



**CARDINAL  
NEWMAN**  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 9 Options**

I am writing to share with you that the final stage of your child's Year 9 Options Process will begin on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Mrs Pinnington will speak with Year 9 during assembly to share the Options Blocks with them and remind them of the criteria they must follow when making their final subject selections. (The criteria are on the child's Option Form that they will bring home with them after the assembly. The Options Booklet is on the school website in the Curriculum Section for you to refer to.

In the two weeks commencing 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026 your child will be invited to meet with their Form Tutor to discuss their option choices and support your child to apply the criteria.

The deadline for Options Forms to be returned to Form Tutors is **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026**. I will then begin the process of assigning pupils to their choices. I will then use this information, and staff availability to construct the timetable for next year and assign pupils to subject groups. Pupils will not be informed of their allocation until the summer term.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact school using the contact details below.

Yours sincerely

Martin Lish  
Assistant Headteacher