



Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 Options Evening, Thursday 1st February

I am writing to invite you to the Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday 1st February. This is a very important part of the options process, during which your child will be selecting the subjects to be studied for the next two years. The evening will include an overview presentation on the Year 9 Options Process and how choosing the right GCSEs now can influence your child's choices at post -16 and beyond. The presentation will start promptly in the main hall at 5pm, with a repeat presentation at 6pm.

The evening will give you and your child the opportunity to speak with curriculum and subject leaders to find out more about each course. You can also speak with experienced senior leaders who can provide advice to support your child's choices.

It is our intent to help all students make well-judged, informed choices about the optional subjects they choose to continue to study. An 'Options Information Booklet' will be given to all Year 9 students. It will provide information about each course offered and the time scale for the Options process. These booklets will also be available to you online through the school website and prior to the Options evening itself on Thursday 1st February.

When your child has decided on their subject choices, you will need to complete the 'Your Choices Form'. This should be returned to your child's Form Tutor no later than **Thursday 8th February 2024**.

Please note that whilst we endeavour to ensure students will study either their first or second choices in the Options blocks, we cannot guarantee this. We will work hard to make sure all students are studying appropriate courses. Option choices will not be finalised with students until the summer term. We will write to you formally to communicate your child's Year 10 options.

We thank you for your continued support and your child's achievement leader, Mr Abebreseh, their teachers, members of the senior leadership team and I look forward to seeing you on Thursday 1 February.

Yours faithfully,

Judith Blunden
Deputy Headteacher – Raising Standards