



March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to invite you to our Year 9 Options Evening, which will be held on **Wednesday 15 April 2026** between **4.30pm and 6:30pm**.

This is a general options evening for students in Year 9 and is a chance for you and your child to speak to staff about the options on offer next year so that we can support you and your child in making the right choices.

There will be a series of stands manned by subject teachers and they can talk to you about the exciting opportunities available in their subject areas. Our careers advisor will be attending to support students with a careers' exhibition, with representatives from various colleges and further education providers also joining us in school, which will give you and your child an opportunity to finding out about entry requirements for future study and careers.

In response to parent feedback, the options booklet will be available online from Friday 27 March 2026 and a link to this will be sent to you by email. This will give you time to look through the options booklet with your child prior to attending the event. You will receive details on how to access the online options booking system on the evening. We will also send you a link to complete a career aspirations survey with your child after the options evening. This will give us an insight into their potential future plans so that we can ensure that, not only do their options choices support this, but we can also plan future careers experiences for the year group based on their responses.

The online options process opens to all students on Thursday 16 April 2026 and closes on Wednesday 22 April 2026. You will be provided with a letter containing the web code at the options evening and an online link will be provided to your child, along with another copy of the code, by their Form Tutors. This will allow you to log in to their personalised account and make their option choices with them.

If your child has not received their web code by Friday 17 April 2026, please email info@appletonacademy.co.uk and we will provide this for you via email.

If you or your child remain unsure about the process, or which options to choose after the Options Evening, please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Yours faithfully

Miss Derrington
Deputy Headteacher