



30 January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Options Evening 2026

We are writing to invite you to our Year 9 Options Evening, which will take place at **6.30 pm** on **Wednesday 18th March 2026** in the Sports Hall. This evening introduces our Options process for 2026 and provides important information about the courses on offer for your child, for the next two years at St Albans Catholic High School.

The doors will open at 6.00 pm, with the presentation beginning at 6.30 pm. Mrs Block and Mr O'Neill will outline how the Options process works and how students can begin to make informed and guided choices.

The evening will include an Options Fair, giving you and your child the opportunity to find out more about the subjects and courses available over the next two years to help support informed decision-making. Subject leaders will be on hand to provide details of their courses and answer any questions you may have. All subjects will have displays in the Sports Hall, and a map showing subject locations will be provided on the night. The Options Fair will run until **8.00 pm**.

To support you in advance of the evening, our introductory video is available on the [Options page of our website](#). Closer to the event, you will also find a digital copy of this year's Options booklet, which you will receive in printed form on the evening. In addition, each department has provided videos featuring staff and students to give further insight into their subjects.

We recommend that you watch the introductory video and explore the online resources beforehand so that you can make the most of your conversations with staff on the night. A transcript of the introductory video is also available on the Options page for those who are hard of hearing.

We believe that choosing subjects for GCSE is an important decision and should be an ongoing dialogue between school, students, and parents/carers.

We look forward to welcoming you into school for this important evening.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Block
Deputy Headteacher

Mr D O'Neill
Head of Year 9