

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 9 students,

Y9 Options Choices Form Open
Deadline for completion: Wednesday 6th March

Thank you to those of you who attended the options information evening and the recent year 9 parents' evenings where I hope that you have had the opportunity to talk with subject teachers about which subjects your child is considering studying over the next two years.

To support those of you who were unable to make either event and as a reminder to those who did, our website has a page dedicated to [KS4 Options](#). Here you will find information about each subject in the [Options Booklet](#) and [Subject presentations](#) which give more detail about the content and examination structure of each subject. In addition you will find the [Information Evening presentation](#) which details the process, how to make the choices and what to consider.

As a reminder, all students must take **four** subjects to include at least one of the following:

Computer Science, French, Geography, German, History or Spanish.

Students cannot take more than one Art subject so need to select from Fine Art, Art Craft and Design or Photography.

Students cannot take more than one Design and Technology subject so need to select from Graphics, Resistant Materials and Textiles.

All students **must** select a reserve option in the event that it is not possible to assign all four first choices to your child.

The [options form](#) is electronic and needs to be completed by **Wednesday 6th March**. All responses received by this date will be given equal priority. You can also access the options form on the school website under the curriculum tab and then the [KS4 Options](#) page.

In the event that a course is oversubscribed, priority will be assigned to students using the following criteria:

1. Forms that are returned by the deadline will be given priority over forms that are late but there is **NO** first come, first served approach before the deadline.
2. Students with higher attendance will be given priority over students with lower attendance (absences for medical reasons not included).
3. Students with fewer demerits will be given priority over those with more.
4. Students with higher overall effort grades will be given priority over those with lower overall effort grades.

Choices will be confirmed in late June however, rest assured that if there are any issues with clashes in timetabling subject selections or in oversubscription of courses, we will be in contact with you and your child well before then to discuss a solution.

If you or your child require any assistance with making your choices then please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Yours faithfully,



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