

28 January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Options and Parents/Carers' Evening

I am writing to inform you about the combined Year 9 Options and Parents/Carers' Evening on **Wednesday 11th February 2026 from 16:00–18:00**.

Your child will be bringing home their Options Booklet next week, and a link will also be sent out so that you can view this online. The booklet contains useful information about each subject to help you prepare for discussions with them. You may also wish to look at the following websites, which provide helpful guidance on how to approach this conversation:

<https://careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone/all-questions/how-can-i-help-my-child-make-their-option-choices-in-year-9-some-schools-make-option-choices-in-y8>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdswf4j>

<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/choosing-gcse-options-advice-for-parents/>

While every effort will be made to accommodate student preferences, this may not always be possible. If a subject is under or over-subscribed, it may be necessary to ask students to choose a reserve option. Students will be guided towards a pathway that offers them the greatest chance of success in their GCSEs.

Please help your child to complete their Options Form and return it to a member of staff during the evening. This will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the different subjects.

The evening will also allow you to discuss your child's progress and to meet with their subject teachers. All teaching staff will be present. You will have received a text message with a link to book your appointment, or alternatively, follow the steps below:

1. Visit the school website (www.theeastmanchesteracademy.co.uk) and click on the link for *Parents' Evening*.
2. Enter your details and your child's details, then choose *Log In*. Select *Year 9 Parents' Evening*.
3. Your child's teachers will then be displayed for confirmation. Select *Continue to Book Appointments*.
4. Choose the times you wish to see each teacher. Follow the on-screen instructions to save your appointments and receive them by email or as a printable list.

The booking system will close at 12:00 noon on **Tuesday 10th February**. If you have any difficulty attending the evening, please let us know.

We look forward to meeting you and thank you in advance for supporting your child in making these important decisions.

Yours sincerely

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