

Welcome to Year 9 Options Parent Presentation 2026

Work Hard; Be Kind; Make A Difference

Options Booklet – to be published

- Lots of information about the process and the qualifications on offer and the course content.
- Spend time with your child reading it together.

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Parent Evening

You will get to talk to teachers
with your child about the
options at the parents evening
on 26.02.26

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Core Subjects Examined

- English Language & English Literature
- Mathematics
- Double Science (Triple Science if in set 1 or 2)

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Core Subjects Non-Examined

- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Social Science

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Which Subjects to Choose?

- Subjects I do well in
- Subjects I enjoy
- Subjects that will help me achieve my eventual career path

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Reasons For Not Choosing Subjects

- The subject looks like an easy option
- My friend is doing this subject
- I like the teacher I have for this subject

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New 9-1 Grading

| New grading structure | Current grading structure |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 9 | A* |
| 8 | A |
| 7 | A |
| 6 | B |
| 5 | B |
| 4 | C |
| 3 | D |
| 2 | E |
| 1 | F |
| 1 | G |
| U | U |

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

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New GCSEs

- All 9-1 grading
- More content - more to learn
- Less coursework – more final exams

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The EBacc

English

Mathematics

2 sciences

A humanity (History or Geography)

A Modern Foreign Language (French or Spanish)

The English Baccalaureate (**EBacc**) is awarded when a student secures a grade 5 or above at GCSE level across a core of five academic subjects – English, mathematics, history or geography, the sciences and a language. It is not a qualification in itself.

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Russell Group Universities

- The Russell Group's 24 members are world-class, research-intensive universities. They are unique institutions, each with their own history and ethos, but they share some distinguishing characteristics.
- They produce more than two-thirds of the world-leading research produced in UK universities and support more than 260,000 jobs across the country.

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RUSSELL

- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- University of Cambridge
- Cardiff University
- Durham University
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- Imperial College London
- King's College London
- University of Leeds
- University of Liverpool
- London School of Economics and Political Science
- University of Manchester
- Newcastle University
- University of Nottingham
- University of Oxford
- Queen Mary University of London
- Queen's University Belfast
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University College London
- University of Warwick
- University of York

GROUP

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Business Studies

Opportunity to develop a knowledge and understanding of the business world helping you to become entrepreneurial, make money and be ready to take on the world!

Units cover: business in the real world, influences on businesses and how they operate, human resources, marketing and finance

See Mrs Davies (previously Hanson) if you have any questions

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Film Studies GCSE

Component 1 (35% 1hr 30 minute exam)

- Key developments in US film

Component 2 (35% 1hr 30 minute exam)

- Global Film – Narrative, Representation and film Style

Component 3 (30% NEA/coursework)

- Production

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Sociology GCSE

- GCSE Sociology helps students to gain knowledge and understanding of key social structures, processes and issues through the study of families, education, crime and deviance and social stratification.
- By studying sociology, students will develop transferable skills including how to:
 - investigate facts and make deductions
 - develop opinions and new ideas on social issues
 - analyse and better understand the social world.
- Assessment = 2 x 1hr 45 min exams

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Statistics GCSE

Key topics:

- ✓ Collecting and organising data
- ✓ Drawing and interpreting graphs
- ✓ Probability and risk (useful for everyday decisions!)
- ✓ Understanding surveys and experiments
- ✓ Spotting misleading data

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Sports Science – Cam. Nat.

- Vocational course – more coursework (60%)
- Unit 1 – reducing the risk of sports injuries (1 hr, 15min exam paper)
- Unit 2 – Applying principles of training – coursework
- Unit 3 – Sports nutrition – coursework
- Graded as Pass, Merit and Distinction/* at Level 1 and 2

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OCR Cambridge National in IT

Vocational course – more coursework (60%)

3 mandatory units:

- 1- IT in Digital World (70 marks 90 minute Exam) 40%
- 2- Data and spreadsheets 30%
- 3- Using Augmented Reality to present information 30%

Graded as Pass, Merit and Distinction/* at Level 1 and 2

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Triple Science

You will take triple science if
you are in the top 2 science
sets
(sets are constantly reviewed)

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Option Choice 1

All students are required to take an EBacc qualification either:

History, Geography, Religious Studies, French or Spanish

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Open Choice – pick 3

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| French GCSE | PE (GCSE) | Sociology GCSE |
| Spanish GCSE | PE (Vocational) | Film Studies GCSE |
| Geography GCSE | RE GCSE | Statistics GCSE |
| History GCSE | Art GCSE | IT |
| Business GCSE | Drama GCSE | |
| Graphics GCSE | Music GCSE | |
| Food (GCSE) | Resistant Materials GCSE | |

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RESERVES

Pick 3 Reserves

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Art, Res. Mat. & Graphics

Students are not allowed to take any combination of art, resistant materials and graphics (they are the same course)

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College Courses

This year we not offering college course.

Please contact me for more information

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In School Support

- Option lessons
- Careers Assembly
- Careers lesson

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Options Online

Students will receive an email to their school Gmail with a link from Applicaa

Once students have picked parents will be asked to confirm the choices

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Available subjects

- Art GCSE
- ASDAN (for SEN students)
- Business GCSE
- Drama GCSE
- Film Studies GCSE
- Food GCSE
- Food - Hospitality and Caterin...
- French GCSE
- Geography GCSE
- Graphics GCSE
- History GCSE
- Information Technology Vocat...
- Music GCSE
- PE GCSE
- PE Sports Science Vocational
- Philosophy Religion and Ethics
- Resistant Materials GCSE
- Sociology GCSE
- Spanish GCSE
- Statistics

Choices

All criteria

You have made **0** choices.
You'll need to select **7** more subjects.

You must select at least 1 subject from the list below:
Geography GCSE / History GCSE

Cancel

 Submit

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| Available subjects | Choices | All criteria |
|--|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> ASDAN (for SEN students) <input type="checkbox"/> Business GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Drama GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Film Studies GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Food GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Food - Hospitality and Caterin... <input type="checkbox"/> French GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Geography GCSE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graphics GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> History GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology Vocat... <input type="checkbox"/> Music GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> PE GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> PE Sports Science Vocational <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy Religion and Ethics <input type="checkbox"/> Resistant Materials GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Sociology GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Statistics | :: 1. Art GCSE <hr/> :: 2. Graphics GCSE <hr/> | <input type="radio"/> You have made 2 choices. You'll need to select 5 more subjects. |
| | | <input type="radio"/> You must select at least 1 subject from the list below: Geography GCSE / History GCSE |
| | | <input type="radio"/> Only one from this group of subjects can be chosen: Art GCSE / Graphics GCSE / Resistant Materials GCSE |
| | | <input type="button" value="Cancel"/> <input type="button" value="Submit"/> |

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- Sociology GCSE
- Spanish GCSE
- Statistics

Choices

- ☰ 1. Spanish GCSE
- ☰ 2. History GCSE
- ☰ 3. Music GCSE
- ☰ 4. Art GCSE
- ☰ 5. Business GCSE
- ☰ 6. Drama GCSE
- ☰ 7. Geography GCSE

All criteria

✔ You have made enough 7 choices.

✔ You must select at least 1 subject from the list below:
Geography GCSE / History GCSE

✔ Only one from this group of subjects can be chosen:
Art GCSE / Graphics GCSE / Resistant Materials GCSE

Cancel

Submit

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Options Form Deadline

Friday 20th March
2026

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What next?

- Read the options booklet carefully
- Discuss the options with your child
- Discuss options with staff
- Support your child with opening the email and following the link to choose their options

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Any Questions?

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