25 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Options Evening – Tuesday 28 April

We are pleased to invite you to our Year 9 Options Evening, which will take place on **Tuesday 28 April** in the **Main Hall** from **5:30pm to 7:00pm**. This is an important event in your child's academic journey, and we strongly encourage both parents/carers and students to attend.

As well as a short presentation in the Main Hall, outlining the options process and key information regarding GCSE choices, you will have the opportunity to visit representatives from all departments offering GCSE options. This will be an excellent chance to ask questions and gather information to support your child in making informed decisions about their options.

An Options Booklet is available on our website, providing further details on the subjects available and the selection process. You can access it here. In addition, the Year 9 students will receive an assembly before the Easter holiday to prepare them fully for the Options process. As per the timeline below, students will find out their individual options pathways during the w/b Monday 13 April.

This is an important process as GCSEs are crucial milestones and studying for them is essential, therefore it is important to make the best choices based on careful consideration of the options. It marks the start of planning for their future; the decisions they make now will have an impact on post 16 and career choices.

We look forward to seeing you at this important event. If you have any questions in advance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please confirm your attendance by signing up on the School Gateway app here.

Dates for your diary:

- **w/b Monday 13 April 2026**: Individual student Pathway option booklets sent to parents/carers
- **Monday 20 April 2026** – Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **Tuesday 28 April 2026** – Year 9 Options Evening at Highcrest (5:30–7:00 pm)
- **Wednesday 29 April 2026** – Year 9 Options Form goes live (available online)
- **Friday 22 May 2026** – Final Deadline for Options Form submission (by 9:00 am)

Yours faithfully

Ms L Amos
Head of learning Year 9