



# St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 9 Options

This week, you will be sent information pertaining to the pathway that you child has been allocated. As a reminder, the pathways available are:

Pathway S: Ebacc pathway including Language and Separate Sciences

Pathway T: Ebacc pathway including Language and Combined Science

Pathway R: Ebacc pathway with Combined Science (without a Language)

There may be exceptions to the pathways above for a small number of students. For instance, a student may be allocated pathway R but also selected for Separate Sciences, therefore they will be an S/R pathway student.

There will also be a small number of students within pathway R, for whom we will be in touch after half term. This is to ensure that students are able to excel in the core curriculum as well as provide advice as to the options which may be best for them within a personalised pathway. Whilst the deadline for completion is 19<sup>th</sup> February, for those personalised pathway students, we will review their selected options following further discussion.

For your reference, the website has been updated with our options presentation. You may access the link, [here](#).

Should you have any requests regarding the options, please do complete the 'additional information' box available on the options form. For instance, should a student wish to be considered for Engineering or Computer Science (those in Pathway S or T), the request may be logged via this box.

Please note, whilst some students have been invited to study Separate Sciences, we would like to refine this selection following the next assessment data. Students will have a formal summative assessment, during



the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> April. The results for this assessment window will be collated in school and issued to parents during the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> June. At this time, we will review our selection of Separate Science students to ensure that it is the best pathway for students to 'let their light shine'.

To prepare students, they have all been introduced to the options process during an assembly which included details of our Aspire programme (lead teacher: Mrs Harrison) and our Careers programme (lead teacher: Mr Green). Students also had access to our options fair and careers fair last week, to find out more information about the different subjects at Key Stage 4 and how they may progress into Key Stage 5, as well as the potential careers to which subjects may link.

Should you have any specific queries relating to 'options' then please use the bespoke email address of [str-options@str.bwcet.com](mailto:options@str.bwcet.com). This email address will be checked daily during working hours, however, please note, that this email address is not specifically managed at all times during working hours.

For any other school-related queries, please do contact the school's main reception for the attention of your child's Head of House, in the first instance:

<b>St Cuthbert, Durham</b>	<b>St Godric, Finchale</b>	<b>St Aidan, Lindisfarne</b>	<b>St Hilda, Whitby</b>
<b>Mr Hurst</b>	<b>Mrs Mansueto</b>	<b>Mrs Duncan</b>	<b>Mr Thompson</b>
and	and	and	and
Mrs Williams	Mr Hall	Mr Watson	Miss Cairns

Yours faithfully,



**Mrs M Salmon**  
**Senior Assistant Headteacher**

**Mr D Mitchell**  
**Extended Leadership Team**

