



Year 8 GCSE Options Timeline 2026

Date	Activity
Wednesday 21st January	Options Assembly with Year 8, explaining the process and information about the Options fair
Thursday 22nd January	Options Fair 5pm – 6.30pm (Eliot Building) Students and parents can meet teachers and leaders of each option subject to ask questions
January to March	Taster/Information sessions. Some subjects you haven't had the chance to study yet will run sessions during other lessons to give you a flavour of what they are like.
Tuesday 3rd February	Options Straw Poll This is made at this time so we have opportunity to start building the option blocks and ensure we have the staff in place to deliver the option curriculum next year. This does not affect your final choices.
Tuesday 10th February	Straw Poll Closes
Friday 20th March	Option submission process opens. Login information will have been sent to students in advance
Friday 27th March	Options submission process closes
Monday 13th April	Choices processing We will begin to process choices and have individual conversations where necessary.
April/May	Timetabling takes place Email confirmation of choices prior to May half term.