

AMBITION - CARE - COURAGE

March 2026

Dear Parents/carers,

Re: Year 9 Options

We will soon be launching our Options process for Year 9 students, who will be choosing the subjects they wish to study at GCSE level.

We know what an important and exciting time this is for students and their families. The decisions made in the coming weeks will help to shape the next couple of years and perhaps beyond too. Therefore, we have designed a process that enables our students and their parents/carers to have plenty of opportunities to gather information, discuss their potential choices and explore the different subjects open to them at JOG. With this in mind, I have attached a timeline outlining the key dates for the Options process for your information.

As you will see from the timeline, we will be asking students to complete a brief indicative survey in school, to find out what they are considering choosing for their Options subjects. These are **not** their final choices, but rather a survey that will help us plan the Options blocks when we do publish the official Options Form later this term. Please note that all the subjects that we are considering offering are included in the survey, but not all subjects are guaranteed to run next year.

Students should already be starting to investigate the different subjects available and the course content within them. Staff are already primed to answer questions and may spend a short time during lessons to discuss Options with students. There will be lots of information and an Options Booklet published for both you and your children to read through in the forthcoming weeks, as well as a Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening and an Options Information Evening for parents/carers too. However, should you have any subject-specific queries at this stage, then please do contact the relevant Faculty Leader in the first instance, who can respond or direct your query to the relevant teacher:

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Otherwise, please take some time to study the attached timeline and do look out for further communications from the school about the Options process. Of course, you will no doubt begin discussions with your child/ren at home regarding their forthcoming Options choices, if you haven't already done so.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr P Scutt
Vice Principal