

27 January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 8 into 9 Options Information Evening

I write to invite you to our Year 8 into 9 Options Information Evening, which will take place in school on **Tuesday 10 February 2026**. We are running two sessions: **4pm – 5.30pm or 5.30pm – 7pm**. To enable us to manage attendance at the event, please book your slot for your preferred session using via this [form](#). You only need to book one ticket for your whole family.

As our young people move into Year 9, they have the opportunity to start to make some decisions about the subjects they wish to study. In Year 9 all of our students study a broad base of subjects that will give them a secure grounding. They supplement this with two options subjects. This allows them to explore subjects they may wish to study at Key Stage 4 and/or spend more time on subjects they particularly enjoy. Please note this is not the start of GCSE courses.

Our intention is to provide the information that you and your child need in order to make informed, well considered choices and to help you understand the process of selecting options.

The event will include:

- a presentation outlining the full curriculum that your child will study in Year 9, including how this will progress as they move into Years 10 and 11
- an opportunity to find out information about the subjects that your child is most interested in
- the chance to speak to our Curriculum Leaders or a member of the Senior Leadership Team to ask any specific questions that you may have
- As the evening is about your child's future, it is important that they attend the event with you.

Supervision before the 4pm session

- Given the distance that some of the children travel to get home, we have a limited number of places available for students to be supervised between the end of school and the start of the 4pm session. To keep your child safe and to ensure we have adequate supervision in place, if you require this supervision for your child we ask that you let us know via the booking form. Please note we are not able to provide supervision before the 5.30pm session.
- Whilst in school supervision, your child will be required to follow normal school rules, including not using their mobile phone. As this is a long day, we advise that you send your child with a drink and a snack as there are no canteen facilities available.

If you have any questions in advance of the evening, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us using info@cardinalheenan.com. We look forward to seeing you and your child at the event.

With kind regards



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