



The Bishops' Blue Coat  
Church of England High School

The Bishops' Blue Coat Church of England High School is an **exciting place to be**. We know, nurture, and inspire our community to be the **best version of themselves** through a better understanding of the Christian faith, our core values and a **rich set of opportunities**. Students achieve academically whilst growing personally and spiritually. Through their engagement in society, at Bishops' and beyond, our students **make a positive difference** through wise action, resilience and a sense of responsibility. Our community is enabled to live a life guided by Jesus, to flourish and have, "*life in all its fullness*" (John 10:10).

# KS4 Options 2025

**Year 9 Launch Event  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

**Miss Stephenson** – Year Leader  
**Mr Close** – Timetable and Options Lead

# Introduction



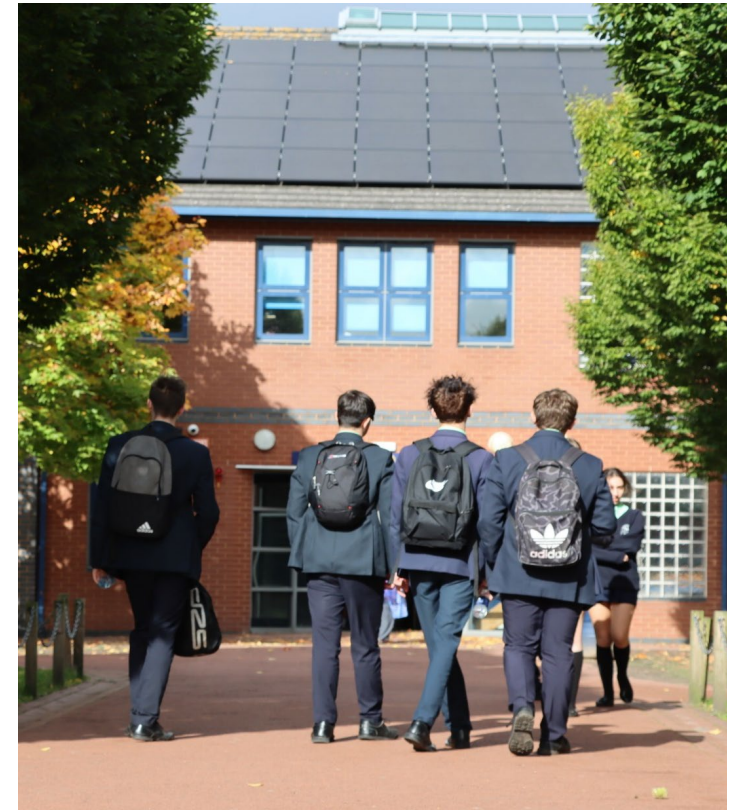
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Choosing your options is an exciting and important time  
You will be able to choose some of the subjects you will  
Study along with the core compulsory subjects of:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- RS
- PE Core

During the options process, you will find out what's on offer to  
you & you will be supported in making the right choices. It is  
important that you choose the right options for you. You will  
need to consider:

- Which subjects you enjoy
- Which subjects you are good at
- What you want to do in the future



# The importance of choosing wisely



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We do not operate a first come first served process – all option choices submitted by the deadline will be considered. All choices will be considered before the timetable is put together so that we can try & accommodate as many of your choices as possible.

You will study 3 options subjects but will be asked to choose 4 in order of preference. It is important that you choose all 4 carefully because although we will aim for your first 3 to be selected, the 4<sup>th</sup> is commonly used to fit the timetable.

A minimum of one of your choices must be a **facilitating subject**. These are the subjects considered most important by future study centres & most likely to gain access to future studies. Our facilitating subjects are **History, Geography, French, Spanish, Separate Science**. You can select more than one facilitating subject.





# 2025 Timeline

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Date	Options Process
20th January	Year 9 Options Launch Event Students given a copy of the Options Booklet
	Options Information Evening on Teams at 6:30pm
21st January – 5th February	Options information given to students during assemblies, lessons & PD sessions
6th February	Options face to face Parents Evening
6th – 14th February	Options choices "week"
14th February	<b>Deadline for making options choices is Friday 14th February</b>

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## Miss Stephenson

Students should use the following advice when making these important decisions:

- Read all the information in the options booklet
- Encourage students to speak to teachers to find out more about the course
- Find out how the course is assessed
- Look up key stage 5 courses that interest them
- Research career pathways that interest them
- Consider their strengths and weaknesses
- Do not opt for a subject just because their friends are taking it or because a certain teacher teaches it





# Making Choices

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## Mr Close

- Students will use an online system to make choices – [www.sims-options.co.uk](http://www.sims-options.co.uk)
  - Training & guidance in logging in to the system and making the choices will be given during the PD sessions ahead of options choices week.
  - Students will receive login details to their school email address & must wait until the PD session before registering and creating their account. Failure to do so may result in a delay in their account being created.
  - The system remains live for 1 week until **14th February**.
  - Students can make & change their choices multiple times during this week.
  - We do not operate a 1st come 1st served basis. All choices made by 14th February will be considered.
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# Making Choices

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## Mr Close

- Students are asked to choose a minimum of 1 facilitating subject.
  - These are subjects considered important by universities & will gain access to a wide variety of courses and destinations.
  - Our facilitating subjects are:
    - Modern foreign languages (French and Spanish),
    - History,
    - Geography,
    - Separate Science.
  - Students will be asked to rank the facilitating subjects in order of preference. In the event that the first choice facilitating subject cannot be accommodated, we will allocate the 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Students may choose more than 1 facilitating subject.
  - Students must make their choices in order of preference.
  - We ask students to make four option choices.
  - It is important to consider these choices carefully as they will be allocated three from their four choices.
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Trust in the Lord with all  
your heart and lean not on  
your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to  
him, and he will make your  
paths straight.

Prov. 3:5-6

## Help & Support

There is a lot of help & support for you in making these choices during the options process

Speak to:

Your teachers & form tutors

Your Parents

Careers advice is available from Dr Toczyski

Read through:

Your options booklet & find out what subjects are required for your future pathway

Useful websites such as [unifrog](#)