

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 9 Options Evening – Thursday 5th February 2026**

I am writing to invite you to the Year 9 Options Evening on **Thursday 5th February 2026 at 5pm**. This is an important part of the Key Stage 4 options process, during which your child will begin choosing the subjects they will study in Years 10 and 11.

The options evening will begin at **5.00pm**, with a main presentation at 5.30pm in the school hall. During the **presentation**, we will outline the options process, explain the different pathways available, and provide guidance on how students can make well-informed decisions that support future post-16 and career aspirations. Throughout the evening, you and your child will have the opportunity to speak with **Curriculum and Subject Leaders**, who will be available to share information about each course. Senior Leaders will also be present to offer advice and answer any questions you may have.

Each Year 9 student will receive an **Options Information Booklet**, which contains detailed course information, key dates, and guidance to support decision-making. Digital copies will also be available on our school website for parents and carers to access.

Students must confirm their subject choices by completing the online '**Your Choices Form**'. This must be submitted no later than **Thursday 12th February 2026**. Please note that while we will do our utmost to ensure students are allocated either their first or second choice within the option blocks, this cannot always be guaranteed. We will, however, work carefully to ensure all students follow an appropriate and balanced curriculum. **Option allocations will be finalised in the summer term**, and we will write to you to confirm your child's Year 10 subjects.

We strongly encourage all parents, carers and students to attend, as making the right choices now is an essential part of securing success in Key Stage 4 and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**Key Events – Year 9 Options Process**

- **Student assemblies:** January 2026
- **Student support meetings** (where appropriate): January 2026
- **Options Evening: Thursday 5th February 2026 (5.00pm start)**; 5.30pm main presentation
- **Options Information Booklet:** Issued to all Year 9 students on the evening and available online
- **Your Choices Form:** Must be submitted by **Thursday 12th February 2026**
- **Final Allocations:** Confirmed in writing during the **summer term**.

Yours faithfully,



**Kelly Hon**  
Deputy Headteacher