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RE: Year 9 GCSE Options Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

As your child approaches the next stage of their education, we are delighted to introduce you to the Year 9 Options process. This is an important time when students begin to make decisions about the subjects they will study at GCSE, shaping their future pathways.

To support you and your child in making informed choices, we have created a dedicated webpage with videos of each options subject. These short introductions provide a taster of the courses available and can be accessed here: [Year 9 Options Website](#). You will also find on this site the 2026 Year 9 Options brochure, which includes detailed descriptions of each subject, guidance on the options process and advice on making subject choices.

Key Dates in the Options Process

- **12th January 2026** – The Year 9 Options process begins. Assemblies will be held daily to introduce students to the subjects on offer.
- **14th January 2026** – **Year 9 Options Evening** at 5.30pm. The evening will start with a short presentation in the Theatre, followed by opportunities to meet subject leaders and ask questions about the courses.
- **20th January 2026** – **Year 9 Sander De Groot Leadership session**. Students will take part in a session with Sander De Groot designed to support them as they begin thinking about their future pathways, helping them to explore their strengths and make informed choices about the opportunities ahead.
- **29th January 2026** – **Year 9 Parents' Evening**. This evening will focus on your child's current progress in Year 9, helping you to understand their strengths and which subjects may be the best fit for them moving forward. (appointment booking system opens via Bromcom 6pm Tuesday 13th January)
- **27th February 2026** – Final deadline for submitting option choices via Bromcom.

We strongly encourage you to explore the videos on our website ahead of these events, so that you and your child can begin to consider which subjects they are interested in, and where they can harness their academic talents.



We look forward to guiding you and your child through this process, and providing all the support needed to help them make confident, well-informed choices for their future.

Yours sincerely,

Ms M Wilkinson (Head of Year 9), Mrs F Cooper (SLT link for Year 9)