



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Year 9 Options Evening: 8 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Choosing GCSE options is an exciting milestone for our Year 9 students. It gives them the opportunity to shape the subjects they will study over the next two years. We understand that these decisions can sometimes feel daunting, but please be assured that we have a strong system of support in place to guide both students and families through the process.

We would like to invite you to our **Options Evening on Thursday 8 January 2026**. The event will begin with a presentation explaining the options process, the pathways available, and the subjects your child can choose for Years 10 and 11.

Following the presentation, there will be an **Options Fair** where each Faculty will showcase course information and examples of GCSE students' work. Subject staff and Sixth Form students will be available to answer questions about GCSE and other courses. Mrs Stott (Head of Year 9) and Mr Duncker-Brown (Head of Upper School) will also be on hand to provide guidance. Students are strongly encouraged to attend so they can speak directly with staff and gain a clear understanding of the subjects available.

The **2026 Options Brochure** will be published on the school website at the start of the new term. This includes detailed subject information and useful links to help you make informed choices. In addition, students will receive advice and guidance during Personal Development and Citizenship lessons, from their Form Tutors, and from subject teachers. They are welcome to approach subject leads outside of lessons with any questions.

You will also receive an interim report this term to help you review your child's current progress as part of the decision-making process. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you at the Options Evening and supporting your child in making confident, informed choices.

Key Dates:

	Date
Options Presentation Parents' Evening 6.00pm (Main Hall)	8/01/25
Options Launch to students in assembly	w.c. 12/01/25
Students submit GCSE selections	30/01/25
Guidance meeting for option selections with pastoral team	w.c. 07/02/25
Options process complete	13/02/25

Kind regards,

David Duncker-Brown
Deputy Head Teacher