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Dear Parent/Carer

The time is approaching for our Year 9 students to choose the additional subjects they would like to study alongside their core subjects in September 2026. We would like to invite you to our Year 9 Options Evening on Tuesday 17 March 2026, beginning at 5:30pm.

Following a brief talk about the Options process, you will have the opportunity to speak with our Directors of Learning for each of the subjects that your child can choose to study at GCSE or Level 2 BTEC. Your child's Year 9 subject teachers will also be available to discuss their current progress as you will receive your child's most recent progress report on the evening.

In addition, you will receive a pack of subject summary sheets for the options available for your child to study. These sheets contain specific course information that may help your child in making a more informed decision. They may want to consider how the course is examined, how many units of work it is comprised of, and of course, the topics that will be studied. We advise that you use these sheets along with the conversations you have with our Directors of Learning, to have a conversation with your child regarding the options they may like to study.

The options process will be done electronically. Students will need to complete their options choices using a Google Forms document which will be sent to their school email, so they will need to make sure that they check their inbox on Tuesday 17 March. The deadline for submission of the options form will be Friday 27 March 2026.

If you have any questions regarding a specific subject area, please email the Director of Learning for that subject. If you have any questions regarding the options process, please contact me via email: r.glen@kingjames1academy.com

Yours faithfully

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