



6th January 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Year 9 Options 2025

I hope this finds you and your family well. The Year 9 Options process gets underway this term, whereby your child will have an opportunity to choose some aspects of their curriculum for Years 10 and 11. I am writing to you to provide some important information about the process. Firstly, key dates are below:

Thursday 16th January	Options Evening, 16:30-18:30
Thursday 6th February	Year 9 Parents' Evening (Virtual)
Friday 28th February	Options Choices Deadline

The DEP report you received earlier this year, and the upcoming Year 9 Parents' Evening will provide crucial feedback to your child to help inform their decisions for next year, and the Options Evening will be a chance to ask any questions and find out more about subjects they are considering. At this stage in their education, it is important that students maintain their broad and balanced curriculum and have the opportunity to engage with subjects as diverse as languages, humanities and the creative and performing arts alongside their core curriculum. They will not be making these decisions alone, and will of course have guidance from you, their teachers and tutors.

Students will have the opportunity to choose a total of four options alongside their core curriculum. At least one of these must be humanities or languages subject, but students can choose more if they wish.

All students will study these subjects:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Combined Science
- Religious Education¹
- Core Computing¹
- Core Physical Education¹

Students must choose at least one of the following:

- French
- Geography
- History
- Spanish

The following subjects are also offered:

- Art
- Business Studies
- Computer Science²
- Dance
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- Food & Cookery
- Health & Social Care
- ICT²
- Media Studies
- Music
- Physical Education (GCSE)³
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Separate Sciences
- Sport (Cambridge National)³

¹Non-examined subject
^{2,3}Not permitted in combination

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Options Evening

Options Evening will take place on the 16th January and will be an in-person event at ICC between 16:30 and 18:30. Here, you and your child will have an opportunity to find out more about the subjects they might be considering from subject leaders, teachers and current students alike. There will be two presentations providing more information about the options process at 16:40 and 17:30 in the Main Hall.

Choosing Options

Option choices will be submitted online. More details will follow, but your child will receive an invitation to register to an online portal in early February. Option choices must be submitted online by the 28th February 2025.

Thank you in advance for your efforts in supporting your child's decisions at this important, but hopefully exciting time in their journey at ICC. Throughout this process, tutors and teachers will be available to support students in their decision making. If you have any questions or there is anything else we can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Harriott', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dr T Harriott
Deputy Principal