

Tuesday 17th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Parents' and Options Evening

I am writing to invite you to two important events for your child.

Year 9 Parents' Evening, Thursday 2nd February 3.50pm-6.15pm

Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 2nd February.** This is an important evening where you will meet your child's subject teachers, who will explain and discuss their current achievement, progress, and give advice on their option choices.

We expect all students and parents to attend. Students should wear school uniform. If you cannot attend, you will need to email Ms Galvin to arrange a meeting/contact teachers. Reports will not be given to students if they attend without a parent/responsible adult.

GCSE Options Information Evening: Thursday, February 9th, from 5pm

Following this, I would also like to invite you to the launch of the GCSE Options Process on **Thursday, February 9th at 5pm**. During this presentation, you will be informed about the structure of the Key Stage 4 curriculum for next year and we will be explaining how best to select the options most appropriate for your child, including how to complete their options form. There will also be a presence from the Curriculum Leaders for all subjects and members of the Senior Leadership Team to answer questions and provide advice.

Upon your arrival to the GCSE options information evening, you will also receive the following:

- 1. An **Information Booklet** which provides you with key information and addresses the most frequently raised queries from students, parents, and carers.
- 2. A collated booklet of **Subject Information Sheets**. These provide details of the course content and assessment model for the subjects we offer at Key Stage 4. There are also suggestions for complementary subjects and potential career pathways for each subject.
- 3. A copy of the **Options Form** for the Pathway we believe your child is most suited for, based on the most recent data that we have. Full details of what these pathways mean and how they were decided can be found in the aforementioned **Information Booklet**.

All the materials listed above, along with a copy of the Options Evening presentation will also be made available on our website following the event.





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The final options for your child will be confirmed when we return after the February half-term and the Options Forms are submitted to Mr Maybury, Vice Principal – Curriculum. There will be an opportunity to meet with him or other key members of staff if you wish to discuss your child's options further or if we believe the options chosen by your child should be reviewed. These will be scheduled for early March when all forms have been returned.

We hope that these two events will provide the foundations for the important decisions that we will need to make together in build-up to your son or daughter's GCSE studies.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's head of year with any concerns or queries moving forwards.

Yours Sincerely

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Associate Vice-Principal – Achievement





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