



Thursday 11th January 2024

### Key Stage 4 (GCSE) Options 2024-2026

Dear Year 9 Parents, Carers and Students,

This term, Year 9 students will choose their Key Stage 4 (GCSE) subjects. There will be lots of advice available but it's also a time when students and parents can do some research so that decisions are made with the right information. Both GCSEs and A Levels have undergone quite fundamental changes in recent years and we will make sure that everyone is briefed on how to make informed choices.

Here are the key dates:

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| <b>Thursday 1 February</b>       | <b>Year 9 Consultation Evening</b><br><i>Conversations will be mainly focused on the progress being made.</i>  |
| <b>February before Half Term</b> | <b>Year 10 students will visit Year 9 tutor groups</b><br><i>A selection of Year 10 students will visit Year 9 during tutor time to share their advice.</i>  |
| <b>Wednesday 21 February</b>     | <b>Information Evening for Parents and Students, 6.30 pm</b><br><i>Parents will be met and greeted by the form tutors. Information will be shared with parents and students, this will be presented by Mrs Wilkes. There will be a digital options information booklet. After reading this information, students will be in a position to do some research and start making decisions.</i> |
| <b>Monday 26 February</b>        | <b>Options Fair at lunch time for Year 9 students.</b><br><i>Teachers and students from option subjects will be available in the main hall offering further information and Q&amp;A.</i>   |
| <b>Friday 1 March</b>            | <b>Year 9 Q&amp;A assembly</b><br><i>A chance for students to ask questions about option choices. The process of completing the options form will also be explained.</i>   |

**Online Options Form opens, 4pm**



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**Monday 11 March**

**Option Forms submitted online by 6pm at the latest**

**March-May**

**Timetable construction**

*Further discussions with individual students as necessary*

**September 2024**

**Courses begin** (*some core subjects begin KS4 work in Year 9*)

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 21st February but please do not hesitate to contact either of us if you have any questions about the process in the meantime.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Wilkes  
Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum)

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Head of Year 9