



# Poole High School

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Dear parents/guardians/carers

## Re: GCSE Options Evening (Year 9)

This week, we are looking forward to our Year 9 parents' evening on **Thursday, 12 February**, to discuss your child's progress from their recent mid-year assessments.

We are now also excited to announce the upcoming launch of the **September 2026 GCSE Options programme**. GCSE Options week is the week commencing **23 February 2026**, which is the week the school returns from the spring half-term break.

### GCSE Options Week – Calendar

Date	Event
Monday 23 February 2026	Year 9 GCSE Options Assembly
Tuesday 24 February 2026	GCSE Option booklets distributed via registration tutors
Wednesday 25 February 2026	GCSE Option forms distributed via registration tutors
Thursday 26 February 2026	<b>GCSE Options Evening 4 pm – 7 pm in the M&amp;M Hall</b>
Tuesday 03 March 2026	Return <b>deadline</b> to form tutors or the Y9 office for option forms
<i>Late June / Early July 2026</i>	Confirmation of GCSE Options and courses running
<i>September 2026</i>	Year 10 / Key Stage 4 commences

On **Thursday, 26 February**, we look forward to welcoming you to the school in person for our GCSE options evening. At the event, our GCSE subject specialists will be on hand to share what each course involves, enabling students to make informed choices about their future GCSE qualifications. This event will take place in the **M&M and Merchant's Hall from 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm**. All of our Year 9 students and parents are encouraged to attend. If parents are unable to attend for any reason, students are still encouraged to attend, and they will be supported by a member of the Year 9 pastoral team to explore subject selections.

Mrs Scott-Brown (Year 8 & 9 Progress Leader) and Mr Lean (Deputy Headteacher) will be available on the evening to answer any questions you may have about the process, and we encourage you to bring your questions in person to this event rather than submit them on the pastoral contact form.

Returning option forms before the deadline is **not** encouraged. All forms received by the end of Tuesday, 3 March 2026, are considered as being completed on time.

We look forward to supporting our students during this very exciting month in the Year 9 calendar.

Yours sincerely

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