

WELCOME TO YEAR 9

PARTNERSHIP EVENING

2025 / 2026





ST PETER'S MISSION

Being Christ to All

Means treating everyone in our community with love, respect, kindness. Treating others as you want to be treated.





YEAR 9 VISION FOR THIS YEAR

Our motto "Options to Opportunities" reflects our commitment to helping each student:

Explore strengths and interests

Choose subjects with purpose

Every option leads to success

Confidence in their learning path

Options unlock opportunities





TURNING CHALLENGES INTO GROWTH

1.

Make mistakes...
deliberately and
use them as
opportunities to
learn!

2.

Bounce back better!

3.

High expectations =
high effort and
opens doors down
the line.



YEAR 9 PASTORAL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

AUTUMN 1: STEPPING UP

1. How have I changed?
2. What will I do differently?
3. Careers – Choosing your Options
4. How can I help?
5. Role models to others.
6. Trust in Others
7. Careers
8. Leaders

SPRING 1: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

1. Future Self
2. How did you get your career
3. Money Management
4. Careers – Choosing Options
5. Courage
6. Past careers of the famous (computer room)

SUMMER 1: SOCIAL LIFE

1. Social Awareness
2. Temptations
3. Careers: CV 1 / ‘Acting your age’
4. Friends and “good ideas”
5. Careers: CV 2 / ‘Vaping and snuss’
6. Alcohol is ‘fun’

AUTUMN 2: SELF-IMPROVEMENT

1. Careers: Networking & Maturing
2. Careers: HE Assembly
3. School Concerns
4. Bodies do change
5. Positive mindset on body & soul
6. Careers: Informed Choices
7. Reflection on term 1

SPRING 2: PRESENT YOURSELF

1. Hard work
2. Careers: Getting Paid
3. Personal Appearance
4. How do you want to be remembered?
5. Careers: Equality & Diversity at Work
6. Follower or Leader?

SUMMER 2: MENTALLY READY

1. Organisational skills
2. Anxious vs. anxiety
3. Careers: CV 3
4. Building resilience
5. Test week
6. Careers: Compass Quiz
7. Taking a step back



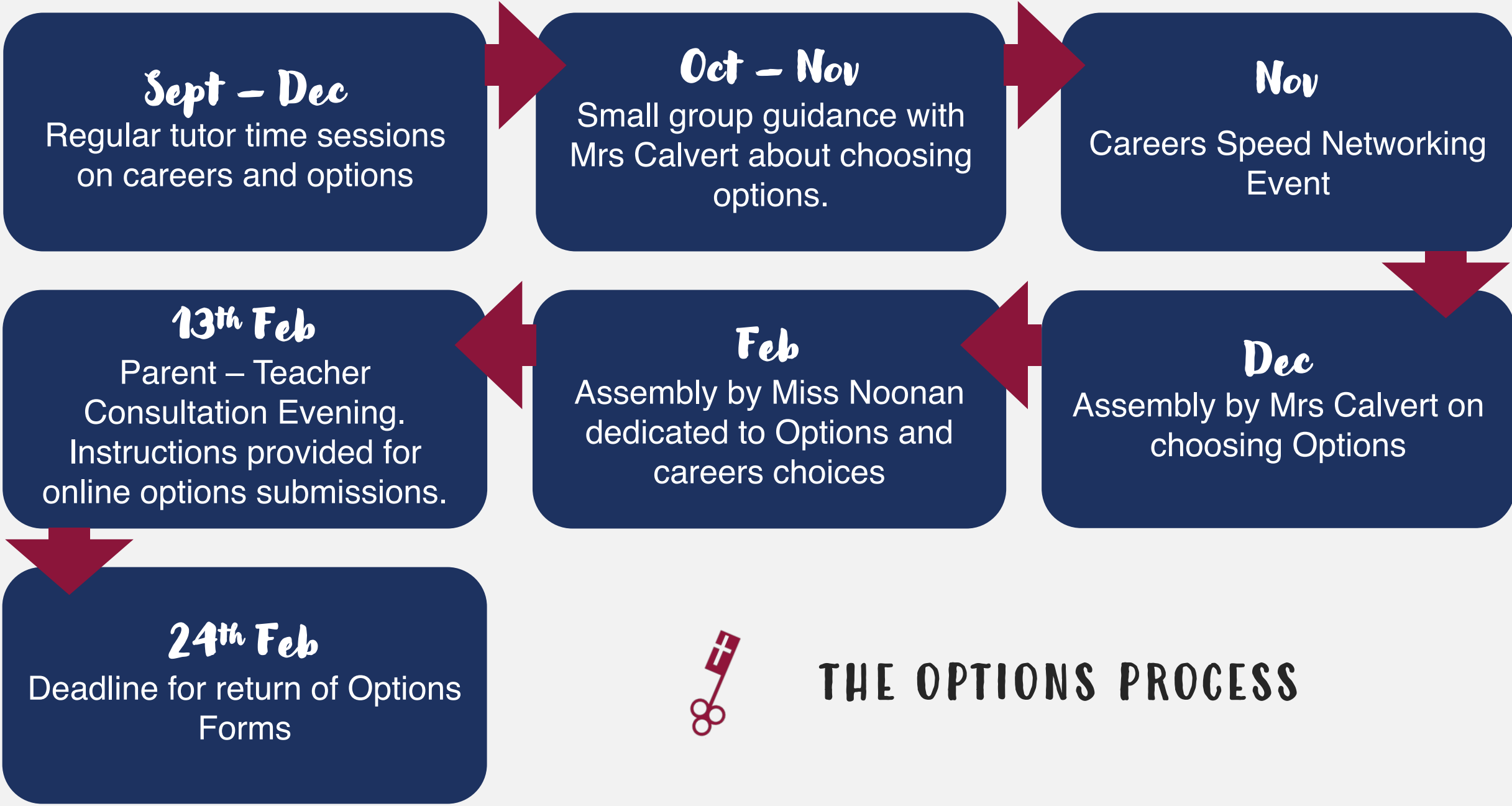
SCHOOL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Arbor – the one stop shop

How to use it as a parent:

- View your child's timetable
- Check attendance
- Track behaviour and achievements
- Access academic
- Update contact details
- Receive school communications
- Arbor Parent Portal (website): Log in through any web browser.
- Arbor Parent App: Free to download from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
- Go4Schools is no longer used by St Peter's it has been replaced with Arbor.





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CORE SUBJECTS

that everyone studies:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Combined Science OR Triple Science (based on attainment)
- Religious Education
- Core PE (no qualification)



OPTION SUBJECTS

Pick three & reserve:

- History
- Geography
- French
- Spanish
- Physical Education
- Design Technology (5 choices)
- Computer Science
- Art
- Drama
- Music
- Business Studies
- Business Enterprise & Marketing
- Health & Social Care



THE OPTIONS PROCESS

- In Year 11, students may sit 9 or 10 GCSE subjects (depending on whether they do Combined Science, which gives them 2 GCSE grades, **or** separate Triple Science, which would give them 3 GCSE grades in Physics, Biology and Chemistry).
- Over the course of Year 9, we work with all students to help guide them toward making 3 subject choices so they can specialise in their favoured subjects.
- Students should choose the subject – NOT the teacher!



THE OPTIONS PROCESS

TOP TIPS!

Every lesson matters!

Speak positively about all subjects

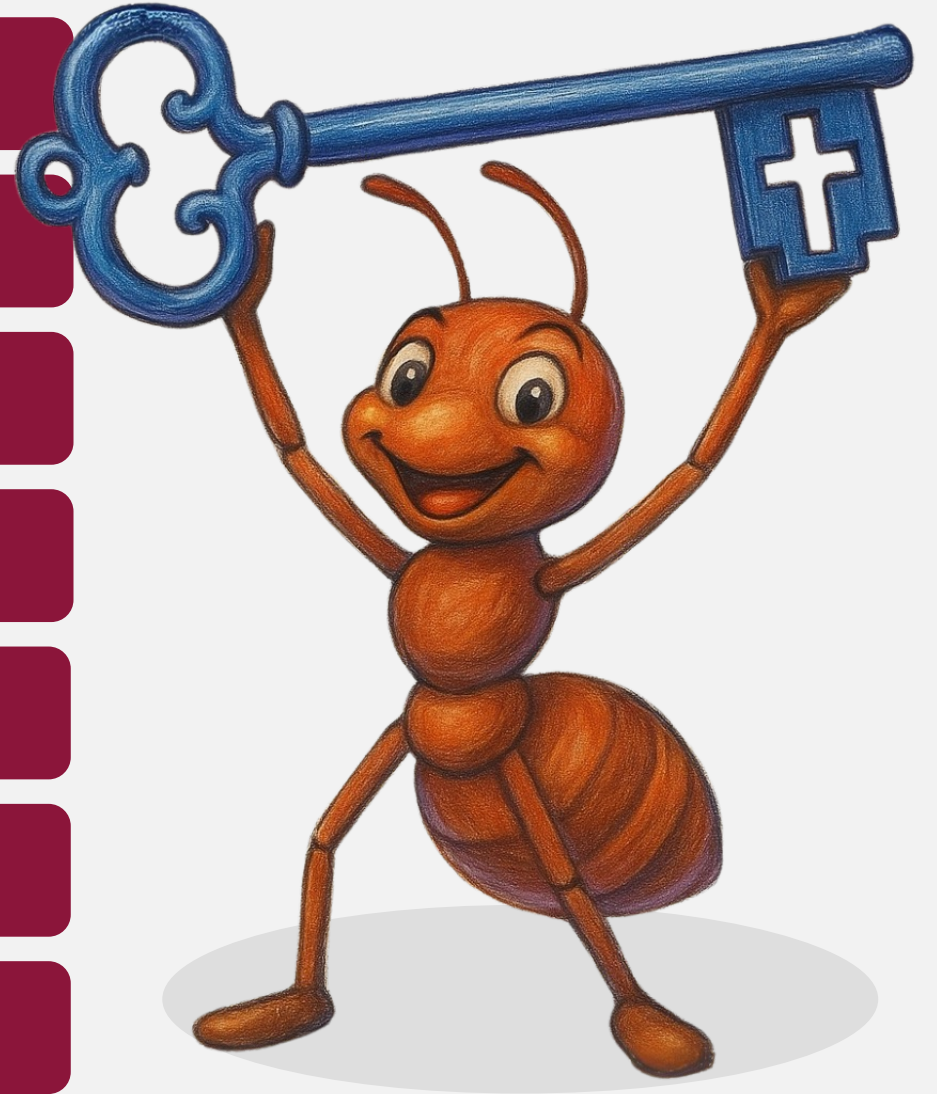
Show interest in their learning

Celebrate effort and resilience

Stay organised and prepared

Value all skills – creative & academic

Support their journey toward the future





KEY DATES

Term 1

22-09 Online Safety Day

08-10 Parents Online Safety Evening

16-10 Open Evening

17-10 INSET day (School closed)

20-10 Speed Networking Event (Careers)

Half-Term

14-11 INSET day (School closed)

22-11 Christmas Fayre

26-11 & 27-11 Christmas Concert

02-12 St Francis Xavier day (School Closed)

19-12 Progress reports 1 & Christmas holidays begin.

Term 2

19-01 INSET day (School closed)

22-01 Citizenship Day 1

04-02 Vaccinations

12-02 Parents Evening – in person

Half-Term

13-03 INSET day (School closed)

25-03 & 26-03 Spring Concert

27-03 Progress reports 2 & Easter Holidays

Term 3

04-05 Bank Holiday Monday (School closed)

Half-Term

03-06 Malaga trip (Spanish)

08-06 Reflection Day (Population A)

09-06 Reflection Day (Pop B)

25-06 Sports Day

26-06 Feast Day

01-07 until 03-07 Test Week

09-07 Battle of the Bands

17-07 Progress reports 3 & summer holidays begin.



KEY TAKEAWAY



1. Strong Foundations for GCSE Success

Year 9 is a crucial year for building the habits, skills, and confidence students need to thrive in Key Stage 4.

2. Partnership Matters

Your support at home makes a real difference. Regular communication, encouragement, and shared expectations help us work together to support your child's academic and personal development.

3. Routines and Habits matter

Get a kickstart with those good routines you embedded last year – bedtime, screen time and homework time.