



January 2025

### Key Stage 4 (GCSE) Options 2025-2027

Dear Year 9 Parents, Carers and Students,

This term, Year 9 students will choose their Key Stage 4 (GCSE) subjects. There will be lots of advice available but it's also a time when students and parents can do some research so that decisions are made with the right information. Both GCSEs and A Levels have undergone quite fundamental changes in recent years and we will make sure that everyone is briefed on how to make informed choices.

Here are the key dates:

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| <b>February before Half Term</b> | <b>Year 10 students will visit Year 9 tutor groups</b><br><i>A selection of Year 10 students will visit Year 9 during tutor time to share their advice.</i>  |
| <b>Wednesday 12 February</b>     | <b>Year 9 Consultation Evening</b><br><i>Conversations will be mainly focused on the progress being made.</i>  |
| <b>Wednesday 5 March</b>         | <b>Information Evening for Parents and Students, 5.30 pm</b><br><i>Parents will be met and greeted by the form tutors from 5pm, they will be available to talk until 5.30pm. Information will be shared with parents and students; this will be presented by Mrs Wilkes. The website will be updated with options information. After reading this information, students will be in a position to do some research and start making decisions.</i><br><i>NB We do not have talks from subject teachers at this information evening - students will be able to have these conversations at the Options Fair.</i> |
| <b>Tuesday 11 March</b>          | <b>Options Fair at lunch time for Year 9 students.</b><br><i>Teachers and students from option subjects will be available in the main hall offering further information and Q&amp;A.</i>   |



- Friday 14 March**      **Year 9 Q&A assembly**  
*A chance for students to ask questions about option choices. The process of completing the options form will also be explained.*
- Online Options Form opens, 4pm**
- Friday 21 March**      **Option Forms submitted online by 6pm at the latest**
- March-May**              **Timetable construction**  
*Further discussions with individual students as necessary*
- September 2025**      **Courses begin (some core subjects begin KS4 work in Year 9)**

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 5 March but please do not hesitate to contact either of us if you have any questions about the process in the meantime.

Yours sincerely

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