



17th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 9 GCSE Options Letter

We are about to begin the Year 9 GCSE Options process and would like to provide you with advance notice of the key dates to add to your diary.

On **Wednesday, 26th February**, from **4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**, we will be holding a combined Options Evening and Parents' Evening for Year 9 students and their parents/carers.

You will be required to make an appointment with Maths, English, Science Geography and History only. If your child has an SEN need the team will be available to talk through suitable option choices. All other time will be spent visiting the options stands which will be manned by specialist staff and attending a talk in the Hall by Mrs Tasker, Deputy Headteacher, outlining the Options process. This talk will be held at **4:15 pm**, repeated at **5:15 pm**, and again at **6:15 pm**.

Additionally, Mr Gerrard Year 9 Progress Leader, will be available to provide guidance on supporting your child in choosing their options. Mrs Kerr, our Careers Adviser, will also be present to offer advice on how specific option choices can affect future career pathways.

Before attending the combined GCSE Options & Parents' Evening Year 9 students will take part in a variety of activities in tutor time and will attend assemblies targeted at supporting them with making the correct choices. Once selected they will also be supported and guided to make sure these options choices are the most appropriate. This means they may be subject to change.

We will publish detailed information about the subjects on offer, the process and the selection form on the school website in the next few weeks. We kindly ask you to review and read this information before attending. This information will help support you and your child to choose the most appropriate options subjects for their career pathway.

Other key date to note:

- **Monday, 3rd March** – Deadline for completing Options choices via Microsoft Forms.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at the event and helping your child make confident and informed decisions about their next steps.

Yours sincerely

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