



# Year 9 Options Evening

*12<sup>th</sup> March 2026*

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# THE OPTIONS PROCESS

Mr Edwards – Headteacher

Mr Pinkerton – Head of Year 9

Miss Gratton – Assistant Headteacher



# Culture of Success

- We are committed to achieving our vision by establishing a culture of success, focusing on the following priorities:
- Developing our students to be strong citizens of our school and community.
- Establishing a culture where our students aspire to the very best they can be.
- Embedding a curriculum that is broad, enriched, exciting and ambitious for all our students allowing all students the opportunity to follow their chosen study pathway.
- Enabling all students access to a positive teaching and learning environment meeting the needs of all our students.

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# What is the Cox Green Way?

- Opportunity – A positive experience allowing students to fulfil ambition.
- Suitability – We support our learners in making the right choices for themselves.
- Innovation – A curriculum that allows all to be successful. Vocational and academic pathways allowing all to reach their full potential.

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## Head of Year 9 – Mr Pinkerton

1. Choose what you love and not what your friends are doing
2. Don't worry if you don't know what you want to do
3. Ask questions



# Options Evening Checklist

- Timeline and deadlines
- Understanding of the options on offer
- Awareness of subject types
- Selecting Options – Options Online
- What to consider
- Speak to subject staff
- Discuss the process with your child

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# Year 9 Options 2025

- 29<sup>th</sup> January: Options Assembly
- 5<sup>th</sup> February: Careers fair – Students met Universities, Colleges, Apprenticeship Training providers and Employers.
- 19<sup>th</sup> January – 10<sup>th</sup> February: Year 9 Careers interviews with Mrs Thompson
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February: Subject specific assemblies
- 26<sup>th</sup> February: Year 9 Parents' Evening
- 12<sup>th</sup> March: Taster afternoon – subject taster sessions
- **12<sup>th</sup> March: Options Evening – presentation in theatre to all parents and carers and talks by all KS4 Option subjects**
- 20<sup>th</sup> March: Year 9 Option choices deadline (17<sup>th</sup> March – students pick during form time)
- End of June: Letters to parents/students confirming your choices

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# Options Booklet – available on the school website

## Core Subjects

- English Language and English Literature (equivalent to 2 GCSEs)
- Mathematics
- Science
  - Combined Science (equivalent to 2 GCSEs)
  - Three Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry & Physics - 3 GCSEs)

*All students follow the Combined Science course, which is worth 2 GCSEs;*

*Students who would like to take the three separate sciences can do this as one of their options*

## Options Subjects

GCSE qualifications	Vocational qualifications
GCSE Art	<b>BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Enterprise (Business)</b>
<b>GCSE Business Studies</b>	<b>BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Sport</b>
GCSE Computer Science	<b>BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Health &amp; Social Care</b>
GCSE Drama	<b>BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Digital Information Technology</b>
GCSE French	<b>BTEC Level 1/2 Hospitality and Catering</b>
GCSE Geography	
<b>GCSE Graphics</b>	
GCSE History	
<b>GCSE Media Studies</b>	
GCSE Music	
<b>GCSE Physical Education</b>	
GCSE Product Design	
<b>GCSE Psychology</b>	
GCSE Religious Studies	
<b>GCSE Separate Sciences</b>	
<b>GCSE Sociology</b>	
GCSE Spanish	

Eng. Lang.	Eng. Lit.	Maths	Science	Science	1	2	3	4
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# Qualification Types

Pass Grades	GCSE Grade	GCSE Size Equivalence
Level 2 Distinction*	8+	1
Level 2 Distinction	7	1
Level 2 Merit	5+	1
Level 2 Pass	4	1
Level 1 Distinction	3	1
Level 1 Merit	2	1
Level 1 Pass	1	1

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# Selection Restrictions

- Select only one of Art or Graphics.
- Select one of Spanish or French unless agreed by Miss Clissitt (Subject Leader for MFL).
- Computer Science must have Maths current grade of 5 or above at AP1.
- Psychology must have Maths current grade of 5 or above at AP1.
- Must be able to play and instrument or sing for Music.
- Can't do a GCSE and BTEC subject equivalent.
- Select no more than 2 BTEC subjects.



# Picking Options – Online Portal

- To submit their choices your child will need to login to Options Online which they logged into to select their option taster day choices.
- As they have already logged in once, they do not need to set this up again.
- Students will be given the opportunity to select their option choices on 17<sup>th</sup> March in school during form time so we can support with the logging in process again.
- Students **must** pick options in order of preference – the subjects they click on first will be their first choice.
- This is important as it will support us in building the timetable and allocating option choices.



# Picking Options – Online Portal

- Once logged in, students should complete their Options choices, selecting 4 options and **one reserve**, ensuring they choose their options in the correct priority order on the right side of the screen.
- Press the **save button** at the top left to save your choices.
- We do require parental approval which means you will then need to login with your account details, tick the “Parental Approval” box to verify you are happy with the choices your child has made on the form and submit.
- Parents have also been sent this link and you should have successfully set up your accounts. If you are still having difficulties, please let us know so we can help you.



# Options Online – Pupil choices

**Options**

You have chosen  courses and  reserves from this list

<b>Alt. Curriculum</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Art &amp; Design</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Business Studies</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
<b>Btec Business</b> BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Computer Science</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Drama</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
<b>Food &amp; Nutrition</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>French</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Geography</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
<b>Graphics</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>History</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Health &amp; Social Care</b> BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
<b>Btec IT 1</b> BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Media</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Music</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
<b>P.E.</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Prod. Design</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Psychology</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
<b>R.S.</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Sports L2</b> BTEC Award Level 1 & 2 <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>	<b>Spanish</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>
<b>Statistics</b> GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course <input type="button" value="Reserve"/>		

## My Choices in Order of Preference (Total Choices: 0)

To change your order of preference select a choice and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No courses selected.

## My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 0)

To change your order of preference select a reserve and click the position in the list you would like to move it to.

No reserves selected.

Options online will go live on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 8:30am** and will close at the end of the day **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. Any questions email [options@coxgreen.com](mailto:options@coxgreen.com) and include your child's full name and form.

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# Reserve subject

- Some subjects may be undersubscribed and not run.
- Some subject combinations may not fit within the constraints of the timetable.
- Therefore, do consider the reserve subject very carefully.
- In some cases, we may have to offer an alternative course, but we will speak to students and parents on an individual basis.
- There will be **NO** surprises in September.



# Finally....

## Where to start?

## Who to talk to?

**Think about your end goals...**

**...but don't fixate on them.**

**They are likely to change,  
and so is the world.**

GCSE & BTEC Subject	Staff	Room
Art, Craft & Design	Mrs Nilsson	F9
Business Studies and BTEC Tech Award in Business Studies	Mr Bailey	C3
Careers	Mrs Thompson	Reception Area
Computer Science and BTEC Tech Award in Information and Creative Technology	Mr Price	C10
Design and Technology	Mr Bali	C7
Drama	Mr Brignull	C14
French and Spanish	Miss Clissitt	C8
Geography	Miss Richardson	F3
Graphics	Miss Pascucci	F11
BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care	Mr York	C1
BTEC Tech Award in Hospitality and Catering	Mrs Williams	F2
History	Mr Furkins	F6
Media Studies	Miss Stockwell	F5
Music	Mr Forster	C13
Physical Education and BTEC Award in Sport	Mr Mitchell	C12
Psychology	Mr Aston	C11
Religious Studies	Mr Hussain	F1
Separate Sciences	Mr Colville	C9
Sociology	Mrs Clark	F4

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