

Dear Parent / Carer,

March 2024

RE: Year 9 Options

Year 9 are currently in the process of gaining information, advice and guidance about the options they will be choosing to study in Year 10. As part of this, we are excited to invite you to our dedicated **Year 9 Options Event on Thursday 14th March, at Ealing Road**, where you can come along with your child to discuss subjects and ask questions. This is a really valuable opportunity for students and their families to talk to subject teachers, look at what careers the subject can offer and see work completed in the subject.

Parents/carers and 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 and 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.

Please do ensure your child is dressed in **full school uniform** and arrives with you at the beginning of the allocated time slot. Entry will not be permitted if full school uniform is not worn and/or arrival is not at the beginning of the allocated time slot.

On Friday 15th March, the option form will be live and available via the [Student Portal](#). Students should already be familiar with this. As outlined in the [Year 9 Options Booklet - Make an Informed Choice](#), choices are primarily awarded on a first come first served basis, so it is vital that students are able to access the portal. You will be able to view the choices on [MCAS](#), but will not be able to make any changes.

PLEASE CONTACT US AS A MATTER OF URGENCY IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO STUDENT PORTAL/MCAS.

The [Year 9 Options Webpage](#) is an invaluable source, with all the key information about the process. It contains information, advice and guidance for you to read and use with your child. Please do access the website and discuss the following 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

We want students to be able to make an informed choice. We also want every student to choose the right options for them. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Gibbs, Ms Fretwell, Ms Cathcart, or myself.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Ryan
Assistant Headteacher - KS3 Lead

Year 9 Options Timeline

Week Commencing	Activity
26th February	Information, advice and guidance during form time Year 9 Parents Evening (Thursday 29th February)
4th March	Information, advice and guidance in lessons Updates to Year 9 Options website
11th March	Year 9 Options Fair (Thursday 14th March 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM) Information, advice and guidance linked to careers Year 9 Option Choices form open on Student Portal (Friday 15th March)
18th March	Deadline for Year 9 Option Choices to be submitted on Student Portal (Thursday 21st March)



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