



February 2024

Dear Parent

Year 9 Options Process

As we approach the second half of the academic year, most of our year 9 students have a clear idea of the subjects they would like to study in the future. We recognise this and in preparation for next year, we would like to give our year 9 students the opportunity to shape their curriculum via our options process.

In year 10 (2024-25), all students will be required to study English, Maths, Science, Core Religious Studies, Core PE (Physical Education) * and PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, and Economic) *. They must then choose 4 subjects from the list below:

**non-examined*

Art (GCSE)	French (GCSE)
Business (GCSE)	Geography (GCSE)
Computer Science (GCSE)	German (GCSE)
Dance (GCSE)	Health and Social Care (BTEC)
Design and Technology (GCSE)	History (GCSE)
Textiles (GCSE)	Music (GCSE)
Drama (GCSE)	Philosophy, Religion and Ethics (GCSE)
Food Preparation and Nutrition (GCSE)	Physical Education (GCSE)

To support students throughout the options process we will direct each student to a specific pathway based on their academic attainment so far. Each student will shortly receive a personalised options form that will recommend one of the following pathways:

Pathway 1 – Students on this pathway will be required to study the English Baccalaureate (EBacc). They must therefore select a humanities subject (History or Geography) and a modern foreign language (French or German). They will then make two additional choices from the list above.

Pathway 2 – Students must select one of the following: History, Geography, German, French or Computer Science, plus three additional courses from the list above.

Pathway 3 – Students will study a foundation learning course, plus three subjects from the list above.

Throughout the options process students will be encouraged to make logical and ambitious choices. To help with this, we will be providing you and your child with the following information and support over the coming weeks.

Date	Who is this for?	Information and Support
Available now	Students & Parents	Y9 options booklet – available now on the school website
20 th February	Students	Options Assembly for all year 9 students
W/C 19 th & 26 th Feb	Students	1:1 Meeting with a senior member of staff to discuss options
12 th March	Parents & Students	Year 9 Parents Evening (Online)
20 th March	Parents & Students	Year 9 Options Evening (In school) 6-8pm
28 th March	Students	Submit completed options form

Information about individual subjects can be found in the Options brochure on our [website](#). Paper copies of this will be available at the Options Evening (Wednesday 20th March 2024).

The deadline for students to submit their options form will be **Thursday 28th March 2024**. Students should hand in their forms at Student Reception.

I hope this letter provides a useful overview of the pathways process this year. However, should you have any further questions at this stage please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Walsh', followed by a period.

Mr M Walsh
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