



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to all for this exciting module for our Year 9 students, as they begin the Key Stage 4 Options process. This is an important stage in your child's education, and we are committed to ensuring that all students and families feel fully informed and supported throughout.

During Module 3, students will receive detailed information about their Key Stage 4 (GCSE) options in a variety of ways, including year group assemblies, the Options Booklet, careers lessons, and Personal Development sessions. These activities are designed to help students understand the subjects available to them and make confident, informed choices.

There will also be opportunities for parents and carers to ask questions and gather further information at the Year 9 Parents' Evening and the Options Information Event, where staff will be available to discuss subjects in more detail. The Options Information Event will also include a Careers Fair to provide support to any student who may be unsure about their post-16 pathways.

Students will submit their final option choices through the SIMS Student App during Module 4. Any student who is not yet accessing the app will receive support in school to ensure they can complete the process. Parents and carers will also be able to view their child's submitted choices through the SIMS Parent App.

A timeline of key dates relating to the Options process and other Year 9 events is provided below for your reference.

**W/B 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – Progress reports issued via the SIMs App

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2026** – Students Introduction to Options Assembly. Option Booklets issued to students

**12<sup>th</sup> February 2026** - Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options Information Event

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - 'Options' feature will be opened on the SIMs Student and SIMs Parent apps

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Deadline for student option choices to be submitted.

**31<sup>st</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026** – Lincoln Bishop University Careers event (by invitation)

**11<sup>th</sup> May 2026** – End of Year exams begin

**June 2026** - Final Options confirmed in a letter to students.

**15<sup>th</sup> June 2026** – Written reports issued via the SIMs App

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you and your child during this exciting stage of their educational journey.

Yours faithfully

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