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Dear Parents and Carers,

### GCSE Options Selection Form

Thank you to those of you who attended last night's Year 9 Progress Evening. It was lovely to see so many families engaging in thoughtful conversations about your child's learning, progress and next steps as they move towards GCSE study.

Following Progress Evening, the Year 9 GCSE Options Form is now live and can be accessed here: [Options Form 2026](#).

The deadline for submitting the completed form is **Friday 27th February**. The options are not awarded on a first come, first served basis so please encourage your child to take their time with making their selections.

When completing the form, please note the following:

- Students must select one subject in Block A (History or Geography).
- Students must select a firm choice and a reserve choice in Block B.
- Students must also select a firm choice and a reserve choice in Block C.
- Students cannot make both 3D Design and Art and Design their first choice as the two courses are the same GCSE.

Reserve choices are important, as they allow us to ensure the widest possible range of courses can run, and that students are placed appropriately if a particular option is oversubscribed.

When supporting your child to choose their options, we strongly recommend:

- Choosing subjects they enjoy and are motivated to work hard in.
- Selecting subjects where they have demonstrated strength and consistency in Key Stage 3.
- Avoiding choices based solely on friends or short-term preferences.
- Thinking about how the combination of subjects supports their future aspirations, while keeping options open.

If you have any further questions or would like additional guidance before submitting the form, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are keen to support students in making confident, informed choices that set them up for success.

The presentation given at the Options Information Evening, and a digital copy of the options booklet, are both available on our website, here: [Year 9 Options 2026 - Iceni Academy - Secondary](#)

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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