

20 January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Y9 Options

Over the coming weeks, your child will be making important decisions about which courses to take at KS4. We have a range of Year 9 option activities and events planned for this term, along with key deadlines that must be met.

Students will make their subject choices through a supportive process designed to provide both you and your child with as much information as possible.

The Options Process

- **Week commencing 19 January:**

Year 9 Reports will be sent home. These reports contain vital information about your child's progress and attitude to learning in each subject, which can help frame discussions around KS4 option choices.

'Careers Focus Week' in all subject areas.

- **Thursday 22 January:**

Options Day – Students will attend talks with local colleges and have the opportunity to research careers. They will receive their options booklet via Microsoft Teams, and parents will also receive a copy via the SIMS Parent App.

Options Evening 3.45-6.30pm – All parents/carers are welcome. Subject specialist staff will be available to discuss their subjects, and there will be a presentation explaining the options process at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm, parents are welcoming to attend any of these presentations.

- **Thursday 5 February:**

Year 9 Parents' Evening – An opportunity to speak to individual teachers about your child's progress and discuss course choices further.

- **Week commencing 13 February:**

Deadline for option submissions via Microsoft Forms.

- **Weeks commencing 23 February and 2 March:**

Options Interviews – Each student will have an individual interview with a senior member of staff to review their choices and reasoning. This meeting will conclude with either approval of the choices or a suggestion to revisit them in discussion with parents if needed.

Final confirmation of option choices will be communicated once the process is complete for all students. It is essential that your child submits their choices on time and fully engages with the process to ensure they select courses suited to their interests and abilities.

Through a guided pathway model, students will make a series of choices based on the pathway allocated to them. We are committed to offering a broad curriculum to all our students.

We understand that selecting options can be a stressful time, but please be assured that the support we provide will help everyone make the right choices. If you feel your child may need additional support, please contact their form tutor in the first instance. Form tutor contact details are listed below:

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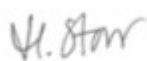
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We look forward to working with you throughout this process.

Yours faithfully



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