

Dear Parent/Carer

Please find below guidance to support the year 8 into 9 options process.

You will receive a Parentmail with a link taking you to the online options form. The deadline to complete the form is **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June**.

How to complete the online form:

1. Follow the link in your Parentmail
2. Please leave a parent's/carer's email in case we need to contact you about the options selected
3. Insert the student's first and surname
4. Select their tutor group
5. Creative Option 1 – select the first and second preference from the subjects available in this option
6. Creative Option 2 – select the first and second preference from the subjects available in this option
7. Language Option – select the preferred language based on the student's current language pathway.  
If your child is not currently studying a Modern Foreign Language, please select the SEND workshop option.

### The Creative Option

There are two creative choice sections as you are choosing two creative subjects to continue next year. There is no difference in the importance of the two choice sections. Popular subjects are in both sections so we can offer these to more students. They are the same subject so it doesn't matter in which choice selection you choose this subject.

You cannot select a subject more than once as you cannot take a subject twice. Equally, the same applies for your 2nd preference. We need to know what your true preferences are in case we are unable to offer you your 1st preference. You should therefore select **four different creative subjects** you would be willing to take.

An example:

William would really like to take Art and Food next year but wouldn't mind taking Drama or Sport & Fitness if he could not have his first preferences. Therefore he has selected:

Choice 1, 1st preference: Art

Choice 1, 2nd preference: Drama

Choice 2, 1st preference: Food

Choice 2, 2nd preference: Sport & Fitness

We hope to provide students with their first choices where staffing and numbers allow.

### The Language Option

Students should select their language option based on their current language pathway. For students currently studying French and Spanish, students should select their preferred language. For those students currently studying French only, students should select French. If – given exceptional circumstances – a student currently studying French only wants to select Spanish, a request will need to be made in writing to Mrs Mirfield-Guise or Miss Rickard for consideration. Their contact details are below. Students who do not currently study a language will continue with their SEND workshop and will need to select this option.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact:

Newport Pagnell students: Mrs N Mirfield-Guise [guisen@ousedale.org.uk](mailto:guisen@ousedale.org.uk)

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