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Key Stage 4 Options – Information for Parents

Dear Parent/Carer,

Ahead of the Year 9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 4 February 2026, we encourage all Year 9 pupils to consider their option choices. All pupils, whether on the Mastered or Secure pathway, should prepare a ranked list of their top four preferred options. During Parents' Evening, each pupil will be asked to submit their 1-4 ranked list.

Please note, that pupils may not always receive their first-choice option due to class sizes and teacher availability. Therefore, it is important that all pupils select appropriate backup choices.

All pupils will study:

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Maths
- GCSE Combined Science or GCSE Separate Science (*ability based*)
- BTEC Sport

The available option choices are:

- GCSE French
- GCSE Separate Sciences (GCSE Chemistry, GCSE Physics and GCSE Biology by choice)
- GCSE History
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE Religious Education
- GCSE Computer Science
- BTEC Digital Information Technology
- GCSE Art (*cannot be selected alongside 3D Design*)
- GCSE 3D Design (*cannot be selected alongside Art*)
- GCSE Photography
- Technical Award in Food and Cookery
- BTEC Health and Social Care
- BTEC Performing Arts
- BTEC Music
- GCSE Business

For further information or questions, please contact the School Office at 0121 783 7807 or email options@hodgehill.bham.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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