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Year 9 Options - key information

Dear Parents and Carers

In Year 9, students are given the opportunity to choose the subjects they wish to study for their GCSEs (or equivalent qualifications). These choices are an important step in shaping your child's academic journey and future career pathways.

To ensure they are prepared for almost any degree or career they may want to pursue, they will study a broad range of subjects. Your child will select three options from a variety of subjects and throughout Key Stage 4, they will also still receive lessons in core PE and Personal Development.

Subject overview

Compulsory subjects:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science (worth two GCSEs)
- Religious Studies

One of the following:

- History
- Geography

One of the following:

- Spanish
- Travel & Tourism

One of the following:

- Art
- IT
- Hospitality and Catering
- Sports Studies

The options offered may be subject to change with other subjects added or some removed- we will communicate this as soon as we are able

The process has begun and includes:

- Y9 Parents Evening and Options Evening combined
- Sharing of our Options Booklet with pupils and families
- A presentation in Morning Meeting to outline the process
- Presentations by Subject Leads in Morning Meeting to outline details of each course.

Key Dates for Your Diary:

- Options Information Evening and Consultation Evening – **26/2/2026**. Pupils and families will have the opportunity to visit subject areas, in which Subject Leads will present key information about their subject.
- Deadline for Subject Choices –**13/3/2026**

Students will need to submit their choices by this date, after which we will begin to plan timetables and allocate subjects accordingly. This a 'hard' deadline that must be met to ensure the timetable can be built.

We are committed to ensuring that all students receive the guidance and support they need during this decision-making process, and we look forward to working together to help your child achieve their full potential.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Anish Morgan

