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Dear Parent

Year 9 Options Information Evening, Thursday 5th March 2026 @ 6.00 p.m. (School Hall)

This is the term that your child will make their Key Stage 4 option choices. On Thursday 5th March at 6.00 p.m. in the School Hall, we are hosting an 'Options Information Evening' about the processes and timeline for choosing their options. All parents are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend we will make the presentation and options booklet available to you on the [school's website](#).

We recognise that making decisions about what subjects to study in Year 10 and thinking about future career choices may seem daunting. What is most important is that all students select subjects that best suit their needs and aspirations. With this in mind there are a number of events taking place this term to help support you and your child in making these decisions:

The key dates are as follows:

Tuesday 9th February – Friday 13th February
Assemblies are being held to inform our children of the options available and the process/timeline. In these assemblies all subjects will talk about their subject content in Years 10 & 11, and how they are examined.
Year 9 Options Evening -Thursday 5th March. Start time - 6.00 p.m.
This will be an opportunity for parents to hear about the options process and to explain the pathways students can follow, along with guidance on how to choose. This will be held in the school hall.
Thursday 12th March, Year 9 Parent's Evening on the School Cloud
This is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers and for them to answer any questions you may have about options.
Friday 20th March
Deadline for options to be submitted online.
Additional Support
Options booklet – the booklet is available on our website for students and parents which provides information about the subjects they can study and the options process.
Student Interviews - Student interviews will take place this term, giving students the opportunity to discuss the most appropriate pathway and subjects for them. Parents can also request a meeting with staff if they would like more support during the process.

Options and Pathways

All our students study the following:

- English Language and English Literature (2 GCSEs)
- Mathematics (1 GCSE)
- Combined Science (2 GCSEs)
- RE (1 GCSE)
- Core PE (not examined)
- Personal Development (not examined)
- 3 option subjects

Pathway - (3 options)

1. One from (Geography, History, Computer Science, Separate Science, Spanish)
2. Any subject from the table below.
3. Any subject from the table below.

Option subjects

Computer Science	Spanish	Geography	History
Dance	Engineering*	Separate Science	Food & Nutrition Science
Business Enterprise*	Art	Music*	Drama
ASDAN	Health & Social Care*	PE/Sports Studies*	IT*
NCFE			

*Applied subjects (combination of exams and coursework)

Some of our students will follow a more bespoke curriculum and we will contact their families in person to arrange a meeting to discuss this further.

I hope this information is helpful in preparation for the options process and you will receive more information next week by email and at the presentation evening.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Symes
Headteacher