

23rd February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that this email finds you and your family well. It was great to welcome so many of you to the year 9 options talk just before the half term break. The transition from Key Stage 3 to 4 is an exciting time as year 9 students now begin to consider their future and make decisions about the subjects they wish to choose.

At Lealands High School, GCSE learning starts in Year 10. This means that this options process is the most important of their educational career so far. We have developed an exciting Year 10 curriculum at Lealands High School which will take effect from September 2026.

All students are different; therefore, we offer a wide variety of courses for students to study. We have devised different pathways for students to follow during Year 10 and 11 in order to challenge all students to achieve their potential.

English	English	English
Maths	Maths	Maths
Science	Science	Science
Physical education	Physical education	Physical education
Religion and society	Religion and society	Religion and society
History / Geography	History / Geography / language	Option
MFL	Option	Option
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The Blue Pathway

The blue pathway focuses on academic rigor of achieving the English Baccalaureate whilst giving students the opportunity to choose another subject they may also enjoy. The English Baccalaureate or Ebacc is made up of English, maths, science, history or geography, and a language. These are curriculum subjects which are widely recognised as relevant preparation for A Level study.

The Orange Pathway

The orange pathway involves studying either geography, history or a language together with two other options from the range of courses that we offer. This is not an Ebacc pathway. Students will study the core curriculum and have free choice to study a language, humanities and any other two courses relevant to their career aspirations.

The Yellow Pathway

The yellow pathway is a guided pathway for specific students who will liaise with Mr Hall, Mrs Rust and Miss Keefe to select appropriate courses for them in consultation with parents.

We will analyse your child's data and combine this with our knowledge of them before recommending a suitable pathway for them. This will be communicated with students and parents when the option form is shared on the 13th March to inform your decision.

We have developed a Year 9 options page on our school website which we urge you to visit. This will give you:-

- More information about each of the option subjects.
- Videos from lead teachers in each area that will give you a clear understanding of courses.
- General information about the Year 9 options process.

Actions for you and your child:-

1. Visit the Year 9 options website.
2. Watch videos from Mr Edwards and Directors of Subjects.
3. Consider the different subjects and ensure students are selecting the best one for future success.
4. The student will receive a google form which must be completed by Sunday 22nd March.

Please visit this website to view our options information: <https://www.lealands.luton.sch.uk/y9options>

Whilst we will do all we can to facilitate students' option choices, please be aware that this will be dependent on student numbers and staffing and we cannot guarantee that every option will run.

If you have any questions regarding this process please contact Mr Edwards or Miss Keefe via the Schoolgateway app or admin@lealands.luton.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,



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