



Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to invite you to the **Y9 Options Fair and Parents' Evening on Thursday 12th Feb 2026**, a key milestone event in your child's education. The event will start at 4:00pm and finish at 6:45pm.

The GCSE Options process is pivotal to your child's academic progress throughout Year 10 and 11 and beyond Manchester Academy. This evening combines information regarding the range of subjects we offer and academic feedback on your child's current progress.

On your arrival at the event, you will be provided with an information sheet which will confirm your child's teachers and their locations during the evening. It is vital for you to attend this evening with your child so you can support informed choices regarding options. You will be able to meet with your child's teachers, and you can ask them questions about your child's progress, their strengths and areas to improve. The teachers can also explain what their subject is like at KS4 and whether it's a good choice for your child.

Prior to the evening, your child will receive their Options pathway booklet which will explain the Options process and timeline. Ms Latif, Vice Principal, will be available during the evening to answer any questions.

Below is an outline of the events that you will be signposted to during the evening.

Events	Venue
Start of evening 4:00pm	
Talk 1: Hall 4:30pm – 5:00pm	
Talk 2: Hall 6:00pm – 6:30pm	
Allocated appointments	Core (English, Maths, Science): Gym Options: (all other subjects): Sports Hall
Option to attend Options Fair in between Parents' Evening appointments	Canteen Please feel free to join before, after or in between your appointments
End of evening 6.45pm	

Please ensure you attend at least **ONE** talk during the evening so that you are fully informed and, when you have free time between appointments, please feel free to explore the Options Fair where we will have further information and resources regarding each Options subject.

We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 12th Feb 2026 for Options Fair and parents' Evening** and by working together, we can help you and your child make informed decisions about their future so they Make Manchester Magic.

Best wishes,

Ms S Trivedi

Ms S Trivedi Assistant Vice Principal Year 9

Important notes for you and your child:

Option booklet and option form on Tuesday 10th February – Option booklet and Option form will be released via MS Teams channel. Booklet will also be distributed to students.

Subject fair and options evening on Thursday 12th February - Students and parents attend an options fair where they have an opportunity to meet the subject leads to discuss what the subject entails.

Taster days from 23rd February – 27th February – Students will have the opportunity to attend GCSE lessons of their choice before they finalise the choices on the option forms.

Deadline for Option form on Monday 2nd March - final deadline for completed forms to be submitted.

A polite reminder that, no holidays will be authorised during term time over the next two years. key assessments, mock examinations and coursework take place throughout the two-year course. any significant time away from school is likely to impact on final GCSE grades.



Principal: James Eldon

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