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**Headteacher:**  
**Andrew Finn**

16th January 2026

## Re: Year 9 GCSE Options

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that your child will begin the process of choosing their GCSE option subjects on **Tuesday 20th January 2026**, which they will start studying in September 2025.

These subject choices are important in deciding which career pathway your child wishes to pursue after completing their GCSEs. For this reason, it is necessary that you are available to attend a **Year 9 Options Information Evening** on **Tuesday 20th January 2026**.

The event will run in two sessions, and you will need to attend **only one** session. Please attend with your child at one of the following times:

**1. 4:00 - 5pm: 9.1 - 9.6**

- presentation in the auditorium (4-4.30pm)
- Presentation for Core Pathway students (4.30-5pm)

**2. 5:00 - 6pm: 9.7 - 9.12**

- presentation in the auditorium (5-5.30pm)
- Presentation for Core Pathway students (5.30-6pm)

(if the times above are not convenient, please contact a member of the year 9 team)

At this event you will have access to a Year 9 Options Booklet (electronic or paper copy) which explains all the option courses on offer to students and information on possible careers that these subjects may lead to. You will also receive an Options Form which will be used to select your subjects. On 26th January, students will also experience 4 taster sessions in a range of new subjects taught at Key Stage 4, which will support the options process and decision making for your child.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event on Tuesday 20th January. Your support in helping your child to make the right choice for their GCSE studies and future career will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Uylett  
Year 9 Pastoral Achievement Leader