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Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Year 9 Options

I am delighted to inform you that we are now in a position to confirm your child's GCSE option subjects that they will be studying from September 2026. These will be shared with students via their tutor group during the next few days.

We endeavour to accommodate all students' option choice combinations and the vast majority of students get their four preferred choices. In some cases, students have been allocated their reserve choice along with three of their preferred choices. Where a reserve choice has been allocated, in the vast majority of cases this is due to two subjects from their preferred choices running in the same options block and therefore the lessons will be running at the same time.

To ensure we are able to allocate students to as many of their preferred option choices as possible there may be some changes to year halves for a small number of students when starting Year 10 next year. Where this is the case, it does not affect the student's form group or House.

Students will study these subjects through Years 10 and 11 and they will sit their final GCSE examinations during the summer term in 2028.

Now that students have had their options confirmed, we appreciate that they will still be in subjects that they won't be studying next year. It is important that students continue to engage in all subjects for the rest of this academic year so that they complete their full Key Stage 3 curriculum.

I hope that your child is looking forward to beginning Year 10 and that the next two years will be exciting, challenging and successful. We look forward to continuing to work with you in supporting your child to thrive in their GCSEs.

If you have any questions or queries about this, please contact your child's Head of House.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Holmes".

Mr M Holmes
Deputy Headteacher

