



Friday 21st March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 9 Options Form

I am delighted to write to you as we begin the next stage in the exciting process of selecting GCSE options for our Year 9 students. This is an important milestone in your child's education, and we are committed to supporting both students and families in making informed decisions that will shape their future learning and career pathways.

Key Dates:

- Options Form Opens: 21st March 2025
- Options Form Closes: 31st March 2025

During this period, students are required to select their preferred subjects from the options blocks detailed below. We encourage you to engage in discussions with your child, considering their interests, strengths, and future aspirations.

Options Blocks:

Students must select one subject from each of the following blocks, plus one reserve choice from each block:

- **Block A:** History, Geography, French
- **Block B:** History, Geography, Religious Studies, 3D Design, Food Preparation and Nutrition
- **Block C:** Food Preparation and Nutrition, 3D Design, Art and Design, Sports Studies, Creative Digital iMedia.

To assist you in this process, we have recorded a shortened version of the presentation from the Options Evening. The video outlines key considerations when choosing subjects and offers valuable insights into how GCSEs align with future educational and career opportunities. The video and digital version of the options booklet, with further information on each subject, is available on our website, here: [Year 9 Options 2025 - Iceni Academy - Secondary](#).

We also want to take a moment to express our gratitude for the feedback we have received from students and parents regarding subject availability. One particular topic that emerged from discussions was the inclusion of GCSE Music. In response, we conducted a poll among students to assess the level of interest in studying Music as a GCSE option. Unfortunately, the results indicated that there were not enough students wishing to take the subject to form a viable group. We understand that this may be disappointing for those who were eager to pursue Music. However, we are pleased to offer a diverse range of other exciting subjects that will provide students with a rich and fulfilling curriculum.

Students are required to submit their option requests via the following online form: [Year 9 Options Choices](#) We strongly recommend that all selections are made carefully, with firm and reserve choices made that align with students' interests.

Students are not able to study both 3D Design and Art & Design, so please ensure your child does not make a selection in this way. Similarly, students may only study a subject in one 'block' of the timetable. To that end, we discourage students from selecting the same subject as their first choice in two blocks.

Should you have any questions or require further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working together to ensure that every student makes choices that will allow them to thrive and succeed.

Yours faithfully,



Miss A Staniforth
Vice Principal

