



5th February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Options

This week, I held an assembly with Year 9 students to introduce them to the options process. During the assembly, they received their options booklet, which contains all the key information they need to make informed decisions about their subject choices. Please take some time to go through this booklet with your child.

Our Options Evening will take place on Wednesday, 5th March. The booking system for this event will open on Tuesday, 11th February. You will have the opportunity to meet with a designated member of staff for a 10-minute appointment, during which they will guide you through the process. A laptop will be available for you to enter your child's options choices if you are ready to do so.

Appointments can be booked via your Arbor Parent Portal, which has been set up for this purpose. Using the portal allows you to choose a time that suits you best and eliminates the need to return paperwork. [Log in to your School | Arbor](#)

I have placed the options timeline below as a reminder.

Week Beginning	Activities.
Ongoing	Your child will have a meeting with our careers advisor who will sit and talk through options and future aspirations.
3rd February	Your child will receive their option booklet.
10th February	Booking for the options evening to go 'live'. Subject staff will talk to students about the option courses they run during lessons and/or assemblies.
24th February	Subject staff will talk to students about the option courses they run during lessons and/or assemblies.
3rd March	Careers Fair.
5th March	Chance to check future aspirations and suitability of subjects chosen. 'Options Evening' 3:30pm-7pm, 1 to 1 appointment with tutors/mentors to discuss final choices. All choices submitted to Mr Binder-Pollard via an online form by the end of this week.
10th March	Any issues with choices discussed and resolved with students.
17th March	Any issues with choices discussed and resolved with students.

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24th March	Options confirmed, and class lists drawn up. Letter to all parents confirming choices to commence in Sept 2025.
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Yours sincerely



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