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Year 9 Autumn 1 Grade Update and Pathways information

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following parent and carer feedback we are pleased to let you know that we will be providing a Grade Update on your child(ren)'s progress at the start of each half term, the Grade Update reports will be available for you to view on Go4Schools. The Grade Update reports will allow you to identify the subjects where your child's strengths lie and subjects where there are areas for development over the course of the academic year. We will continue to provide you with a written report, which will allow your child(ren)'s teachers to let you know what you child(ren) is excelling in and the areas for development that will allow them to move to the next level in each subject.

If you have any questions about your child's grade report, please contact the Head of Department/Faculty with specific subject questions or Head of Year with pastoral concerns.

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Year 9 is an especially important year in your child's journey through Church Stretton School, as it is the point where they transition between KS3 and KS4. This is an exciting time for students as they can choose four subjects to continue studying, alongside English, maths and science, as part of their GCSE studies. The school website [here](#) has information about the Pathways process, each subject and the links to two websites that offer lots of useful career's advice and forward planning activities to help students decide. The options we offer may be subject to change because of the number of students who opt for each subject, staffing changes or we may choose to offer an alternative level 2 course for a subject that matches the needs of the cohort.



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Below you will find the key dates for your diary.

Key Dates 2025-26:

1. **Wednesday 10th December**, Year 9 Revision assembly and Pathways introduction
2. **W/B 15th December**, Year 9 written report published on Go4Schools
3. **W/B 19th January**, Year 9 Foundation Subject Exams (timetable attached, appendix 1)
4. **Thursday 5th March**, Pathways Evening, 5-7pm
2. **Thursday 19th March**, Progress Evening, 3:40-6:40pm
3. **Friday 20th March**, pathways final choice form sent electronically to students.
4. **Friday 27th March**, deadline for submission of options form, 9am.
5. **From 13th April onwards**, best-fit interviews and subject choices confirmed.

Please do not be daunted by this process, we will guide your son/daughter through each step offering advice, guidance, and support as required. Do start conversations at home, talking about subjects and what they hope to gain by doing them, this is an important part of the process. Please bear in mind that curriculum reforms in recent years mean that previous experiences of some practical based courses may be out of date, the emphasis is now more on the theory and application of the knowledge and less so on the practical work itself.

Kind regards,

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Appendix 1 – Year 9 Foundation Subject Exam Timetable 2025-26

Date	Period 1 9:15 – 10:15	Period 2 10:15 – 11:15	Break	Period 3 11:30 – 12:30	Lunch	Period 4 13:20 – 14:20	Period 5 14:20 – 15:20
Monday 19 th January	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Tuesday 20 th January	Music 48 mins (1hr)	Normal Lessons		Drama 48 mins (1hr)		Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Wednesday 21 st January	Spanish Writing 48 mins (1hr)	Normal Lessons		Normal Lessons		Spanish Reading 48 mins (1hr)	Normal Lessons
Thursday 22 nd January	RPE 48 mins (1hr)	Normal Lessons		History 48 mins (1hr)		Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Friday 23 rd January	Normal Lessons	Geography 48 mins (1hr)		Normal Lessons		Computer Science 48 mins (1hr)	Normal Lessons