



**January 2026**

**Key Stage 4 Options Evening Tuesday 3rd February 2026 4-7pm**

Dear Parents/ Carers and Students,

We are approaching a busy and important period for students in Year 9. In the coming days you will receive a report and speak with teachers of the core curriculum. The week after, is our Key Stage 4 Options Evening.

The event will take place around the North School site between **4 and 7pm**. You are welcome to attend at your convenience between these times. The evening will run as an informal 'market place' with staff on hand to answer any questions. The specific rooming for each subject will be shared with you closer the event.

In addition to the subject stalls, there will be a short presentation in the Connolly hall at 4pm, 4.45pm, 5.30pm and 6.15pm to explain the options process. Senior staff will also be available to answer any question you may have.

To help make choices we have produced a Key Stage 4 Curriculum Guide, shared in this communication, and also available on the school website. Additionally, students have also attended an assembly and are completing further activities in tutor time over the next couple of weeks. It would be helpful if you could start discussions about potential subjects prior to the Options Evening. The Year 9 options evening itself provides an opportunity for students and parents/carers to discuss with staff what studying a subject to GCSE (or equivalent) entails.

Submission of preferences will be by Google Form - the link for this form will be emailed to student's Redborne email accounts on Tuesday 3rd February. Subjects are arranged into 4 blocks: A, B, C and D (see page 2) and students are required to pick 1 subject per block.

The deadline for submission of student preferences is **Friday 13th February**. Students can submit the form multiple times before this date, but only the most recent submission will be recorded. All submissions will be confirmed via email to both the student and parents/carers.

Kind regards.

Graeme Armstrong  
**Assistant Headteacher: Curriculum Intent**

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### Option blocks 2026

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
<b>GCSE courses</b>			
Art *	Art *	Business studies	Art *
Business studies	Business studies	Computer science	Business studies
Design & technology	Dance	Design & technology	Computer science
Food #	Design & technology	Drama	Drama
Geography	Geography	Film	French
German	History	French	Geography
History	PE+	Geography	History
PE+	Spanish	German	Latin
Philosophy & ethics	Triple science	History	Music
Triple science		Philosophy & ethics	Spanish
		Triple science	Triple science
<b>GCSE-equivalent courses</b>			
Agriculture (NPTC)	Agriculture (NPTC)	Agriculture (NPTC)	Double Agriculture (NPTC) *
Music Technology (NCFE)	Catering (WJEC) #	Catering (WJEC) #	Catering (WJEC) #
Sport (CNAT)+	Child development (CNAT)	Child development (CNAT)	Child development (CNAT)
		Fashion (BTEC) *	Fashion (BTEC) *
<p>Notes:</p> <p>* Students can pick either Art or Fashion, but cannot take both</p> <p>+ Students can pick either PE or Sport (CNAT), but cannot take both</p> <p># Student can pick either Food or Catering, but cannot take both</p>			

Learning support to be offered in 3 blocks. B, C and D but will be by invite only

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