Sciences

- Three separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- 6 exam papers: 2 Biology, 2 Chemistry and 2 Physics (each 1 hour and 45 minutes total = 10.5 hours)

Both courses are designed to allow students to progress onto A level Sciences



Separate Science



So all students can study separate Science (if they wish to) we will have two pathways

Pathway	Hours per fortnight	Hours per Science GCSE a fortnight	Number of option choices	Total number of qualifications
Express	10 + 1 After school and 1 in Core PE = 12 lessons	4	2	10
Option	10 + 5 in Option block = 15 lessons	5	1	9

If students wish to take Separate Sciences they should pick it as one of their main option choices.



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- EfL including core RS (non-exam)
- French/Spanish (GCSE)



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- Core PE (non-exam)



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1					
Period 2				English	
Period 3			English	English	
Period 4					
Period 5		English			



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1					
Period 2		Maths		English	
Period 3		Maths	English	English	
Period 4	Maths			Maths	
Period 5		English			



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1				Science	
Period 2		Maths	Science	English	
Period 3		Maths	English	English	Science
Period 4	Maths	Science		Maths	
Period 5	Science	English			



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1				Science	
Period 2		Maths	Science	English	
Period 3	EFL	Maths	English	English	Science
Period 4	Maths	Science		Maths	
Period 5	Science	English			



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1		MFL		Science	
Period 2	MFL	Maths	Science	English	
Period 3	EFL	Maths	English	English	Science
Period 4	Maths	Science		Maths	
Period 5	Science	English		MFL	



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1		MFL		Science	Coo/Hint
Period 2	MFL	Maths	Science	English	Geo/Hist
Period 3	EFL	Maths	English	English	Science
Period 4	Maths	Science		Maths	
Period 5	Science	English		MFL	



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Period 2	MFL	Maths	Science	English	Geo/Hist
Period 3	EFL	Maths	English	English	Science
Period 4	Maths	Science		Maths	
Period 5	Science	English		MFL	

Options choices – 2 from the following list



Art & Design

BTEC Digital Information

Technology

Computer Science

BTEC Media

Design & Technology

Music

Food Preparation and Nutrition

PE

French or Spanish

Photography

Geography or History

RS

Separate Science

Vocational Qualifications



Media

Pearson BTEC Level 2 Tech Award Creative Media Production

ICT

Pearson BTEC Level 2 Tech Award in Digital Information Technology

Department for Education judges these qualifications to be high quality and of the same standard as GCSE subjects

PE Courses



- The PE department offer two PE qualifications
 - GCSE PE (AQA)
 - Cambridge National Sports Studies Level 2 (OCR).
- Both qualifications are judged by the DfE to be high quality and of the same standard
- Note students can only choose one PE course as one of their two options

9 GCSEs or Qualifications



- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths
- Science (2 GCSEs)
- French or Spanish
- Geography or History
- Options (2 GCSEs/Vocational Qualifications)

Students who are in the Separate Science express group will achieve 10 GCSEs or qualifications (due to number of option choices)

Vocational Qualifications



The three vocational courses that are offered to students are

Cambridge National Sports Studies Level 2 (OCR)

Pearson BTEC Level 2 Tech Award in Creative Media Production
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Tech Award in Digital Information Technology

Some colleges currently only count GCSEs in their entry requirement.

It is important to note, the curriculum the vast majority of students will follow provide them with a minimum of 7 GCSEs. This is currently more than most colleges' entry requirements. Therefore, selecting one or two vocational qualifications still means that all post-16 pathways remain open.

A Year 10 Timetable



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Period 1	Option 1	MFL	PE	Science	0 - 111-1
Period 2	MFL	Maths	Science	English	Geo/Hist
Period 3	EFL	Maths	English	English	Science
Period 4	Maths	Science		Maths	
Period 5	Science	English	Option 1	MFL	Option 2

Completing your option requests online



- Option choices will be completed online via Options online (which can be accessed via SIMS Parent (App or browser))
- <u>www.sims-parent.co.uk</u>

Not registered for SIMS Parent



 If you are not already registered for SIMS Parent please contact

options@leftwichhigh.com

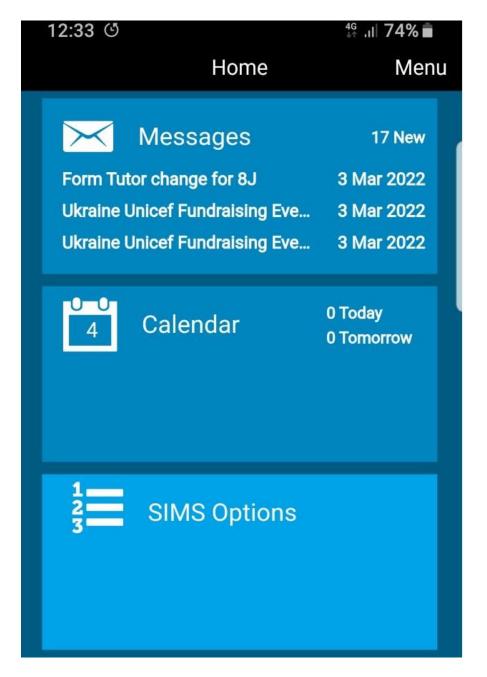
An invitation for SIMS Parent will then be sent to your email address with instructions on how to register



(Browser view)

Click on *SIMS Options*

To begin your child's options process





(App view)

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Year 9 Options 2021-22

French Pathway

Students following the French pathway will study a 'core' of subjects in Years 10 and 11:

- > English (2 GCSEs English Language and English Literature)
- > Mathematics (GCSE)
- > Science (2 or 3 GCSEs for all students)
- > Geography or History (GCSE)
- > EfL (non-exam)
- > Religious Studies
- > French (GCSE)
- > Core PE (non-exam)

Students are placed into a pathway dependent upon the language they have studied

The website will then guide you through each of the steps in the Options process and ask you to select your child's options choices.

Year 9 Options 2021-22 Step 1 of 2 Students must decide to study Geography or History as part of their 'core' timetable. Please note that if students do wish to study both Geography and History then they may select these in the later option block. For information about the syllabus' studied in both subjects please click on this link and then click on each subject. You have chosen 0 of 1 vocurses from this list

Initially students are asked to select a Humanities subject.

1 This course is also available in Options for French

History GCSE Full Course

Pathway

Geography GCSE Full Course

Pathway

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Clicking on the link will take you to the curriculum pages for extra information.



English

Mathematics

Science

Geography

History

Languages

Art & Design

Careers

Creative Computing & Media

Design & Technology

Education for Life

Music

Physical Education

Religious Studies

Assessment and Student

Curriculum

Curriculum Provision Digital Flipbook

Remote Learning

Curriculum Overviews

Catch-Up Plan

At The County High School, Leftwich, an Academic Curriculum is an opportunity for and expectation of all students, further enriched by opportunities beyond the timetable.

The School's curriculum endeavours to develop students':

- Comprehension and command of the best that has been said, thought and done, ensuring students are equipped with the knowledge and skills they need in order to take advantage of opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.
- Character, further engendering an understanding, awareness and appreciation of other communities and cultures and that they are prepared to be positive and active citizens as part of these.
- Creativity and imagination, stimulating an appreciation of human creativity and achievement, enabling them to create high-quality work for authentic audiences.

Students will follow an ambitious, broad and balanced, three-year Key Stage 3 (Year 7-9). For the majority of their time at the School (Year 7-9) students' study: English; Maths; Science; a Modern Foreign Language; Geography; History; Religious Studies; Design and Technology; Creative Computing and Media; Art; Music and Physical Education. During Key Stage 4 (Year 10-11) students have the opportunity to follow their passions and elect for the subjects they enjoy and achieve most in. At the heart of our Key Stage 4 curriculum is a strong academic core as defined by the English Baccalaureate suite of subjects (English, Maths, Science, a Modern Foreign

USEFUL LINKS











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"The curriculum offers a rich learning experience for pupils."

Humanities

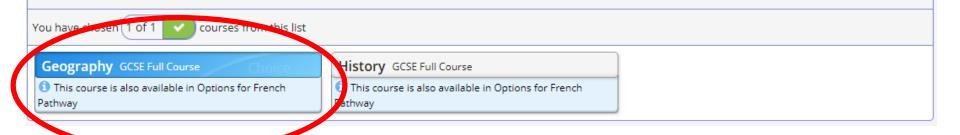
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Step 1 of 2

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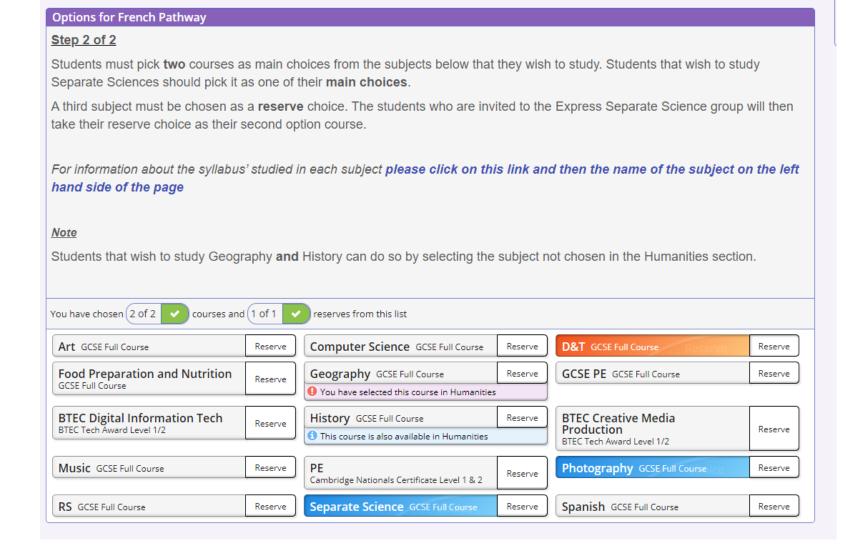
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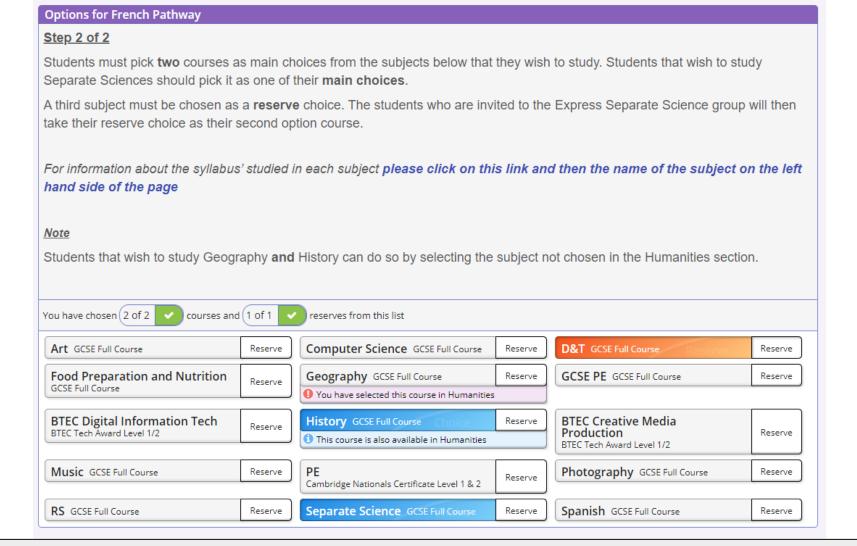
To select the requested option click on the subject name.

The box turns blue to indicate the choice has been made. Simply click on the subject again if it was selected in error.



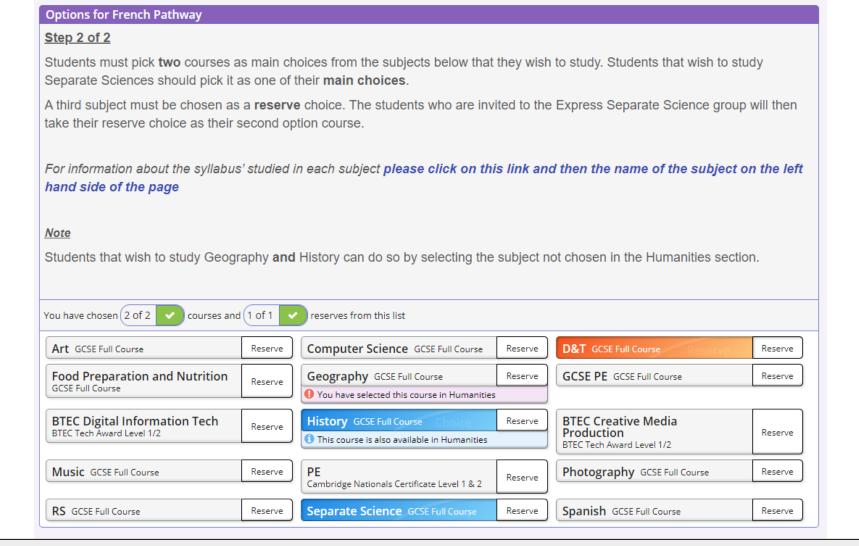
Chosen subjects are shown in blue.

One reserve choice must be made also, shown in red here.



Students can choose to do both Geography and History.

Students cannot pick to study both GCSE PE and Cambridge National PE.



Students who are invited to the separate Science Express group after Easter will have their reserve choice as one of their main option choices

Art GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Computer Science GCSE Full Course	Reserve	D&T GCSE Full Course Reserve	Reserve
Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Geography GCSE Full Course 1 You have selected this course in Humanities	Reserve	GCSE PE GCSE Full Course	Reserve
BTEC Digital Information Tech BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve	History GCSE Full Course 1 This course is also available in Humanities	Reserve	BTEC Creative Media Production BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2	Reserve
Music GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Photography GCSE Full Course	Reserve	RS GCSE Full Course	Reserve
Separate Science GCSE Full Course	Reserve	Spanish GCSE Full Course	Reserve		
School Approval					
School Approval					
School Comments					
Add any comments here					
Student Comments					
Add any comments here					

▼ Parent/Carer Approval

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Once options have been selected click the Parent/Carer Approval box to confirm that you, as a parent/carer, have agreed for your child to study the selected subjects.

Deadline for option requests



The deadline for requests is Friday 1st April

After this date you will be able to view the options selected but not change them.

It is important to note that option requests are not on a first come first served basis but they do need to be made by **Friday 1**st **April**.

Recap



By 18th March – Options online will be live. If you have not already registered for SIMS parent please contact

options@leftwichhigh.com

Discuss the options available with your child and then select them online making sure to include a reserve choice

Options online will close on Friday 1st April

Students options requests will confirmed with them in July. The students in the express group for Separate Science will be informed in the week commencing 2nd May





YEAR 9 INFORMATION EVENING

BE YOURSELF; EVERYONE ELSE IS ALREADY TAKEN -OSCAR WILDE



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MRS FREEDMAN'S TOPTIPS

HOW TO MAKE YOUR OPTIONS CHOICES

GOOD ADVICE

- *Read* advice:
- Key Stage 4 Course Booklet
- Website 'Curriculum' pages
- Maybe even p

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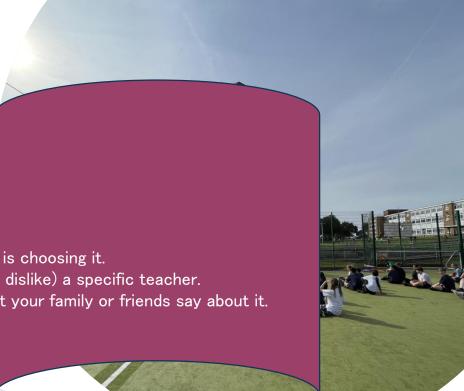
TRY TO AVOID:

- Seek advice:
- Choosing a subject because your friend is choosing it.
- Classroom tea
 - Choosing a subject because you like (or dislike) a specific teacher.
- Learning Lead
- Choosing a subject based solely on what your family or friends say about it.
- Family, friends

Think about:

- The subjects you enjoy
- Your strengths
- Your interests
- .Select subjects that you enjoy and will therefore want to work well in





TIME SCALE

This week:

- Teachers will talk in lessons about their GCSE subjects
- Yesterday, all students attended a presentation to explain the options process.
- Time was then given for them to discuss this with form tutors.
- This evening, the same information has been shared.
- By the end of the week, the options selection will be open via Sims

Friday 1st April:

Deadline for the completion of the options process.





WHAT IF MY CHILD IS STRUGGLING TO CHOSE THEIR OPTIONS?

- Discuss with classroom teachers
- Discuss with family
- Discuss with Learning Leaders
- Discuss with Form Tutors

If you have any questions about any specific subject courses or the options process please email

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JOYOUS AND REWARDING YEAR 9

Education can improve people's future, their economic independence, self-confidence and ability to assert their rights.

Nadia Nadim

Do what is right because it is right; and leave it alone.

Chiune Sugihara





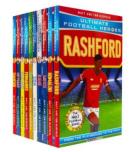
READY TO LEARN















TUTOR TIME

Tutor Time Programme (2021-2022)										
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
Year 9	Achieving Excellence (A) Character Development (B)	Year Leader's Assembly (Gym)	Head's Assembly (Hall)	Literacy/Numeracy Challenge	DEAR (Tutor-Led Drop Everything and Read)					

EMBRACING OPPORTUNITIES



SPORTS STARS

Sale Sharks,
Cross Country,
Football Academies and
more...



UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE

Best year 9 result to date, with students accessing the next level of competition – Pink Kangeroo



ACCELERATED READERS

This month sees our first millionaire reader in year 9 this academic year.



ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

Many year 9 students have now achieved their bronze and silver achieving excellence awards.

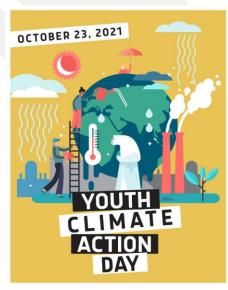
ENRICHMENT SPRING 2022

Day	Activity	Years	Staff Contact	Times	Where			
MONDAY	Woodwind Group	All Years	Miss Puckey	12:45 - 1:15	C7			
	GCSE Trampolining	Year 11	Mrs Marklove/Mrs Towers	3:20 - 4:30	Gym			
	Fitness	Year 8-11	Mr Turner	3:20 - 4:30	Studio			
	Primary Festivals and Sports Leaders	GCSE	Mrs Marklove	3:20 - 4:30	Fields			
	Library Reading & Homework	All Years	Mrs Allen	3:20 - 4:30	Library			
	Green Fingers Gardening Club (Week B only)	All Years	Mrs Taylor/Miss Oliver	3:20 - 4:00	A13			
	Robot Club/CCM Club	All Years	Mr Tomlin	3:20 - 4:30	B18			
	Science Club	Year 7&8	Mr Ellis/Mr Mellor	3:20 - 4:00	A12			
	Year 7-9 Dance Club	Year 7-9	Mrs Berry	12:35 - 1:15	Studio			
TUESDAY	Year 7-9 Table Tennis	Year 7-9	Mr Turner	12:35 - 1:15	Gym			
	Debate Club	Y7.0	Adica Habasa O Adica Dascatt	12.33 - 1.13	Cyffi			
	Aspire in English (Week B only)	Day	Activity	Years	Staff Contact	Times	Where	
	LGBTQ+	>	Year 7-8 Art Club	Year 7-8	Miss Heaword	12:45 - 1:15	C2	
		− ⁄4	Year 9 Art/Photography Club	Year 9	Miss Huxley	12:45 - 1:15	C3	
	Flute Group	WEDNESDAY	Bookworms	All Years	Mrs Allen	12:45 - 1:15	Library	
	Brassed Off	<u> </u>	Drama Club	All Years	Mr Wood & Mrs Garratt	12:40 - 1:15	Studio	
	Board Games		Philosophical Film Club	All Years	Mr Darcy & Miss Smith	12:45 - 1:15	B25	
	Rugby	_ ₹	Library Reading & Homework	All Years	Mrs Allen	3:20 - 4:30	Library	
	Year 10-11 Art Catch-Up	>	Brassed Off	All Years	Mrs Powlson	3:20 - 4:00	Recording studio	
	Year 10-11 Art Club		Year 10-11 Dance Club	Year 10-11	Mrs Berry	12:45 - 1:15	Studio	
	Library Reading & Homework Club		Year 10-11 Table Tennis	Year 10-11	Mr Turner	12:45 - 1:15	Gym	
	Pop Choir		Horse Lovers Club	All Years	Miss Whitfield	12:45 - 1:15	A3	
	Key Stage 3 Lego Club	>	Eco-Society	All Years	Miss Philips & Miss Roach	12:45 - 1:15	B20	
	Band	 ₹	Pokémon Club	All Years	Mrs Turner	12:45 - 1:15	A11	
	GCSE Music Practice/Coursework	<u> </u>	Cubers Club	All Years	Mr Webster	12:45 - 1:15	B10	
		THURSDAY	Maths Homework Support	NII Voors	tivity	Years	Staff Contact	Tim
		\supset	Sports Fixtures				Mr Trevithick	
		王	Year 7-9 Basketball		r 7-9 Climbing	Year 7-9		12:4
		-	Year 7-9 Netball		dfulness Group	All Years	Miss Roach & Miss Barnett	12:4
			Key Stage 3 Lego Club	→ Mr	Donaldson's Merry Little Band	All Years	Mr Donaldson	12:4
			Key Stage 4 Homework Support	_ Star	r Wars Club	All Years	Mr Smith	12:4
			Library Reading & Homework	Yea	r 10 GCSE/CAM Trampolining	Year 10	PE Department	3:20
				FRIDAY Star	r 10/11 GCSE/CAM Team & Individu rts	al Year 10-11	PE Department	3:20
					r 10/11 GCSE/CAM Rock Climbing	Year 10-11	PE Department	3:20
				Yea	r 10/11 GCSE/CAM Coursework	Year 10-11	PE Department	3:30

SAFE AND RESPECTFUL

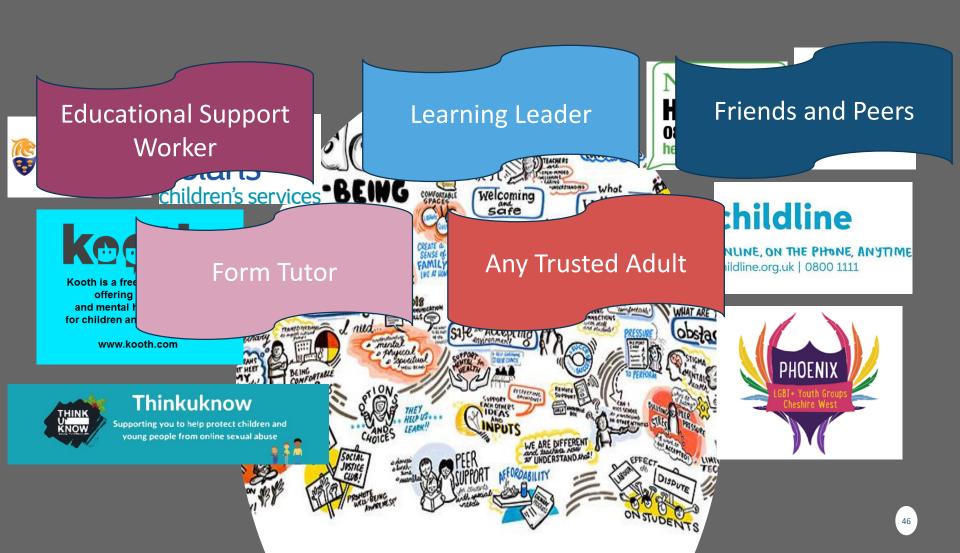






SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS

Building resilience and understanding



STUDENT VOICE

With thanks to James and Lillian





THANKYOU!



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