

13 January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

KS4 Curriculum

The next few weeks will be a key time in your child's education as decisions about their preferences for courses at Key Stage 4 are made. We know you will want to be fully involved in this process and this letter outlines some of the key points and dates, as well as inviting you to the first parents' event - **the Y9 KS4 Options Evening on Wednesday 28 January 2026, 6:00 – 7:30pm**. Please [click this link](#) for registration.

The main dates for these events are:

Date	Event
Wednesday 28 January 2026	KS4 options evening – Presentation and options booklets distributed to parents/carers including opportunities to speak to teachers about KS4 subjects. (Please find the details on page 2 of this document.)
Monday 2 February 2026	Students complete a straw poll on the initial subjects they would like to study at KS4. The information is then used to build the option blocks for when parents submit a student's final subject choices.
Monday 2 February 2026 to Thursday 12 February 2026	New subject taster sessions taking place
Monday 9 February 2026	Year 9 parents evening – an opportunity for you to discuss a student's progress and discuss/confirm the final options choices.
Monday 2 March 2026	The final options form is released to parents via the online options Google form.
Friday 13 March 2026	The deadline for the online options Google form to be submitted. Follow up conversations with students in regards to the appropriate pathway through a series of interviews.
May / June 2026	KS4 subjects will be confirmed to students and parents.

Some points for you and your child to consider when deciding on preferred subjects for KS4 are as follows:

- All examinations for GCSE will be taken at the end of the course – in the summer of Year 11. All except the RE GCSE that students will sit at the end of year 10.
- BTEC/Cam Techs are assessed through a mixture of coursework and examinations. The examinations are not necessarily at the end of year 11 and could be at any point through the two year course.

You will have an opportunity to discuss your child's potential GCSE grade with the relevant subject teachers at the Y9 parents evening on **Monday 9 February 2026** prior to submitting the final KS4 options form to confirm the subjects they wish to study.

Year 9 - KS4 Options Evening, Wednesday 28 January 2026, 6.00 – 7:30p.m.

You are warmly invited to attend the Year 9 KS4 Options Evening which takes place on **Wednesday 28 January 2026** between **6.00 and 7.30pm**. Please let us know if you are attending by [clicking this link](#) to register.

This will be an opportunity for you and your son/daughter to find out more about the courses available during Years 10 and 11. The evening includes the opportunity to talk to subject teachers, who will be available **from 6.00pm until 6.45pm**.

At **6.45pm there will be a talk** in the main hall for all parents and students which will outline the process as well as some of the issues and considerations to be taken into account. It is strongly recommended that parents and students visit the displays and attend the talk as both contain key information, including changes to the examination system, potential course available to study, as well as details about how the options process will work.

There will be refreshments available prior to talk in the main hall where you will also have the opportunity to speak to members of the senior leadership team. You will also receive a detailed options booklet with all the information about the KS4 subjects for your consideration during the process.

Yours sincerely,



Mr R Lewis
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