



21st January 2026

Dear parent and carers,

Year 9 Options Evening – Thursday 29th January

I am writing to invite you and your child to our Year 9 Options Evening, which will take place on **Thursday 29 January 2026**.

This is an exciting and important milestone in your child's secondary education, as they begin to make choices about the subjects they will study at GCSE from Year 10.

Options Evening will run as follows:

- Talks in the Main Hall at 5.00pm and repeated at 5.30pm
 - The talk will explain:
 - How the options process works
 - The subjects available
 - Key dates and next steps
 - Following the talk, you will have the opportunity to:
 - Tour the academy
 - Speak to staff from core and option subjects
 - Find out more about what each subject involves at GCSE level

We strongly encourage attendance at this event. It is designed to ensure both parents and students feel confident, informed, and supported when making these important decisions. The evening also gives students the chance to start thinking seriously about their interests, strengths, and future aspirations.

This event will be followed by Year 9 Progress Evening on Thursday 12 February 2026, from 4.00pm to 7.00pm, which will provide an opportunity for individual discussions with subject teachers. I will write to you regarding this event and the arrangements for booking appointments in due course. Together, these two events play a vital role in helping students make well-considered and ambitious choices.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you on 29th January and to supporting your child through this exciting next stage of their education.

Yours faithfully,



Amy Staniforth
Vice Principal