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8th January 2026

Year 9 Options process 'Time to Choose'

Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning, we held an assembly where I launched the options process for 2026 with our Year 9 students. I am writing to let you know that all of the information that you need as parents and careers can be found on the options page on the website, which is now live.

On the Year 9 options page, you will find;

- ✓ An options booklet, 'Your Choice, Your Future' – this outlines the whole options process and gives information about each course on offer. All students can access this through TEAMS but can also ask Miss Wyatt or the Key Stage 4 team for a paper copy if they would prefer. You can also use this link to take you to the booklet
<https://www.malbank.com/attachments/download.asp?file=839&type=pdf>
- ✓ A video for the subjects is available as an option choice, where the subject team shares with you information about the content of the course, the assessment programme, etc. You will be able to choose which subject videos you watch with your child to help make the right choices together
- ✓ A presentation from myself outlines the options process details, including how to use the SIMS Parent app to select your child's choices. This can be found on the 'options process'.
- ✓ A presentation from Mr Harrison is also found on the 'options process' icon.

The options webpage can be accessed using the following link [Malbank School & Sixth Form College - Year 9 Options](#) or by visiting the school website www.malbank.com and clicking on the 'Curriculum' section and then 'Year 9 Options'

If your child has an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP), there will be additional support following the virtual information evening from our SENCO, Mrs Machin and the SEN team.

All options choices will be made via the SIMS parent app, which will go live on Monday, 12th January. The admin team have been contacting parents who have not yet joined and supporting parents in accessing this. If you have any issues accessing the app during this time, please email Mrs Hemmings, our SIMS manager, at nrh@malbank.cheshire.sch.uk or by calling the main school on 01270 611009.

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When you access the app, the 'SIMS options' icon is found on your home screen, and all choices can be entered through this – details of how to do this are outlined in my presentation. One choice must be made from each of the 4 options columns, along with a reserve choice. The options columns are within the options booklet but can also be found below.

HUMANITIES	1+ ADDITIONAL COURSE	1+ ADDITIONAL COURSE	1+ ADDITIONAL COURSE
Geography History	French German Spanish Health & Social Care Art Media Studies Engineering Retail Business Separate Sciences OCR Sport GCSE P.E. Dance	Business Travel and Tourism Health and Social Care Media Studies Music Art Religious Studies Psychology Sociology Design & Technology Separate Sciences	Creative iMedia Computer Science Hospitality & Catering Design & Technology OCR Sport GCSE P.E. Health & Social Care Art Drama Media Studies Business Economics Child Development

CHOICE 1 **CHOICE 2** **CHOICE 3** **CHOICE 4**

All choices must be made by Friday 13th February 2026. SIMS options will not be accessible after this time.

We have a face-to-face parents evening on the 15th of January, where you can ask any questions about different courses or the options process itself. The Key Stage 4 team will be in touch soon about this.

If you need support or have questions about the options process, please don't hesitate to contact the school. Miss Wyatt (Year 9 Progress manager) should be your first port of call; however, you can get in touch with me by email at jme@malbank.cheshire.sch.uk

Yours Sincerely,

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