



January 22

Dear Parents / Carers

This year we will again be forced to alter the way we usually organise the Yr 9 Options process.

The timetable for key events will be:

- Monday 10 Jan – Options introduction for pupils (P2 in class)
- Tuesday 11 Jan to Wednesday 19 Jan – Curriculum information for pupils in subject classes
- Monday 17 Jan – Options booklet distributed on the school website.
- Wednesday 19 Jan – **6.30pm** Live Parent and Pupil Options Presentation - **broadcast online.**
- Thursday 27 Jan – Year 9 Parents' Evening – this will be online via School Cloud. An online options form will be distributed after the event for each family to complete.
- Friday 11 Feb – Deadline for the completion of the online pupil option form.

Parents can contact Mr Holden at holdenm@sarchs.com or Mrs Munro k.munro@sarchs.com or Miss Newton at l.newton@sarchs.com for further information and guidance.

Online Options Evening

The online Options Presentation Evening on 19 January will be an important opportunity for parents, carers and pupils to see the options process in detail and to consider some of the important decisions that families face when making their final decisions.

During the evening we will:

- Explain the process for completing the options form
- Discuss pathways of education, training or employment and the role these options will have in shaping these choices.
- Explain some specific course requirements and available combinations
- Answer some of the key FAQs parents and carers often ask
- Explain how we will use the option choice information to create classes and final selections.

Making Selections

Most pupils will study for **nine** qualifications.

The six 'Core' subjects GCSE qualifications studied by all pupils include:

Maths	1 GCSE Qualification
English Language and Literature	2 GCSE Qualifications
RE	1 GCSE Qualification
Science Combined (Chemistry + Biology + Physics)	2 GCSE Qualifications

Pupils will also have three option choices

One choice from subjects in Column A	1 GCSE / Level 2 Qualification
First choice from Column B	1 GCSE / level 2 Qualification
Second choice from Column B	1 GCSE / Level 2 Qualification
One additional choice from Sport / Dance / Study	1hr per fortnight – No qualification

Pupils will also continue to receive 2hrs of Core PE per fortnight and PSHE through form, assembly and the additional activity choice.

This year an online Options Form will be distributed electronically after the Parents' Day on the 27 January. An example form can be found in the back of the Options Booklet 2022 available on the 10 January.

Using this form pupils will select:

- **One** choice from column A
- **Two** choices + one reserve choice from column A **or** B
- **One** additional activity choice (1 hour every 2 weeks)

Mrs Day and the SEND staff will contact individual pupils and families with additional, relevant information.

Yours sincerely



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