



10 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

GCSE Options for Year 10 - 2025

We will soon be at the time in Year 9 when your child needs to start thinking about and planning for GCSE options in September 2025. Although many courses will begin some GCSE teaching this year, students select their option subjects during the Spring Term in preparation for September 2025.

This letter outlines below what to expect after the Christmas break to support you and your child with this process:

Support for choosing GCSE options

- **Options Information Evening** - We will be holding an information evening for parents on Thursday 9th January at 5.30pm. This will take you through the whole option process.
- **Option Booklets** - Students will be provided with an option booklet following their options assembly with details on how to choose their options and information about each subject we offer. *Please note that although we aim to run all the options in this booklet that may not be possible if numbers are low or staffing levels change.*
- **Online Option form** - We will be asking students to complete their option choices on a google form which will be sent to the student. This will be done in school and you will find a paper copy of this form in the Option booklet so that you and your child can discuss the different choices and complete the form ready for adding this information electronically in school.
- **Option assemblies** - Throughout January and early February, students will have assemblies about the option process and individual subject assemblies so that they are able to make more informed choices about their options.
- **Student support** - Students will be supported in their life skills lessons, where they will have time to reflect on their skills and future career ideas to help them make suitable option choices. They will also be supported by their subject teachers and tutors.
- **One to one interviews / support** - Although we don't run these for all students we are happy to provide them for any student / parent who would like one. There will be the opportunity to talk to the Careers Advisor or a member of the senior leadership team.

All option forms will need to be **completed by Friday 7th March 2024**.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy Christmas, we hope you have all had a good break.

Yours sincerely

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