

March 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am just getting in contact to share the stages of our KS4 (Year 10 and 11) options process for Year 9 which begins this week.

The process will start with Aspiration Day on Thursday 12th March. Students will take place in a range of options information sessions linked to Aspiration Day. Parents and students will then have further opportunities to consider options through the Year 9 Parents Evening (also on Thursday 12th March). For this evening you have had opportunity to book appointments with teachers of English, maths and science and then all other subject teachers will be by information stands linked to their KS4 courses. At these stands you will be able to ask how your child is progressing as well as learning further details about the courses on offer.

On Wednesday 18th March you will also be offered the opportunity to meet with a senior leader (virtually via Teams) to discuss your child's options choices and ask any further questions you have. Students will be given a printed copy of the options booklet on Thursday, and this can also be found on our school website.

<https://www.longdendalehighschool.org.uk/learning/year-9-options/>

There are 3 options blocks of subjects for the options process that students need to make their choices against, for every option block students must select their first choice and a reserve choice. A reminder that all students must have selected at least one of either geography, history, computer science or Spanish. Students must also not select both art and 3D design, or business and enterprise.

| Option A | Option B | Option C |
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| Geography | Geography | Geography |
| History | History | History |
| Art | Spanish | Business studies |
| Hospitality and catering | Enterprise | Computer science |
| Music | Hospitality and catering | 3D design |
| Religious studies | Sport | Drama |
| Sport | Dance | Dance |
| | Information technology | |

The options form will be an electronic form to complete via Microsoft forms. The deadline for completing the form is Friday 20th March at 3pm. All options requested by students will be looked at after this date, no forms will be looked at before this date. Any students submitting their form late will have their options looked at after other students have had their options assigned. If at any time you have any questions or queries, please get in touch via options@lhs.spt.ac.uk,

Kind regards
Mrs Ayre
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