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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to invite you and your child to our **Year 9 GCSE Options Evening**, which will take place on **Thursday 12th February 2026**, from **5.30pm to 7.30pm**.

The evening will begin with a presentation in the **school hall from 5.30pm to 6.00pm**, where senior staff will outline the GCSE and vocational options process, key considerations when choosing subjects, and important deadlines.

From **6.00pm to 7.30pm**, there will be opportunities to meet subject teachers for individual discussions and short subject talks in the **Wilson building**. This will allow both parents and students to ask questions and gain a clearer understanding of the content, expectations, and progression routes for each subject.

Before the options evening students will complete a preliminary survey about possible option choices in school which helps us with our planning. The official online options form will go live shortly after the options evening. We ask that parents ensure this form is completed and submitted by **Friday 27th February** to ensure that choices are made. A further letter with the options booklet will be sent closer to options evening.

In preparation for making informed choices, students are expected to discuss their potential options with subject teachers between the Year 9 Parents' Evening on 29th January and the Options Evening.

Please note that once options are decided classes will be allocated. Therefore, changes of options are only accepted on a case-by-case basis, and these are rare.

If you have any questions prior to the evening, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We strongly encourage both parents/carers and students to attend this important event, as the choices made will play a significant role in shaping students' GCSE and vocational studies.

Yours faithfully,
Mr J Nash
Assistant Headteacher



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