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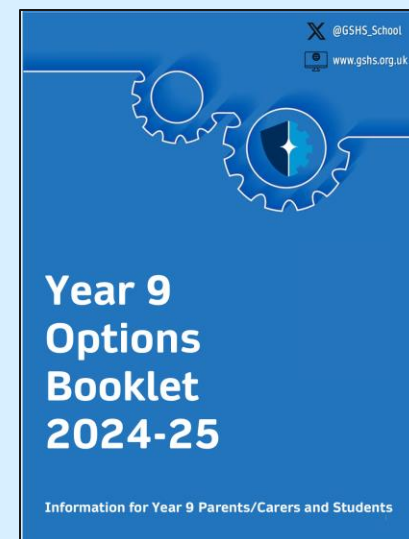
Timeline & Process

Date	Event
Wednesday 9 th January	Year 9 Options Launch Assembly (Students only)
Monday 12 th January	Interest Form completed by students during the week
Thursday 30 th January	Year 9 Options Evening (Parents/Carers and Students)
Friday 14 th February	Options Form Submission Deadline

From Monday you will have access to the Options Booklet and subject video presentations.

Paper copies of the Options Booklet are also available on request from the Main Office.

Everything is also accessible via the school website.



Guided Pathways

Guided Pathway 1: English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)
English Language English Literature Maths Science
Geography or History
French or Spanish
Any TWO further subject choices

Guided Pathway 2: Broad and Balanced Curriculum
English Language English Literature Maths Science
At least one of the following: Geography, History, French or Spanish
Any THREE further subject choices


Pathway 1: The EBacc is made up of the subjects which are considered essential to access a wide variety of A Level courses and to study degree level.

Pathway 2: Broad and Balanced ensures a good range of subjects in order to prepare you for multiple Post-16 and Post-18 pathways.

Subject Choices

English Language	English Literature	Maths	Science
History	Fine Art	Hospitality & Catering	
Geography	Photography	Health & Social Care	
French	Textiles	Drama	
Spanish	Sport	Music	
Computer Science	Media	Business Studies	
	ICT	Religious Studies	
Physical Education	Religious Education	Careers Education	Personal & Social Education

Advice and Guidance

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1. **Choose the subjects you are likely to do best in.** Use the information in your reports and the feedback you have had from your teachers to guide you.
 2. **Consider a range of options.** This will enable you to have a broad range of choices at Post-16.
 3. **Be realistic** about your strengths and weaknesses and accept realistic advice about the type of course you choose.
 4. **Do your research** by reading the options booklet thoroughly and talking to your teachers, tutor and Home.
 5. **Above all don't choose a subject because your friend is doing it!** There is no guarantee you'll end up in the same class!

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Initial Interest Form

Thursday 16th and Friday 17th January 2025.

Completed during registration – attendance and punctuality is crucial to ensure you complete this component of the process.



Students will rank their subjects of interest, share interests and indicate possible future Post-16 and career aspirations.

This information is extremely useful to inform the next stage of the process where everyone will access a 1:1 Options Advisor appointment.

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Options Evening

George Stephenson High School

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

30 JAN THURSDAY
5 - 7 PM

HEADTEACHER PRESENTATION
AN OVERVIEW OF THE OPTIONS PROCESS

DEPARTMENT VISITS
EXPLORE CONTENT AND SPEAK TO TEACHERS

OPTION ADVISOR MEETING
INDIVIDUALISED GUIDANCE & SUPPORT

OPTIONS BOOKLET: [QR CODE]

DEPT VIDEOS: [QR CODE]

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Thursday 30th January 2025

In-School Event for Parents and Students

Process Presentation	Department Visits	1:1 Advisor Meeting
Overview of pathways and process	Content and assessment information	Support to help finalise your Form

If you have any questions ahead of the Options Evening please speak to your Form Tutor, classroom teachers or Mr Harrison and Mr Houghton.

Don't worry – there is plenty of time, guidance and support available!