

14th January 2026

To the parents/carers of Year 9 students

Re: Y10 Curriculum 2026-27

As we move through the Spring Term we are working hard to plan for next September with regards to the curriculum and qualifications that our current Year 9 students will study when they begin in Year 10 in September 2026.

Throughout years 7 to 9 the curriculum at Oriel offers all students a broad and balanced diet of a wide range of subjects and areas of study but also a range of learning styles. The content that our students' study and the skills that they develop form the foundations of the GCSE and other vocational qualifications that students will be awarded at the end of Year 11.

The Year 9 options process allows students the chance to choose which courses they will continue with to form their Year 10 and 11 curriculum and timetable.

Through this process we aim to personalise and support learning for all students by:

- Offering an exciting and wide-ranging curriculum
- Providing students with choices of courses to study
- Providing high quality and impartial advice & guidance for all students to educate them about the choices available.

In order that our students can make informed choices we all have a role to play; teachers, parents and members of the local community. During the next two months, running up to Year 9 students choosing their options, you and your son/daughter will have access to a wide range of information and there will be opportunities for discussion with students and staff.

Before half term you will receive further, more detailed, information about the curriculum we offer for our students. Key dates in the Year 9 Options process include:

Issue of Options Guides & Y9 Assembly

: **Monday 2nd March 2026**

Issue of Information Videos and course information to parents

: **Monday 2nd March 2026**

Year 9 Options Evening

: **Thursday 5th March 2026**

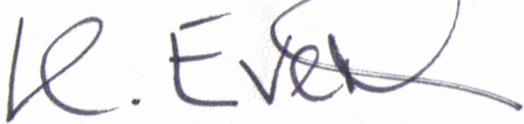
Year 9 Parents Evening

: **Thursday 19th March 2026**

Deadline for Options Choices

: **Friday 27th March 2026**

Yours sincerely



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