

May 2026

Dear Families,

Year 9 Humanities Options Choices

As you will be aware, students at Dixons McMillan study both History and Geography in Year 9. The aim for this is so that students get an awareness and understanding of studying both subjects at GCSE level before making an informed choice at the end of Year 9 as to which to continue through to their exam years.

The time has now come for Year 9 to make the decision as to which subject – History or Geography – they wish to continue with. Once your child has made their decision, they will drop the other subject from the start of Year 10 and only pursue the subject they have chosen through to examinations in Year 11 and receiving a qualification.

Your child has had an assembly this week detailing the exam specifications and curriculum content for both GCSE History and GCSE Geography. This is also available on our website at www.dixonsma.com/why/curriculum. The exam specifications studied are:

- **GCSE History:** OCR GCSE History B (Schools History Project) – J411 across five units (Viking Expansion, The Norman Conquest, Migrants to Britain, Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal, Living under Nazi Rule)
- **GCSE Geography:** AQA GCSE Geography – 8035 across four units (Living with the physical environment, Challenges in the human environment, Geographical applications, Geographical skills)

After discussing with your child, please could you indicate below which subject your child wishes to pursue in their GCSE studies. Places will be allocated based on your child's preference within timetabling constraints. **Please ask your child to return this to the box at the Student Support office by Friday 15 May 2026.**

Yours faithfully,



Mr D Gilderoy
Head of Humanities
Head of Religious Studies



Mr P Conboy
Assistant Head of Humanities
Head of Geography



Mr A Conlon
Vice Principal
Head of History

Please detach reply slip below:

Year 9 Humanities Options

Please ask your child to place in the box at Student Support by **Friday 15 May 2026**

Student's full name: _____ Advisory: _____

Please tick below which Humanities subject your child wishes to pursue further into Year 10 and Year 11 and to ultimately gain a GCSE qualification in:

GCSE History

GCSE Geography

Signed: _____ (Parent / Guardian) Date: _____

