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Welcome to Year 9 Parents' Evening

This event provides an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, attitude to learning, and next steps as they continue through Key Stage 3. Teachers will be available to talk through current attainment and to offer guidance on how your child can be further supported at home.

This is also an important first step in the Y9 Options process and will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's suitability for the GCSE/ Vocational qualifications.

Where will the appointments take place?

Staff will be based either in the Assembly Hall or the Sports Hall (see below). When you are booking your appointments you may wish to consider ordering your appointments based on where staff/subjects will be located.

Assembly Hall	Sports Hall
Maths Geography History RS Computing	Science English MFL Music DT Art PE

Please find the Y9 Options timeline below:

Thursday 8th January	Progress reports sent home to Y9 Parents Booking for Parents' Evening goes live at 7.00pm
Thursday 15th January	Year 9 Parents' Evening
W/B 26th January	Y9 Options Booklet and Options video will be available on the school website. This gives parents and students the opportunity to explore subjects at GCSE before the Open Evening. There will be a presentation given by Mrs Lenon and videos from each of the subjects for you to watch.
Term 4	Y9 Options 1-1 Meetings. All students will be given the opportunity to discuss their option plans with a member of staff. We will also arrange optional taster sessions for subjects that students have not experienced at KS3 such as: Health and Social Care, Child Development, Sociology, Business Studies and the different Engineering options so students can make informed choices.

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Monday 2nd March	Y9 Options Assembly for students
Thursday 5th March	Y9 Options Evening 5.15-7.15pm
Friday 6th March	Options forms are shared with Year 9 students, Parents and Carers. This will be a google form.
Friday 13th March	Deadline for submission of options form.
July	Options are confirmed

What subjects do all students have to study?
All students will study Maths, English Language, English Literature, Science (Combined) as well as Core Religious Studies, Core PE and PSHE as part of the core curriculum. Some students may wish to study Separate sciences (Triple) and this is available as an option. Core PE, PSHE and Religious Studies are not examined but many students go on to choose GCSE Religious Studies or GCSE Physical Education as an option subject.

How many options subjects will my child choose?
In total students choose 4 options subjects. All students must choose one option from the following subjects:

- Geography
- History
- Separate Sciences (Triple Science)
- French or German

Students will then need to choose 3 more option subjects from the following:

Geography	History	Triple Science	French	German
Computer Science	PE	Dance	Sport Studies Cambridge National	Religious Studies
Further Maths and Statistics	Engineering Design	Engineering Manufacturing	Construction	DT Textiles
Food and Nutrition	Music	Art	Photography	Performing Arts (Drama)
Health and Social Care	Child Development	Sociology	Business Studies	

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Can students choose more than one from Geography, History, French or German or Triple Science?
Yes, students could choose the following if they wished:
Option 1: Geography
Option 2: Separate Sciences
Option 3: History
Option 4: French or German
The following subjects cannot be chosen together:

- GCSE PE and BTEC Sports Studies.
- Cambridge Nationals Engineering Design (DT), WJEC Engineering or Construction
- Cambridge Nationals Health and Social Care and GCSE Sociology