

14th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

In January each year we commence the Year 9 option process through form time, lessons, and culminating in an options launch, where students select some of their subjects to study in Years 10 and 11. This year Options Evening is on **Thursday 29th January from 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm.**

Key sources of information that are available for this are listed below:

- If a subject is studied in Year 9 and is also available at Key Stage 4 the course content is being discussed as part of Year 9 lessons.
- If a subject is not studied at Year 9, but is available at Key Stage 4, the course content is being shared via assemblies.
- We have the upcoming Year 9 Parents Evening on **Thursday 22nd January**, where staff may discuss Key Stage 4 as part of the conversation.
- Detailed information for all subject areas, as well as the options process is provided in an Options Booklet for students and parents/carers to read through and discuss. This is in electronic document on the school website.
- During the Options Evening presentation I will outline the rationale behind our curriculum offer, the options process, as well as timescales for the rest of this academic year. All subject areas will also have information stands to allow students to find out more and ask questions.

Once students and their families have reviewed all of this information, then the paper copy of this year's Options Form should be completed and returned to Reception at school. The deadline for handing forms in is **Wednesday 25th February 2026**. Although it is not a first come first served system, it is important that forms are submitted by this date so that timetabling and grouping can be allocated.

You will have received this letter in electronic form with a link to the school website area which is:

[Farlingaye High School - Year 9 Options Information](#)

If, after reviewing the Booklet and after Options Evening, your Year 9 student needs further support and guidance please email me directly at lgilmour@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Gilmour
Deputy Headteacher

Nine for Year 9



Please look after this sheet. Get it signed off by relevant teachers to help you complete "Nine for Year 9".

Achievement	Completed - Signed	Date
1. 50 Achievement Points		
2. 100 Achievement Points		
3. Representing the school in sport, music, drama, green council, open evening, Teen Tech, etc.		
4. Representing your form group. This could be, year council, sports day, etc.		
5. Attending a school club regularly (at least for a full half term).		
6. Having over 95% Attendance		
7. Having over 95% punctuality record		
8. One or fewer Stage 3's		
9. More Achievement Points than Behaviour Points		
10. Headteacher's Award from a Report.		
11. Volunteering inside or outside of school (Eg Recycling, Teaching in a primary school, etc)		
12. Special Achievement - Inside or Outside of school. See Mr Brooks to get it signed.		