

Dear Parent / Carer,

7th March 2022

Year 9 Options

We are at the time of the year when we ask students in Year 9 to think about and choose their subject choices for Key Stage 4 (Year 10 & 11).

This year we will have a dedicated **Options Event on Thursday 24th March (4:30pm to 6:30pm)** where you can come along with your child to talk to subjects and ask questions. This is a really valuable opportunity for students and their families to talk to subject teachers, talk to current students, look at what careers the subject can offer and see work completed in the subject.

This week we will also launch our **Year 9 Options Webpage**. This proved really popular last year when we had to make Year 9 a virtual options event. We are keeping and updating the webpage for this year - it contains information, advice and resources for you to read and use with your child:

- Subject information - what will be studied and how it will be assessed (exams)
- Presentations and videos from teachers talking about their subject
- Careers Week (week beginning March 14th)
- Facilities for students and parents to ask questions you may have
- Form time activities for options

In addition we will also be holding **Subject Taster Sessions on Monday 21st March (3:00pm to 5:00pm)** for students to experience the subjects that are new to them and which are part of their options - these are Business, Health & Social Care, Psychology and Sociology. This is for all students and is **not optional** - we want to make sure every student has this opportunity - so please make a note of the later finish this day.

In short, there will be lots of information and opportunities for you or your child to ask questions and make the best option choices. We want students to be able to make an informed choice and also that every student chooses the right options for them.

This process will start this week with the launch of the Year 9 Options web page. I will send all parents / carers a link to this when it is published.

If, in the meantime, you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Ms Ranasinghe, Mr Jenkins, or myself.

Regards



Mr Hart
Deputy Headteacher

Year 9 Options Timeline

Week Commencing	Activity
7th March	Launch of Year 9 Options website Information in lessons about choices
14th March	Year 9 Careers Week Information in lessons about choices Updates to Year 9 Options website
21st March	Monday 21st March 3:00pm - 5:00pm Taster Sessions (all students) Thursday 24th March 4:30pm - 6:30pm Year 9 Options Event at Ealing Road Friday 25th March Year 9 Option available to students (online form)
28th March	All Option forms completed by Thursday 31st March

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