

10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Year 9 Options Information Evening

The **Year 9 Options Information Evening** will be held on **Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**.

Your child is approaching the end of Key Stage 3 and it is time to start the preparation for the start of Key Stage 4 in September. This period of transition is crucial and it is vital that we now work together to support them to make considered and informed choices about the subjects they will study in Years 10 and 11. The subjects studied at Key Stage 4 will directly impact on the choices available for post-16 qualifications and future employment.

On **Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 5.30pm**, there will be a brief presentation **in the hall**, summarising the various options that are available and the factors to consider when making subject choices. To inform and support parents/carers and students in making these choices, teachers will be in subject classrooms between **6.00pm and 7.00pm** to answer questions about the qualifications on offer at Key Stage 4. Students and parents will have the opportunity to discuss the content, structure and future progression for each subject.

On **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**, there is the Year 9 Progress Evening, when appointments can be made with class teachers to discuss your child's progress and ask any further questions that you may have about possible options. **It is important that both you and your child attend both evenings** so that fully informed decisions can be made about the subject choices for Key Stage 4.

Following on from the two evenings your child will make their choices online and this information will then enable us to ensure that the curriculum and timetable fulfil your child's needs. The **deadline** for the completion of the online options form is **Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**.

#### Summary of dates:

- Thursday, March, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Options Information Evening: 5.30pm – 7.00pm
- Thursday, March, 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 9 Progress Evening – Online: 3.30pm – 5.20pm and 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- Monday, March, 13<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for completion of the online options form

Please support your child during this decision-making process by attending with them to find out more information about their potential choices and where these choices might lead. We look forward to meeting with you on Thursday, March, 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5.30pm. Please complete the online form to confirm your attendance. [Microsoft Forms](#)

Yours sincerely,



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