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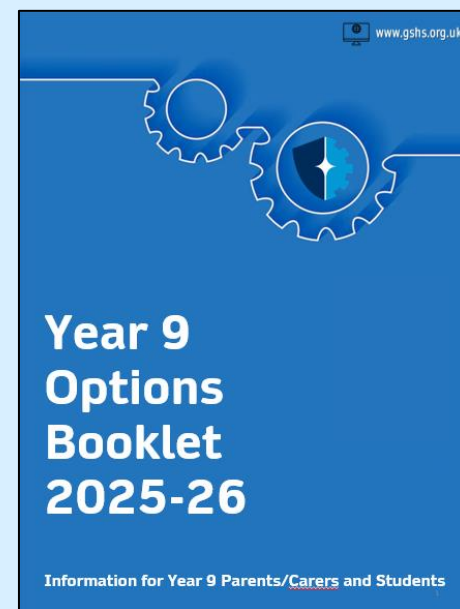
Timeline & Process

Date	Event
Wednesday 7 th January	Year 9 Options Launch Assembly (Students only)
Thursday 15 th January	Interest Form completed by students during Life Skills
Thursday 29 th January	Year 9 Options Evening (Parents/Carers and Students)
Friday 13 th February	Options Form Submission Deadline

From today 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 Language
English Literature
Maths
Science

Geography or History

French or Spanish

Any TWO further subject choices

Guided Pathway 2:

English Language
English Literature
Maths
Science

At least one of the following:
Geography, History, French or Spanish

Any THREE further subject choices

Pathway 1: This pathway 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: This pathway ensures a good range of subjects 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**



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Advice and Guidance

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!

Initial Interest Form

Thursday 15th January 2026.

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



Students will rank their subjects of choice, 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.

Progress Leader & Guidance Manager Support

During registration you will receive a visit to discuss the options process and answer any questions you may have.



Use all resources available to make informed choices which are right for you:

- Progress report and synoptic assessment data
- School website to access options booklet and subject choice videos,
- Look at Sixth Form subject choices and how these could link to your option choices now

Options Evening

Thursday 29th January 2026

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 Patrick and Miss Tatters.

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



The poster is for George Stephenson High School's Year 9 Options Evening. It features a dark blue background with a white diagonal band. The top left has the school's logo and name. The main title 'YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING' is in large, bold, white letters. To the right, it says 'THURSDAY 5 - 7 PM'. Below the title is a photo of a crowd of people. At the bottom, there are three icons representing the event's components: a presentation screen, a group of people at a table, and a group of people in a meeting. Each icon has a corresponding title and description. At the very bottom, there are two QR codes labeled 'OPTIONS BOOKLET:' and 'DEPT VIDEOS:', and a footer with the school's social media and website information.

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**YEAR 9
OPTIONS EVENING**

THURSDAY
5 - 7
PM 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: 

DEPT VIDEOS: 

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