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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 9 students,

12th January 2026

Key Stage 4 course selection process Year 9 Information Evening

It is a pleasure to invite you to the **Year 9 Information Evening on Thursday 5th February 2026**, which is the first of the Spring term events in the Key Stage 4 course selection process.

The Year 9 Information Evening is split into two sessions:

Session 1: 4.00 pm – 4.30 pm

All students (and their families) in the following Year 9 Tutor Groups:

9 NJA 9 GVA 9 AAL
9 EBA 9 IAU

Session 2: 4.45 pm – 5.15 pm

All students (and their families) in the following Year 9 Tutor Groups:

9 GKO 9 SEK
9 AGR 9 INO

Each session begins with a brief presentation in the Performance Space by School Leaders about the next steps in the process for selecting Key Stage 4 courses for study in Year 10 and Year 11. Thereafter, parents, carers and students will be able to meet Subject Leaders who will provide information about the GCSE and BTEC courses on offer. The event presentation will be available to view in Year 9 TEAMS, which your daughter can access via their laptop, PC or other digital device.



Other key events this term:

Year 9 Parents Evening – Thursday 26th February 2026

Year 9 Parents' Evening take place from 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm.

Appointments are made online but meetings take place in school. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers. You will receive an email confirming your appointments. The Year 9 Parents Evenings are an important event in the Key Stage 4 course selection process and we are expecting all parents/carers and students to attend these meetings. Appointments with teachers will last for 5 minutes. Further guidance on accessing the 'SchoolCloud' booking system will be issued in a separate letter but bookings open on **Wednesday 21st January 2026.**

Tuesday 3rd March 2026: Blackfen Careers Fair

We strongly recommend that you and your family attend the Careers Fair, if possible, *not* to make a firm choice about a career, at this stage but to understand the vast range of employment options that are available and why selecting a broad and balanced range of qualifications to study in Year 10 and Year 11 is important.

Wednesday 4th March 2026: Selection of Key Stage 4 courses is uploaded to the website

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their daughter has chosen her courses as explained by the school and that the online course selection process is completed correctly. **After Wednesday 4th March 2026, no changes can be made to the selection of Key Stage 4 courses.**

Wednesday 11th March 2026: Student interviews with a member of the Leadership Team

There are many meetings with students which go on 'behind the scenes' to support their selection of Key Stage 4 courses. These particular interviews with school leaders recognise the work and effort made by Year 9 students and their families throughout the course selection process and provide a final double-check of the academic pathway that has been selected.

I hope that this information is helpful and look forward to meeting you and your daughter at the Year 9 Information Evening.

Yours faithfully,



Miss F Minnis
Deputy Headteacher