



## GCSE OPTIONS GUIDANCE 2025-2027 COHORT – JANUARY 2025 YEAR 9 OPTIONS PROCESS.

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 students are now at the stage where they need to begin choosing their GCSE courses for Years 10 and 11. This is an important time for our students, and I want to take this opportunity to outline the process. The options timeline is as follows:

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Curriculum Guide sent home.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January - Options Launch assembly – Mr Simpson.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January - Options Evening 6.00pm – 8.00pm. Talks 6.00pm/7.30pm - Mix of subject drop-ins and talks.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January - Options form is emailed to families.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Options deadline for students.

As you can see, we are at the very start of the process; it would be useful to begin conversations about what your son/daughter's preferences might be for next year. I enclose our 2025-27 Curriculum Guide to support this. I will be introducing the options process to students in Assembly on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, and students and families are then invited to join us for the Options Evening on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, when I will give options key messages, and teachers will be available to explain the choices and give details of courses.

Following the Options Evening, you will receive a link to a Microsoft form on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Once your child has decided on their option choices, please complete the form and submit online. The deadline is **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**. We build our timetable around students' choices, so it is important that options decisions are made carefully and are well-informed, it can be difficult to make changes later after students' choices have been made and the timetable has been built.

All the best, have a great Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year at the Options Evening, if you have any questions or need support at any point, please contact either myself or your child's tutor.

Yours sincerely

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