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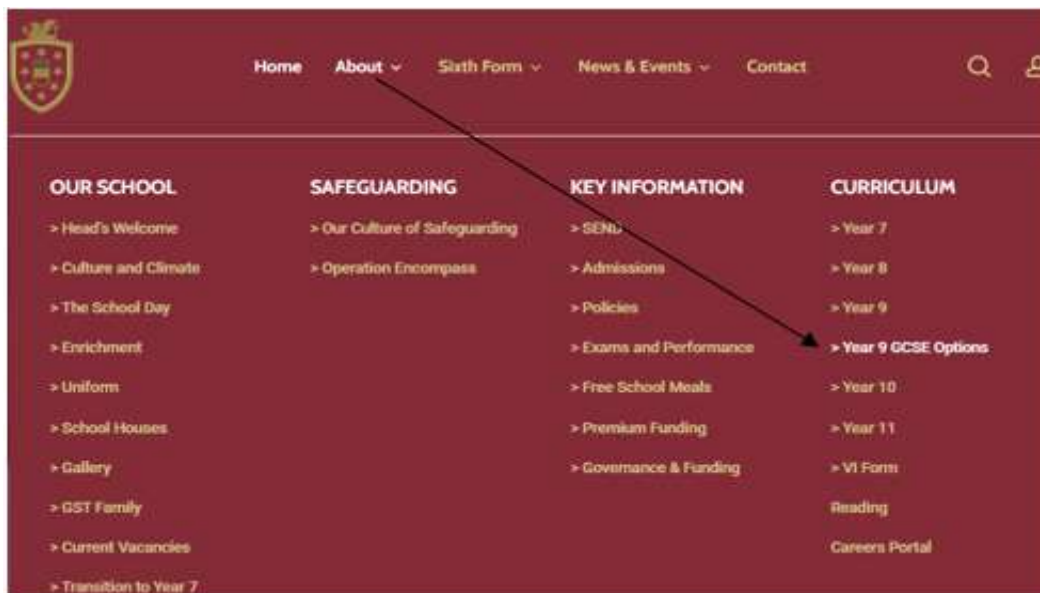


Dear Year 9 NCS families,

As your child progresses through Year 9, they are approaching an important milestone in their education: the selection of their GCSE options. The choices students make at this stage can shape their future learning pathways, and it is essential that these decisions are informed, thoughtful, and right for the individual student.

At Nicholas Chamberlaine School, we are committed to supporting students in making choices that reflect their interests, strengths, and aspirations. We also recognise the vital role families play in guiding and supporting students through this process. To help ensure everyone has access to the right information and advice, we will be offering a range of opportunities over the coming weeks.

The GCSE Options website and options booklet can be found on the school website. Families can access this by visiting the school website homepage and following: **About → Year 9 GCSE Options** or by clicking [here](#). This resource will provide key information about the options process and the subjects available.



In addition, subject leaders will be delivering more in-depth information about their subjects during assemblies in the week commencing **Monday 9th March**. These assemblies will help students better understand course content, expectations, and future pathways linked to each subject.

We will also be holding an **Options Evening** for students and families at Nicholas Chamberlaine School on **Thursday 12th March 2026**. This event will provide an opportunity to speak directly with staff, ask questions, and seek guidance before final decisions are made. The school will be open to Year 9 families from 5:00 - 6:30pm. There will be an informative talk regarding the options process at both 5:15pm **and repeated at 5:45pm**. Additionally, all subjects will have a stand staffed by department leaders that can be visited where students and their families can ask specific questions about prospective subjects they are considering.

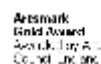


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Students will then submit their GCSE option choices during tutor time using an online form in the week commencing **16th March 2026**. Further guidance will be provided to students ahead of this week to ensure they feel confident and supported.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We value the partnership we share with families and look forward to working together to help our students make positive and informed choices for their future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Dovey', written in a cursive style.

**Mr Dovey**  
**Associate Assistant Head**