



Year 9 Options Choices Timeline 2026

We recognise what a difficult process choosing subjects for study in years 10 and 11 can be and the large number of events and tasks that need to be done over this period, with this in mind the enclosed timeline has been created to support you and your child in attending these significant events.

Guidance Booklets and Pathways

Friday 30th January 2026- Year 9 students Option Choice Booklets available to view on the school Options webpage. Student pathways will also be published on Synergy on Friday 30th January.

Please use this as an opportunity to sit, read and discuss the options available to your child. There are videos and handouts for each subject. It is important to ensure students consider what they are good at, what they enjoy and what they will succeed in.

Options Evening at Lode Heath School

Tuesday 10th February 2026 6-8pm- Options Evening Event at Lode Heath School

Pupils and parents will have an opportunity to listen to an introductory options presentation and visit subject specific presentations.

Opportunity to ask questions relating to Pathway queries, Careers, SEND queries & Pastoral questions taking place on the evening.

We will also have IT technicians available should you require support in accessing SIMS to submit the option choices. SIMS passwords will be sent out prior to the event to parents.

Parent/ carer questions

Online webpage- [Lode Heath School - Year 9 Options](#)

There is an email address dedicated to Options queries options@lodeheath.org.uk

There are also links for careers should this be required as well as the Options timeline and some F.A.Q.'s information to further help.

Student questions and taster sessions

Ongoing

All students have access to Teams chat to ask questions to any of the subject specialists/ teachers.

There will be ongoing taster sessions in lessons to include subjects that they may not have experienced at KS3.

Parental Consultation Evening

Tuesday 3rd March 2026 4-7.15pm - Year 9 Consultation Evening Schoolcloud

Pre-booked appointments via Schoolcloud to meet and discuss your child's progress to date in their current subjects and their suitability for possible Option Choices. Dates for bookings to open to follow.

Final submission of Options

Wednesday 4th March 2026- SIMS will open for submission of Options

A guide to help you with this has been published on the webpage. Please note it is NOT first come first served, however, you must meet the deadline date.

Friday 13th March 2026 midday - Deadline for the submission of Options