

Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter is to inform you of the process for making option choices for current year 8 students.

In order to ensure that all students study a broad and balanced curriculum, the following subjects will remain in the core. This means that all students will study these subjects at GCSE level.

English	2 GCSEs	Language and Literature
Mathematics	1 GCSE	
French/Spanish	1 GCSE	
Science	2 GCSEs	
Religious Studies	1 GCSE	
History OR Geography	1 GCSE	
PE	Non exam	

Students will complete a foundation year in year 9 by selecting **2 subjects** from the list below.

Art
Music
Drama
Design technology
Business studies
BTEC Health and Social care
BTEC Child development
BTEC Construction
Computer science
GCSE PE
Triple science*
Sociology

Any changes to the curriculum offer will be communicated to students and parents prior to students making their choices.

Students will be asked to select a first and second choice, with a first and second reserve. Some subjects may not run.

At the end of year 9 students will then select **one** of these subjects to study at GCSE.

A short video explaining the above process will soon be available on the school website under Our School/curriculum/Options

Prior to making choices, all students will have a 1:1 conversation with a member of staff in school.

Selections will be made using a link that will be sent to students once they have completed all elements of the option process.

To aid your child in selecting the correct curriculum choices needed for their future, a number of activities have been planned:

Wednesday 11th February 2026 3:05-6:00 – parent's information evening for students and parents.

Parents, carers and students will meet with class teachers to discuss your child's progress and gather information about GCSE courses.

The format of the evening is a short phone meeting with some of your son/daughter's teachers. It is unlikely that you will have time to meet with all teachers so we encourage parents to prioritise appointments in the subject areas where there may be particular concerns or strengths.

If your child is considering GCSE PE as an option, it is essential that they make a parent's evening appointment with a PE teacher to discuss suitability.

Appointments will be made on school cloud. To access the site, please click the link below. A guide is attached and is also available on the school website.

<https://holytrinityacad.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

**Please note that the system will time out at the end of the 5 minute call.*

The booking system opens on 19th January 2026 at 6p.m. and closes on Monday 9th February 2026.

Information about each GCSE subject and further information about options can be found on the school website holytrinity.academy

Important dates

Activity	Date
Options assembly for students	Week beginning 19/01/26
1:1 discussion with staff in school	26/01/26 onwards
Curriculum information evening and parent's evening	11/02/26
Link for making option choices shared	13/02/26
Deadline for return of option choices	27/02/26
Parents/students informed of option choices.	Towards the end of the summer term

If you have any questions regarding the options process please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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