

Dear Parent/Carer,

2025 marks the start of an exciting new phase in your child's education, as they make the transition from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4. To ensure that pupils make informed and considered choices about their programmes of study in Years 10 and 11, we will be working with Year 9 pupils and with you, throughout the coming months. Please see below the range of events and activities that will be taking place:

Week beginning 16th December 24

- Year 9 Data Card has been sent home via email.

Week beginning 6th January 25

- First week of subject taster sessions (2 week programme in lesson time)
- Friday 10th January – The Option Booklet available on the school website under Key Information and Year 9 options.
- Friday 10th January - GCSE options assembly to all Year 9 pupils.

Week beginning 13th January 25

- Second week of subject taster sessions (2 week programme in lesson time).
- **Thursday, 16th January 24 - Year 9 Options Marketplace Information Evening for pupils and parents between 4.30pm and 6.30pm in school.**
- **Thursday, 16th January 24 – Pupils can complete their chosen Options using an online form on the school website under ‘Key Information’, ‘Y9 Options’.**
- Friday, 17th January 25 - Session for students during careers lesson; pupils will receive information relating to the options process

Week beginning, 3rd February 25

- Thursday 6th Feb, Year 9 Online Parents' Evening

Friday, 14th February 25

- Year 9 Options Form deadline.

We believe pupils should have a free option choice. Therefore, it may not always be possible to allocate their first three choices, which is why we ask them to enter five option choices in the case of Combined Science and four option choices in the case of Separate Sciences. Pupils will be allocated two (Separate Science pathway) or three (Combined Science pathway), of the subjects entered. **It is important that they enter their subject choices in order of preference. Please also be aware that classes are put together after the options process is completed and places on courses are not allocated on a first come basis. We would encourage students to take their time over this process and not rush into early decisions.**

At Range, we pride ourselves on the personalised care and support we give to our pupils. In order to ensure that each pupil is following the most suitable course of study leading to the greatest chance of success, we will be contacting some families to discuss the core programme and option choices, on an individual basis. As well as subject staff, it will be possible to speak with Mrs Pepper (school SENDCO) and Victor Ficorilli (Careers Advisor from Mploy), to answer any questions you may have regarding the transition and future career choices at the Year 9 Options Evening.

All documentation linked to Year 9 Options will be available, as detailed in the schedule above, on the school website. Click on KEY INFORMATION and YEAR 9 OPTIONS. If you have any questions about the options process itself, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Tees, Assistant Headteacher Curriculum (cjt@range.sefton.sch.uk) or Mrs Phillips, Deputy Headteacher 14-19 Education (gp@range.sefton.sch.uk).

We look forward to working with you over the coming months.

Yours Sincerely

Mr C Tees
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