

15th January 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Year 9 Options Event & Parents' Evening (0043-25JTA)

Options Taster Event – Thursday 22nd January 2026, 5pm – 6:30pm

As we approach an important milestone in your child's education, we have arranged an Options Taster Event. The event will open at 5:00pm commencing with a presentation at 5:15pm. Included in this will be the launch of Year 9 Graduation.

Following the presentation, pupils and parents / carers can visit departments to discuss option choices with teachers. **Prior to leaving the event, pupils are required to complete an options preference form.** This is their first thoughts on the subjects they are considering and it will give us an indication of pupil numbers per subject.

Attending your child's options evening matters far more than many parents / carers realise. It is one of those moments that can quietly shape the next few years of their education, and their confidence. Your presence shows your child that you are invested in their future. Option choices can feel overwhelming for young people. Having a parent / carer there turns it from a stressful decision into a supported one. It is less about picking the "perfect" subjects and more about helping them feel confident, informed, and understood.

The options preference form will be made available by email on Thursday 22nd January 2026, with paper copies available at the event. If you are unable to attend the event, the deadline for completion of the online form is midnight Sunday 25th January 2026.

Year 9 Parents' Evening and Final Option Choices – Thursday 5th February 2026, 4:00pm – 6:30pm

Following the Options Taster Event, we are hosting the annual progress Parents' Evening. This will include a requirement for pupils to complete their final option choices.

At this event, you and your child will be able to meet with teachers to discuss their progress so far and which options suit their interests, strengths and ambitions. **Prior to leaving this event, pupils are required to complete their final option choices.**

If you are unable to attend the event, the form will be made available by email and on the school website.

Options Brochure and Online Final Choices Form

On Monday 19th January 2026, our options brochure will be made available on the school website, it will also be emailed to parents / carers and pupils. A link to the final online options form will be in the back of the brochure. Please note, this form will not open until Thursday 5th February 2026, and completion is required by midnight on Sunday 8th February 2026.

After this deadline, pupils will be provisionally mapped into classes. Any changes made at this time will be discussed with parents / carers.

It is important to take the time to fully understand the courses offered. Once selected, it can be difficult for options to be changed as class sizes will be determined based on initial pupil choices. Please also be aware, if a subject does not receive a minimum of 15 selections it may not take place.

Other Information

If you have any further questions regarding the evening or the options process, or you are unable to attend the options evening and would like to arrange a meeting, please contact me via main reception on 01325 380 815 or by email

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Yours sincerely,



Mr J Tattersall

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