

10th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming Options process that your child is soon to embark on. This is a very important process in which students will have the opportunity to make informed decisions about the subjects they will study during Key Stage 4. We want to ensure that families have all the information, advice and guidance to help them support their child in making the right decision for them and their future.

The week beginning 9th February students will be guided through the details of the Options process and provided with our Options booklet which they will be bringing home at the end of the week.

On the evening of **Thursday 5th March between 5.30pm to 7.00pm**, we will be hosting an Options Evening where students and parents will have the chance to learn more about the different subjects on offer and the options available to them. There will be a short presentation at 6pm and 6.30pm to go through the process, and the opportunity to speak directly to subject specialists regarding the suitability of the course for your child. With a variety of options available, students will have the opportunity to study both traditionally academic and vocational elements, allowing them to have the greatest range of subjects to study.

It is important that all Year 9 students and their parents or carers attend this evening, as the choices made at this stage will have a significant impact on the opportunities available to the student in the future. Students will have the opportunity of 3 choices in addition to the core options offered to all students. These are detailed below so that you can arrive at the evening having had the opportunity to discuss this process with your child. Combinations of subjects and how the selection process will run will be explained on the evening.

Core Subjects	GCSE English Language
	GCSE English Literature
	GCSE Mathematics & GCSE Statistics
	GCSE Combined Science
	Physical Education
Choose ONE of....	GCSE Geography
	GCSE History
	GCSE French
	GCSE Single Sciences
	GCSE Spanish
Choose TWO and a reserve from....	GCSE Art
	BTEC Art & Design
	CNAT Child Development
	CNAT Creative iMedia or ICT

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	BTEC Drama or Dance CNAT Enterprise & Marketing GCSE French GCSE Geography CNAT Health & Social Care GCSE History WJEC Hospitality & Catering BTEC Music CNAT Sport Science
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We strongly encourage you to take this opportunity to research the options available and consider the students' strengths, interests, and career aspirations when making their subject selections.

We understand that choosing options can be a daunting task, but we are here to support you and your child every step of the way. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to complete our Options survey using the following link:

[Year 9 Options query form - January 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Or by using the following QR code:



Once you and your child have decided what they would like to study next year, they will need to complete an online form which I will distribute following the Options evening on Thursday 5th March.

We look forward to seeing you at the Options Evening and supporting you in this important decision-making process.

Yours sincerely

Mr I Craig
Deputy Principal

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