

24 February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to invite you to the GCSE Options Evening which will take place on Thursday 12 March 2026 between 5:30-7pm at the school. There will be a talk about the Options process at 5:40pm in the main hall. Students, parents and carers can then visit subject stands for information regarding courses running in Years 10 and 11, and opportunities to ask questions which will help with final choices will be available. In addition, staff from the core subjects of English, Maths and Science will be available to discuss the courses.

Please see below more information regarding the process:

- Students will receive an assembly launching the process.
- All students will complete a trial Options form which will show them the process of selecting Options (this is not their final choice but simply to show them how to complete the form).
- Students have been and will continue to receive information during tutor time.
- All students have access to Morrisby Careers software which can be accessed at home and can assist with choices.
- There will be a dedicated area on the school's website where information is available including a copy of the Options booklet and a copy of the student presentation (available Friday 13 March).
- GCSE Options Evening takes place Thursday 12 March where the Options booklet will be issued.
- Options forms will be emailed to parents Friday 13 March.
- Final hand-in date for Options forms is Thursday 26 March 9am.
- I do hope you will be able to join us in what is a very important evening in ensuring that students have all the information that they need to help them make informed decisions regarding their Option choices.

Should you have any enquiries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me, Deputy Headteacher, Mr Mussett at: nmussett@stourvalley.org or Year 9 Raising Standards Lead, Miss Cooper at: mcooper@stourvalley.org

Yours faithfully

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