



24 February 2026

Dear parents/carers

## **RE Year 8 Virtual Options Presentation – Wednesday 4 March**

On Wednesday 4 March, we will hold a virtual options presentation for Year 8 parents/carers. This will take place 5-5.30pm through MS Teams.

For the new academic year, we are making some small, but significant changes to our Year 9 curriculum to help get the right balance between the breadth and depth for some of our subject areas.

All students will take:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Religious Studies
- A modern foreign language
- Geography
- History
- Computing
- PSHRE
- Games

Students will then have two periods a fortnight in three options subjects (out of a total of six):

- Category A – Art
- Category B – Technology
- Category C – Music, Drama, Business, Film

Students will be required to take subjects in at least two categories.

In the presentation, we will provide further information about the rationale behind the changes and additional detail about each of the six subject choices. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. For those unable to attend, a recording of the meeting will be shared by the end of the week. The link can be found here - [Teams Link](#).

We shared the new model with parents at a recent Year 9 parents' forum, and the feedback was universally positive.

Students will confirm their option preferences in their Drama lessons in the fortnight following the presentation.

The students will receive a similar presentation during the school day on 4 March.

Kind regards

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