

Dear Parent / Carer,

2nd February 2023

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 Tuesday 14th March**, 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. Parents/carers of students in 9K, 9L, 9N, 9P, 9Q and 9R are invited to attend the first session (**4:30 PM - 5:30 PM**) and Parents/carers of students in 9S, 9T, 9V, 9W, 9X and 9Y are invited to attend the second session (**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**). A register will be taken on entry for health and safety purposes.

Next week we will also launch our **Year 9 Options Webpage**. This is an invaluable source, with all the key information about the process. It contains information, advice and resources for you to read and use with your child. I will send all parents/carers a link to this when it is published.

- 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 13th March)
- Facilities for students and parents to ask questions you may have
- Form time activities for options

The webpage is being continually updated, so please do keep visiting!

In addition we will also have **Subject Specific Assemblies from Friday 3rd February** for students to learn about the subjects that are new to them and which are part of their options - these are Business, Health & Social Care, Product Design, Psychology and Sociology.

Finally, 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.

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

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Ryan
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Year 9 Options Timeline

Week Commencing	Activity
27th February	Information, advice and guidance during form time Year 9 Parents Evening (Wednesday 1st March)
6th March	Information, advice and guidance in lessons Updates to Year 9 Options website
13th March	Year 9 Options Fair (Tuesday 14th March 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM) Year 9 Careers Week Information, advice and guidance linked to careers Year 9 Option Choices form open on Student Portal (Wednesday 15th March, at 7AM)
20th March	Deadline for Year 9 Option Choices to be submitted on Student Portal (Wednesday 22nd March)