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Monday, 16th November 2026

Dear parent/carer,

SUBJECT: Year 9 Options

This academic year, your child will be making important choices about the subjects they wish to study at Key Stage 4. This is an exciting milestone for our pupils; it represents their first real opportunity to take greater control of their educational pathway and focus on their interests.

The Core Curriculum: All pupils will continue to study our compulsory "Core" subjects: English Language & Literature, Mathematics, Science, Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (RPE), Physical Education (PE) and Social Studies (PSHCEe - Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship & Economic education).

In addition to these, pupils will choose **4 further subjects**, known as their 'Options'.

Important Dates for your Diary

To support you and your child through this process, please note the following timeline:

Now and Ongoing: Careers Guidance (CEIAG)
All Year 9 pupils are currently receiving careers lessons during tutor time and participating in one-to-one careers interviews to explore post-16 pathways.

Wednesday 2nd December 2026, 6:00 pm: Year 9 Options Evening
This is an in-person event in the main school hall. No booking is required for this event. **It is essential that parents/carers and pupils attend this event together.** At 6:00 pm, there will be an introductory talk, and **you will receive the comprehensive Options Booklet**. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to speak with teaching staff about specific subjects. The evening concludes at approximately 7:30 pm.

Wednesday 3rd February 2027, 3:30-5:30 pm: Year 9 Parents' Evening

1st - 5th March: One-to-Ones and Option Selection Form
During this week, every pupil will have a dedicated one-to-one discussion with their Form Tutor or me to finalise their choices and **complete their Options Form in school.**

These choices will then be confirmed as soon as possible once staffing, timetabling and group sizes have been ratified.

Thank you for your continued support during this important transition. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Headteacher