



# THE DEANERY

Church of England High School and Sixth Form College

December 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Y9 GCSE Options Process**

The Y9 GCSE options process has begun. During November and December pupils have:

- Attended an assembly to explain the options process
- Attended subject sessions in the hall during PSHE, delivered by subject leaders
- Received an options booklet via e-mail containing information about each subject
- Been encouraged to speak with staff about their ideas and to ask questions to help with decisions
- Been notified of key information and subject videos on the school website  
<https://www.deanery.wigan.sch.uk/options/>

We hope that your child has discussed their potential option choices with you at home during the last few weeks.

In January, pupils will finalise their decisions about their GCSE option choices with help and guidance from parents and school staff. To support these very important decisions, we are holding a **Y9 Options Event on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 from 4pm until 6.30pm**.

At this event, subject staff will be available to answer any questions you or your child may have. Senior staff will also be available to support with final decisions, conduct guidance interviews and assist with the completion of the online options form. It is vital that children have the guidance interview and complete the options form, where possible, during this event. The subject rooms will be open from 4pm-6pm for discussions. Guidance interviews will take place from 4pm-6.30pm. Pupils and parents are welcome to attend at any point within these timeframes. Options talks will take place in Hutchinson Hall at 4pm and 5pm.

We strongly encourage you to attend on 22<sup>nd</sup> January to help ensure that the choices made by you and your child are fully informed choices. Parental involvement is crucial and this is your opportunity to be fully involved. Please discuss potential choices in advance of the event.

**We have a strict deadline of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January for all Y9 pupils to submit their ONLINE options choices form.** You will receive a separate letter in January with a unique code to use when completing the form. The selection form then needs to be printed, signed and returned to school by **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**. If online forms are completed at the options event, these can be printed at school and handed in straight away.

If you are unable to attend the event, please agree choices at home and ensure the online form is completed, printed, signed and returned to school as soon as possible, and by the deadline given above. This will allow your child to be given an appointment within school time for an alternative guidance interview to discuss their choices with them.

Yours faithfully

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