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## GCSE OPTIONS PROCESS – PREPARATION FOR OPTIONS EVENING – YOU ARE GROUP B

Dear Parent/Carer

Following our initial communication to you back in October last year, I'm pleased to inform you of the next phase of the GCSE options process for our current Year 9 students.

On 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025, we hold our GCSE and Sixth form Options Evening. The GCSE part of the evening will be located in the West Building and consist of the following schedule and activities

Event/Information	Where?	When?	
Arrival and Welcome Y9 students and parents	West Building reception	From 5:30pm	
General Information regarding choosing GCSE courses	West Hall	Group A	Group B
		5:45pm	6:20pm
Subject expositions	West Building	Group A	Group B
		6:20pm	5:30pm
Finish		7:15pm	

This year, we are also pleased to share with you the option blocks from which Year 9 students will select their subject preferences. Releasing these to you prior to the event will enable you to target specific areas of interest during the evening. Students may even note down indicative preferences on their own **options cards**. These will be given out when you arrive on the night.

GCSE Options Blocks 2024-25				
	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Pathway	Spanish	ICT	French	Business Studies
Universal	ASDAN	Art	Media	Art
	History	Drama	Duke of Edinburgh	Computer Science
	Music	Global Perspectives	Business Studies	Geography
	Manx	History	Geography	Global Perspectives
	Practical Cookery	Business Studies	ICT	History
	Practical Woodwork	Practical Cookery	Art	Construction
	PE	Practical Woodwork	RMPS	Engineering L1
	Geology	Spanish		Engineering L2
	Business Studies			Hair & Beauty
1st Choice				
1st reserve				
2nd reserve				

**ON THE SIMS PARENT APP** - Each student will select a 1<sup>st</sup> choice from each block, plus indicating 2 reserve choices in order of preference. They can only select a certain subject 3 times using this method.

For example, if a student wished to opt for Business Studies, they could select it once as a 1<sup>st</sup> choice, once as a 1<sup>st</sup> reserve choice and once as a 2<sup>nd</sup> reserve choice (in different blocks)



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**Pathway** – For some students, slightly different routes through GCSEs are available. We have written to all parents of this small group separately, so the rest of the year group will choose subjects from our universal offer.

Following the evening **the window for students to select their preferences opens** and stays open for two weeks. **The 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 is the deadline** for all preferences to be selected through our SIMS parent app.

Following this date, we will endeavour to match student demand for subjects with available teaching provision and **inform students of their options outcomes by 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

I trust this is useful information for you and very much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Options Evening.

Please find attached a map of the West building to aid you when visiting the subject expositions.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us through [rgsenquiries@sch.im](mailto:rgsenquiries@sch.im)

Yours sincerely

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