



February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of details of the upcoming Year 9 options process. In all schools, as students move up the year groups, they begin to specialise in subjects which they wish to study as qualifications at Key Stage 4. This year, we have reviewed and made changes to the options process in Year 9, to reflect the national Curriculum and Assessment Review which reported back to the government in November 2025. As such, during this year's process, we will require students to select three further options to study, alongside the KS4 option they picked last year, and two of these will now be an open choice.

The options that we offer are all high-quality GCSE or Technical Award courses which are designed to build knowledge and skills, promote opportunities for students to progress further beyond Year 11, support students' ambitions and link to different sectors of employment locally and nationally.

To support you and your child through this process and provide an opportunity to find out more about the courses, we have organised an **options evening on Monday 24th February between 4:30pm-7pm**. During this evening, there will be an options presentation in the main hall at **5:00pm or 6:00pm**, to provide greater insight for students and parents into the process and how it will work, as well as time to investigate the different subjects and what they entail.

In advance of this evening, an options booklet is available on the school's website (<https://www.tmhs.co.uk/learning-at-temple-moor-high-school/the-options-process/year-9-options/>).

The options booklet provides full details of how the options process works, frequently asked questions, how to receive support and advice, and deadlines for the process. To guide students in selecting the most appropriate courses, there are also subject pages which provide an overview of each available subject and how these are assessed. We recommend that you read the options booklet in advance of attending the options evening, to guide you in understanding which subjects you may wish to visit, as well as forming any questions that you would like answered on the evening.

Additionally, an assembly will be delivered to students during the week commencing 9th February, exploring the options process and the choices available. For subjects not previously studied, there will also be opportunity to undertake a taster lesson in their desired subject during the w/c 9th March.

For your information, key dates for the options process are:

- w/c 9th February – Options launched to students within assembly.
- 23rd February – Options evening (4:30-7pm)

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- w/c 23rd February onwards –Tutors will collate students' preferences for taster lessons.
- w/c 9th March – Students will undertake a taster lesson (in subjects not previously studied) to try the subject before they submit their options form.
- Friday 27th March – deadline for return of options forms to their form tutor. After this date, students who have not returned options forms will be guided to select courses that still have availability on them, as priority on oversubscribed courses will be given to those who have met this deadline.

Careers interviews are also available on request, either by requesting these through form tutors or by e-mailing Mrs Pasfield (our careers advisor) directly at pasfieldd@tmhs.rklt.co.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you to the options evening on the **23rd February**. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact our KS3 Phase Leader Miss Matthews (matthewsh@tmhs.rklt.co.uk).

Yours sincerely.

Mr J. Hudson
Deputy Principal

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