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5 March 2026

Dear Parent or Carer,

Year 9 Options Week - Monday 9 March 2026

I am writing to provide further details regarding the options process that has launched on our website today. As mentioned in the last letter, there will not be an options evening event in school.

Assemblies' week beginning 9 March

In order to support you and your child with choosing the right combination of subjects to study through years 10 and 11, we will be holding assemblies all week explaining the process and the different options subjects available. All of this information is available on the website, including the presentation shared with students and all of the information from the options booklet.

Option Pathways

The Department for Education recommends a curriculum that includes a wide range of subjects, ensuring a well-rounded education. This includes GCSE subjects including the arts, humanities and languages alongside English, Maths and Science. They also wish to encourage more students to study Separate (Triple) Science. We have suggested two pathways for the GCSE options process based on your child's prior attainment.

Students in pathway one are asked to choose a language and consider Separate Sciences as one of their options. Students in pathway two complete Science Trilogy (2 GCSEs in Science) and can choose to study a language.

These pathways are recommended only. We know that every child is different and we will do our best to accommodate each student's choice. There is an option for your child to select 'need a meeting' on the options form if they would like to discuss something different to the choices offered on the form.

Your child's recommended pathway is Pathway Two. The form can be accessed here: [Year 9 Options 2026-2028 - Pathway 2 – Collaboration](#)

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely,

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