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Dear Parents/Carers

### RE: Year 9 Options 2025

Next month your child completes the process of determining which subjects they will be examined on in the summer of 2027. Your child has completed a series of lessons in their CORE curriculum time that have prepared them for this process.

We have produced a dedicated area on our website that will contain all the information you will need to help your child to make an informed choice alongside guidance from teaching staff. This area of the website is entitled 'Year 9 Options 2025' (this can be found under KEY INFO) and will go live on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025. It contains a guide for parents and students at the top of the page. **Please read this first.** A Y9 options on-line prospectus will be available to enable you to have all the information you need to help them make their choices.

Your child has been identified as one of our highest attaining students in the year group in Science. Accordingly, we would like to invite your child to join the triple science cohort for next.

This is a curriculum route (see detail below) that will only be offered to the top 30% of the year group so I would like to congratulate your child for being identified as part of this high achieving group of students.

Core A		Core B			Core C		Option 1	Option 2
English	Maths	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	PE	CORE	Free choice option	Free choice option

You are asked to look carefully at the choices available to your child and start discussing those subjects that they might like to take into Year 10 and 11. The routes and curriculum offers are on our website page.

This year we will be making some curriculum changes to improve the choices available to your child. This will enable your child to choose two subjects in the 'free choice' section to balance their curriculum with a further subject from the full range offered during our options process.

**The options forms will be given to pupils at the start of the week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.** All pupils are invited to the Year 9 parents evening on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, where they can discuss their choices with their subject teachers before making their final decisions. The deadline for completion and return of the options form is the following day (Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025). However, we encourage forms to be handed in on the night of the parents evening following discussions with subject staff.

**Two subjects** can be chosen from the list below (along with a reserve):

Option subjects
Art
Photography
Business Studies <b>*Requires interview to be accepted</b>
<b>*Computer Science – only if you are recommended for the course by your teacher</b>
Engineering Design (DT) <b>*Requires interview to be accepted.</b>
Geography
Health and Social Care
ICT
History
Hospitality and Catering
Media
Music
Spanish
Performing Arts
GCSE PE
BTEC PE
Philosophy, Religion and Ethics

I hope your child will accept this challenging and rich curriculum. If you have any further questions, please come and see me in person during the parents' evening for year 9 on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2025. **It is important that this process is completed by the deadline. If there is any delay, it might affect the choices available for your child.**

Yours faithfully



Mr K. Ellement  
Vice Principal