

22nd February 2024

Dear year 9 parent/guardians,

Re- GCSE Options Information Evening: Thursday 29 February from 4.30pm - 6pm

As you are aware, your child will soon be choosing their GCSE options for the courses they will be taking during Year 10 and 11. I am therefore very excited to invite you to the launch of the GCSE Options Process on Thursday 29th February. Please note the updated start time of 4:30pm. We'll commence with a presentation that will begin promptly at this time, so please arrive a few minutes early if you can.

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:

- An **Information Booklet** which provides you with key information and addresses the most frequently raised queries from students, parents, and carers.
- 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.
- 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.

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 the 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 this event will provide the foundations for the important decisions that we will need to make together in the build-up to your child's GCSE studies.





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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or queries moving forwards.

Yours sincerely, J.Maybury

John Maybury Vice Principal





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