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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 9 Options

Please find attached the 2026 Year Options Booklet for All Saints School. This includes all the different options for our students as they enter Key Stage 4 in September 2026.

We have worked hard as a school team to provide information about all the different courses that we are able to offer our young people. As has been the case throughout the school, our priority is providing opportunities that are tailored to meet the needs of our fantastic young people and to give them the best possible chances of securing a college place that is suitable and interesting for them.

Our teachers have talked through what is on offer in the different subject areas and we are all available to answer any questions during school hours, but please spend a moment reading through the booklet together and discussing the options.

How many subjects do I choose?

This year, each student will state **5** subjects they would like to do, in rank order (1 being the favourite!) We will construct a timetable which gives them **3** of their 5 choices to study from September.

Good questions to ask:

- Where might you want to go post 16?
- What are the requirements for courses that interest you at college?
- What subjects do you enjoy and find interesting in Year 9?
- Would you prefer exams or coursework?

It is tempting to be influenced by what friends are choosing and by the staff they like, but this is not advisable as students are all different and staffing can change!

Why do I have to do English, Maths and Science?

English, Maths and Science are compulsory 'core' subjects, **all** students will study these across the UK. Our curriculum also includes PE, PHSE, Drama and IT lessons for everyone. (You can opt to have additional lessons in these subjects to get a qualification in them)

Will I get what I choose?

We will do our very best to provide everyone with the subjects they have chosen, but of course every school has limitations with timetables and staffing, so we have explained to Year 9 that it may not be possible to give everyone their top three subjects. After Options forms have been returned, the Leadership Team will look at what we can offer. Students will be informed in the Summer Term.

What support will I get?

A member of the leadership team will call home to offer personalised guidance and answer any questions you may have. We know that it can be stressful making choices and are here to support families every step of the way. This will happen before February Half Term. It might be a good idea to keep a list of questions ready, but you can call/ email at any time to speak with us.

Year 9 have worked extremely hard in the first term; I am already confident that they will be ready for the challenges their final two years at All Saints will bring them. We have a superb team of staff with subject expertise and a detailed understanding of individual needs and interests to support them all the way.

A return slip is attached to this letter; a hard copy will be handed to your young person on Monday. Please return the completed slips to the school office by Thursday 12th February.

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