

The Gilbert School

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3rd February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Parent/Carer Options Information Evening – 6.30pm, Wednesday 25th February 2026

Your child will be making their option choices later this term in preparation for their GCSE studies. They will begin to study their chosen subjects in Year 10 from September 2026.

To support parents/carers in guiding their child through this process, we shall be holding an Options Information Evening on Wednesday 25th February commencing at 6.30pm. ***This evening is for parents/carers only and not the students, due to the limited capacity of the hall.*** As you are aware, parking can be difficult on our school site. If you live locally and you are able to travel without the use of a vehicle or can car share, we would be most grateful.

The options process will be explained to parents/carers via a short presentation in the PA Block. Even though you may have older children and may have attended our Options presentations in the past, it is important that you attend the evening to obtain up to date information on any changes that have been made. Parents/Carers will also have the opportunity to meet with Subject Leaders, other staff and our KS4 students to discuss the courses on offer. This will take place in the South Hall.

X Pop 6.30pm Presentation in PA Block / 7.15pm Walk round stalls in South Hall
Y Pop 6.30pm Walk round stalls in South Hall / 7.15pm Presentation in PA Block

In addition, representatives from both the Institute and 6th Form College will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about post-16 choices, as well as our Independent Careers Advisor, Mrs Alex Nevill.

To support your child, we shall present the same talk to them during assembly on the same day. They will also have the chance to meet with the Subject Leaders and KS4 students on Wednesday 25th February from 3.20pm – 4.20pm in the South Hall. Please encourage your child to attend this event and to read their Options Booklet, which outlines the various courses available at KS4. Your child's class teachers and form tutor will also be guiding them through the Options process.

You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress with their class teachers at the Year 9 Parents' Evenings to be held on 11th March for X population and 25th March for Y population. Information about this will follow in due course.

Due to time restraints, unfortunately there will not be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's mini options teacher at Parents Evening, but the mini options your child chose last year and their progress in those subjects will have no bearing on the allocation of their options for next year.

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We look forward to working with you to make the best possible choices for your child and hope to see you at this event. To help us coordinate the arrangements, please confirm your attendance by following the link [here](#) by Friday 13th February at the latest, indicating whether or not you are able to attend.

Please contact your child's tutor, Ms Wren or me if you have any queries regarding this process.

Yours sincerely



Mrs V Percival
Deputy Headteacher



Ms J Wren
Head of Year 9