



Dear Parent/Carer

21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

**YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING  
THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY  
5 PM TO 7.15 PM**

On **Thursday 12th February** the school will be open to present our Key Stage 4 courses. Year 9 students and parents/carers are invited to attend to help inform students' decisions on the subjects they will choose to take from September 2026.

The evening is an opportunity to look at departmental information and to talk to subject staff. Students will be encountering some subjects not previously taught at Key Stage 3 and you may welcome this opportunity to find out more about these and the exact GCSE content in other subjects. Department displays and staff will be available from 5.00 p.m. to 7.15 pm. Please allow yourself enough time to visit all the subjects that interest your child either before or after the presentation detailed below.

The presentation in the hall will outline the process of the option system and provide you with a full explanation of the choices students will need to make. Please attend the correct presentation for your child's house in order to reduce congestion.

**Year 9 Boot & Clough – 5.45 pm**

**Year 9 Lawrence & Nightingale – 6.15 pm**

Over this half term, different subject leaders are giving short presentations to the students about their subjects, in order to ensure they have as much information as possible. I have also been in to speak to Year 9 in order to outline the process, and will do so again in advance of options evening to ensure students are as well-informed as possible.

In advance of the evening, please take time to have a look at the GCSE Options booklet:

<https://www.kimberleyschool.co.uk/curriculum-overview>

You can also find further curriculum information for each subject on our school website, by following the 'more information' link on each page of the booklet.

I look forward to seeing you next month, at an exciting time for the year group.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Saunders  
Deputy Head Teacher

## **What choices will be made?**

Year 9 students will be advised to take either Pathway 1 or Pathway 2.

### **Pathway 1 students will need to make the following choices:**

Compulsory choice: Geography or History.

Options choices: Three subjects from the list below, with two reserve choices.

### **Pathway 2 students will need to make the following choices:**

Compulsory choice: Geography or History.

Language choice: French, German or Spanish.

Options choices: Two subjects from the list below, with two reserve choices.

<b>Option Subjects</b>
Art & Design GCSE
Business Studies GCSE
Computing Science GCSE
OCR Cambridge National in Information Technologies
Drama GCSE
D & T Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE
D & T Graphics GCSE
D & T Resistant Materials GCSE
D & T Textiles GCSE
French GCSE
German GCSE
BTEC Health & Social Care
History GCSE
Media Studies GCSE
Music GCSE
Physical Education GCSE (BTEC Sport also offered – please discuss)
Religious Studies GCSE
Spanish GCSE
Triple Science GCSE (Biology, Chemistry & Physics )