



Our Ref: CS/AD/Y9 Options Evening

Date: 26th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Dame Elizabeth
Cadbury School
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Re: Year 9 Guided Options Evening

I would like to invite you and your child to our Year 9 Guided Options Evening, taking place on Thursday 12th February between 4:00pm-7:00pm.

In Year 9, pupils begin choosing some of the subjects they will study at GCSE. This is an exciting milestone, as it allows them to shape their future by focusing on subjects they enjoy and are interested in. Many pupils also start to think about possible career pathways and the qualifications they may need.

To fully support you and your child with the Guided Options process there will be presentations by the Deputy Headteacher at 4.15pm, 5.15pm and 6.15pm (all identical), covering:

- GCSE and BTEC options, including timelines for submitting final choices
- Available pathways and subject combinations
- How you can support your child's research and decision-making

This evening also provides an opportunity to talk with your child's teachers about their progress in each subject, including strengths, areas for development, and next steps for improvement. Teachers will be happy to discuss future pathways, including possible GCSE options, to help support your child's aspirations. We encourage all parents and carers to take advantage of these valuable conversations.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Seager
Head of School