

February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

We are holding two evenings in the coming weeks dedicated to Year 9 students. This period is a significant phase in their academic careers and we believe that if we can get the correct option choices for each student then we can provide the best learning environment to support their future success. A table of key dates is also included so that you can best support your child in what is an increasingly complex world of changing Education Courses and Career Pathways.

The Year 9 Progress Evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February is intentionally before the Options Evening in order to allow all students the necessary time to digest the feedback from their respective subject teachers. This will enable them to make a more informed choice of the option subjects that they would like to study further in Year 10 and 11. Further information on the progress evening has already been distributed by Mr Eldershaw.

For the Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March there will be two duplicate presentations that will be taking place in the School Hall at 5.30pm and 6.15pm. Please feel free to attend whichever is most convenient. All option subjects will deliver a mini presentation about their subject and the times for these can be found on the next page. The purpose of the evening is to also provide information for you on a range of issues relating to your child's future educational intentions such as:

- The difference between GCSE and Technical Awards
- The Grading System
- Post 16 Progression

After each departmental presentation there will be the chance to seek advice or put questions to staff about particular aspects of the course. The Options process will also be outlined to all students in the coming weeks through an assembly, discussions with the Head of Pastoral Support and Year Group Tutors; informed discussions will be an essential part of this process. The Options booklet will be accessible on the school website.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Tweats

Deputy Headteacher

## Year 9 Options Evening

	Talk Times for Options Evening 12th March 2026						
Subject	5.45pm	6.00pm	6.15pm	6.30pm	6.45pm	7.00pm	7.15pm
GCSE or Technical Awards							
Art: Craft & Design		F15		F15	F15		F15
Art: Textile Design		F6		F6		F6	
Business & Economics	H24	H24	H24		H24	H24	H24
Computer Science & IT		207		207	207	207	
Design & Technology	F9		F9			F9	
Drama		Dove		Dove		Dove	Dove
French		214		214		214	
Geography	209		209	209	209		209
Health & Social Care		114			114		114
History	215		215		215	215	215
Hospitality & Catering	F4		F4		F4		
Music	Dove		Dove			Dove	
PE/Sport	115		115	115			115
RE		301			301	301	
Triple Science*	110			110		110	

### Key dates for the diary

<b>Year 9 Progress Evening</b>	<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>
<b>Year 9 Options Evening</b>	<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>
<b>Options Preference Form deadline:</b>	<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>
<b>Confirmation of option subjects to be studied:</b>	<b>w/b 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>