



24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 9 Options Process

We are delighted to begin the exciting journey of supporting our Year 9 students as they select the courses they wish to study in Years 10 and 11. This is a significant milestone in their educational journey, and we are committed to ensuring that students feel well-informed and supported throughout the process.

Today, students attended their first introductory assembly, during which we outlined the timeline, explained the steps involved in making their choices, and introduced some of the new subjects they may wish to consider for their Key Stage 4 studies. This marks the start of a carefully designed programme to guide them in making informed decisions.

To help families navigate this process, we have attached an options booklet. This booklet contains all the relevant information, including the timeline, details of the process and parameters for student choices, and comprehensive information about each subject available. We encourage you to review this booklet together with your child to begin exploring the options available.

We would like to draw your attention to three key dates:

Thursday 30th January – Year 9 Parents’ Evening: This is an essential opportunity to discuss your child’s current progress with their teachers and gain insight into their strengths and areas for development.

Thursday 13th February – Year 9 Options Fair: This event provides an opportunity to speak with Heads of Department about their subjects in greater depth and ask any questions that may help in making informed choices.

Monday 17th March – Options Submission Deadline: All options choices must be submitted by this date. Further details regarding the submission process will follow.

As outlined in the booklet, students will have access to a great deal of careers support and guidance throughout the options process. This includes access to resources, tailored advice, and opportunities to discuss their aspirations and interests with staff.

Thank you in advance for your support during this important time. We look forward to working together to help students make the very best choices for their future studies.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs L Watts

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