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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Year 9 Options (class of 2025)**

I am delighted to update you on the Year 9 options process which begins on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, when all pupils will receive a printed copy of the attached booklet at form time to take home. Pupils should read the booklet very carefully and spend some time considering which options they will decide to take in years 10 and 11. The deadline for the form (in the booklet) to be returned is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – in the “Red Box” in reception.

The booklet has a page for every subject, with information about course content, board specifications and how they will be assessed in examinations or controlled assessments.

To further support pupils in their choice-making, in their Year 9 Team (“NSeven”) there are videos from the Heads of Department and Course Leaders to watch. These are also available on the school’s YouTube channel in a playlist here (subtitles can be switched on – these are generated by YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZZeVQXqLOpIV5FiNXyGCVvM9YalwIqhK>

Another trusted source of information about subject options is the people in school. Pupils have been told to ask teachers, older pupils, siblings if possible.

If they (or you) still have any questions, or would like to know more, subject leaders will be available for a Q&A drop-in session between 5.30-6.30pm at school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. They will be happy to talk about the course and answer any questions. There will also be drop-in careers advice in the Canteen along with teas and coffees.

Finally, I am able to field any questions and queries from pupils via their Year 9 Team in NSeven any time leading up to the deadline day.

To summarise:

Feb 2 to Feb 6: Briefed by form tutors in form time

Feb 3: Options Booklets brought home

Feb 3: Digest information via Team or YouTube

Feb 7: Options Q&A session after school 5.30-6.30pm

Feb 27: Options form deadline.

Yours sincerely,

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