



2nd February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer(s),

Re: Year 9 Options Process

I hope this finds you and your family well. I am writing to you today to begin to outline and inform you about the Year 9 Options Process, which begins next Half Term, and I wanted to provide some important information about the process. To begin, please find below some of the key dates that will help your child to make informed choices about their GCSE Options:

Wednesday 4 th March	Options Evening
Wednesday 18 th March	WASP Reports available
Thursday 12 th March	Year 9 Parents Evening
Friday 27 th March	Final deadline for submission of option subjects

Options Evening

Options Evening will take place on **Wednesday 4th March 2026**, which is an important evening for students and Parents/Carers to attend. This evening affords you and your child the opportunity to find out more about the subjects they may be considering studying at GCSE. During the evening, there will be an opportunity for you to visit different subject areas available to your child to choose for their GCSEs; speak to the teachers and Heads of Departments leading in those areas and a wonderful opportunity to explore the subjects directly with some of the Key Stage 4 students currently completing those courses. In addition, you will also attend a presentation in the Main Hall, led by the Principal and Ms Bigden, which will explain the different options and pathways available to your child and provide some advice and guidance on how to best support them during this process. The evening will run from **5:30pm – 7:30pm**.

Option Choices

Option choices will be submitted online. This will be completed at school, during Form Time, across the week commencing Monday 24th March 2025. Once your child has selected the subjects they would like to undertake at GCSE, in addition to their core subjects, they will submit their form using the 'Tools App' (an options website) **by Friday 27th March 2026**. Once completed, parents/carers will receive notification, confirming the choices their child has selected.

Thank you, in advance, for your efforts in supporting such an important juncture in your child's educational journey. We are hopeful that students will find this to be an exciting opportunity during their time at Woodcote High School. Throughout this process, please rest assured that Form Tutors, the Head of the Year, Mrs McKenzie, as well as individual subject teachers will all be available to support students in their decision making, and to offer advice and guidance wherever we are able to. If you have any questions or there is anything else we can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Tutor in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Deale

Assistant Principal