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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 Options and Parents Evening

We are writing to invite you, together with your child, to our Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening which takes place on **Thursday 1st February 2024** between **3.45pm until 7pm** in person at school.

At this crucial time in your child's education, it is important that we give you clear and informed guidance about the choices available to your child and how these are matched to individual needs, interests and abilities. This evening is a very important part of the options process where your child will be selecting the subjects to be studied for the next two years.

Evening arrangements

There will be a parent presentation around the Year 9 Options Process and how choosing the right subjects now could impact on your child's choices at Post-16 and beyond.

Presentations will start promptly in our Drama Hall at:

- 4.30pm until 5.00pm, and repeated at;
- 5.30pm until 6.00pm.

Please indicate via Ticketsource which presentation you plan to attend so that we can cater for numbers. **Please do not book appointments with your child's subject teacher at the time of your chosen presentation.**

Please follow the link here to select which presentation you would like to attend:

- 4.30pm until 5.00pm – [Presentation](#)
- 5.30pm until 6.00pm – [Presentation](#)

Choosing options can be an exciting time for students and we would encourage them to think carefully about the choices they make and take the opportunity to discuss these choices with subject teachers. An Options Booklet will be given to all Year 9 students during the evening. Students will be asked to take these home and go through them in detail with their parents/carers before making their choice. After the evening, we will email you a link for you to complete your child's choices for option subjects via an online survey. Your child will also be receiving assemblies regarding the Options Process during this term to further support this important decision.

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Subject appointments

During the evening you will also have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their current subject teachers via face to face appointments. Please book appointments with individual teachers via SchoolCloud <https://markrutherford.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. Appointments will be live from Wednesday 17th January at 7.00am.

In addition to your appointments, you will also find subject stands in both the Sports Hall and Activities Hall where you can speak with curriculum leaders and teachers regarding all subjects offered at Key Stage 4. Our Careers Lead Mrs Unwin will also be available on the evening to help you and your child to plan for success.

Choices will need to be selected by students no later than **Friday 23rd February 2024**; this will then allow us time to plan and arrange the timetable for the following academic year. It is our aim that students receive their preferred option choices but due to the nature of the options process we cannot guarantee this so ask for a reserve choice in each option block. Option choices will be confirmed to students in the summer term.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to welcoming you to our Options Evening.

Yours faithfully

Miss Silvestri

Mrs Spencer



Head of Year 9

Deputy Headteacher