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20th October 2026

Year 9 Guided Options Progress Evening

Dear Parents,

On **Thursday 19th November**, we will be holding our annual **Guided Options Evening.** This year, to ensure that conversations are as targeted, purposeful and informative as possible, we have combined the event with our Year 9 Progress Evening.

This approach will provide students and parents with the opportunity to explore the range of GCSE options available, ask questions and discuss potential subject choices directly with teaching staff.

The evening will run as follows:

3.00pm – Students will remain in the academy. They will be provided with snacks and refreshments.

3.15pm – Guided Options Tour

Students will begin a tour of the 'Options Subject Stalls', completing a treasure hunt designed to encourage them to gather information and find out as much as possible about the GCSE courses available. This will help them make informed decisions about the subjects they may wish to study. Tutors will also be present to support with the tour and any questions from students.

4.00pm – Parent Presentation

Parents are asked to arrive at the academy no later than 4.00pm for a presentation explaining the event and outlining the options process, including the key information needed to support your child in making their GCSE choices.

4.15pm onwards – Year 9 Options and Progress Appointments

Parents' Evening appointments will begin at 4.15pm. Ahead of the evening, we ask that you complete the options form, selecting four subjects your child would like to find out more about: **three preferred options and one reserve choice.** This is not confirmation of choices, but an expression of interest in subjects.
Y9 Guided Options and Progress Evening – Fill in form

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During Parents' Evening, you will have the opportunity to meet with the relevant subject teachers for the options your child has selected, alongside appointments for the core subjects. These conversations will provide a valuable opportunity to discuss course content, expectations and suitability, helping your child to make informed and confident decisions about their future learning.

November 2026	**Options Booklet published to students and parents** **Year 9 Guided Options Evening**
December 2026	**Option blocks published to students and parents** - Students and parents to discuss final option choices in preparation for the meetings with the Senior Leadership Team
January 2027	**Virtual Options Senior Leadership Team Meetings Commence** - Appointment will be sent as we return from the Christmas break. Conversations around suitability for options and final selection will be made during these meetings
Term 3 2027	**KS4 Options confirmed and shared with students and parents.**

We believe that combining these two events will enable students and parents to gain a clearer understanding of the options available while ensuring that conversations with subject specialists are focused on your child's individual interests, strengths and aspirations.

Thank you for your continued support.

We look forward to welcoming you to the academy on 19th November 2026.

Yours sincerely,

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