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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Pathways

As your child is currently in Year 9, they will soon be making decisions about the subjects they wish to study in Key Stage 4 in Years 10 and 11.

All information about the Year 9 Pathways process will be delivered in a presentation to pupils in school on Monday 19th February. Pupils will also receive a booklet at the end of this presentation to take home to read and discuss with you.

Pupils will be experiencing taster lessons in subject areas during that week to help them with their decision. **In addition, we will be hosting a Pathways Parent Information evening on Thursday 29th February from 4.30pm to 7.30pm.** During this time, you are invited in to school to hear a presentation about the Pathways process at 4.30pm and then you will have an opportunity to visit various subject areas to gain a better understanding about each subject.

If you wish to attend this information evening on the 29th February, please complete the Microsoft Form via the link below by Tuesday 27th February. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/PMuiXM9A6P>

We will be using the SIMS Parent app for you to finalise your subject choices. Please find attached a SIMS Parent user guide.

Should you require any further information, please contact Mr Chauhan, Deputy Headteacher on 02476 757300.

Yours faithfully

Mr I Smith
Headteacher



SIMS PARENT APP

A Guide in using SIMS Parent to choose your Year 9 Subjects

Please read this guide to help you make your Year 9 subject choices through SIMS Parent app.

You will be able to make your subject choices on SIMS Parent from **Friday 1st March**.

The deadline to make your choices is **Friday 8th March**.

If you do not have a SIMS Parent account, please email Mr Chauhan at jchauhan@etonecollege.co.uk who will help set up your account.

Details regarding SIMS Parent are on the school website.

<https://www.etonecollege.co.uk/parent-app/>

There are two ways to access SIMS Parent.

1. SIMS Parent App

Using your smartphone or tablet, the app can be downloaded from the Google Play store or Apple App store.



2. SIMS Parent Website

<https://www.sims-parent.co.uk>

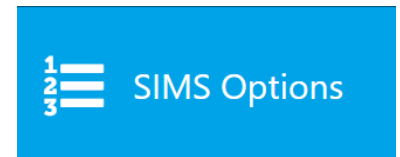
You can then login using your normal Facebook, Twitter, Google or Microsoft username and password.

Once you have logged in you will have access to your child's key information

- your child's attendance
- your child's conduct points
- your child's school report
- your child's homework
- key information about the school such as term dates and upcoming events
- the ability to choose your child's subjects for Key Stage Four

SIMS Options

From **Friday 1st March**, Year 9 parents/carers will be able to use the *SIMS Option* button to select their subject choices.

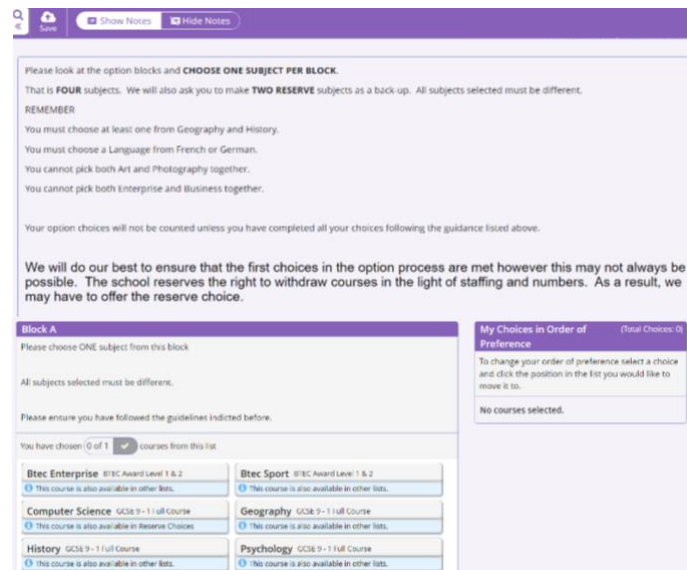


Please read the instruction notes before making your final decisions.

Once you are ready, please click on the subject, where it will turn *blue* to signify your choice.

Continue choosing all your subject choices including your reserve subjects.

Please note that your subject choices will not be counted unless you have completed **ALL** of your choices including the reserves.



Once you have made all your choices, please check them including your reserve subjects.

When you are ready to submit your response, please fill in the optional comment box and tick the Parent/Carer Approval box.



A form section titled 'Parent/Carer Approval'. It contains a checkbox labeled 'Parent/Carer Approval' which is currently unchecked. Below the checkbox is a large, empty text area for providing a comment.

Finally click the SAVE icon in the *top left*.



The deadline to make your subject choices is **Friday 8th March**.

We will announce the final choices in the summer term.

Troubleshooting

If you see a blank blue screen when you click the *SIMS Option* button, try to restart your device initially alternatively reinstall the app.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Chauhan.