

Dear parents and carers,

### **Y9 Options Evening 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Last year, we decided to run our Options Evening on the same evening as our Year 9 Progress Evening. The evening was a great success, as vital conversations with teachers around progress could take place alongside discussions around what options your child would like to take for their GCSE studies.

To ensure complete clarity over the Options process plan, I have outlined below what will happen between now and the 13<sup>th</sup> February, which is the last day of the half term.

Teachers to dedicate time in their lessons to discuss the content, skills and requirements of their subject and to encourage students to be asking any questions they may have.

**5th February (afternoon during P5)** – all Y9 students will have time during period 5 of the Progress and Options Evening to visit the subject stalls that will be set up for them to gain information about all option subjects.

**5th February (evening) – Progress Evening** – during the scheduled appointments with teachers, parents and students will be able to discuss the appropriateness of the subject with their teacher

**5th February (evening)** – HU1 and HU2 will be open for parents and students to visit subject stalls to get further information about all subjects, in the form of leaflets, examples of student work, textbooks, exam board information and option content.

**6th February** – A Microsoft Forms document will be emailed to all Year 9 students to submit their options choices – **deadline for options submission will be Friday 13th February 2026.**

Students will be asked to pick 3 options plus one reserve option. We will always endeavour to provide your child with their preferred option selection. Please note that this isn't always possible. The reserve choice is important. Students will be asked to pick between two pathways, the Advanced Curriculum Pathway and the Core Curriculum Pathway. Further information about each pathway will be available on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 via the school website. We will notify you via Arbor when this is available.

Hopefully, the information above answers any questions you may have around the options process over the coming weeks. Should you have any further questions about the process itself then please email [j.mason@ibstockschool.co.uk](mailto:j.mason@ibstockschool.co.uk) with any questions about subject specifics to contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

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Thank you for your continued support, as we work together to secure the best possible outcomes for our students.

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