



January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 GCSE Options Evening – Thursday 5 February 2026

The GCSE Options Information Evening will take place on Thursday 5 February. This always marks a very significant point in students' educational journey, as they begin to refine and shape their curriculum choices ready for September 2026, and as such it is very important that students and parents/carers take the time carefully to peruse the information provided.

Options booklets will be sent home electronically in advance of the Options Evening and we would recommend that you take some time to work through this with your child; Year 9 full reports will also be available via Arbor in advance of the evening to help guide you as to your child's progress in subjects.

The Options Evening information will comprise:

- Course information booklet, detailing curriculum organisation, individual subject information, and an explanation of how your child should select and submit their option choices
- a main presentation at 6.45pm about the curriculum, and how to select your options
- individual subject presentations for options subjects; on the night you will be able to select 5 presentations to attend

Students should attend the evening with their parents/carers and will be expected to wear full uniform. Please arrive in good time to make your way to the Chapel for the main presentation at 6.45pm. If you choose to attend 5 presentations the evening will finish for you by 9.00pm.

We do ask, where possible, that you walk to school for all events which take place outside normal school hours, as the site can be busy in the evenings. To help with this the gate to Coram Close will be open. If you do need to drive there is car parking available at the rear of the school. There is access through the school from the car park, so you do not need to walk all the way around the building. Please avoid parking on the driveway, footpaths, verges or grassed areas to ensure access for emergency vehicles at all times.

We are immensely proud of how our year 9 students have continued with their learning this academic year. More than 18,000 merits have been awarded so far, this is such a fantastic achievement and shows the hard work, resilience and excellent contributions to lessons that year 9 students consistently make.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Headteacher

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Head of Year 9