



08 January 2025

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 **Tuesday 11th February 2025** between **3.45pm until 6.45pm** 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.

Mr Briggs and I will be delivering an overview of the Year 9 Options Process and how choosing the right subjects now can 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;
- 5.30pm until 6.00pm.

Please indicate [via Ticketsource](#) which presentation you plan to attend so that we can cater for numbers.

4.30pm – [Presentation](#)

5.30pm – [Presentation](#)

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 in the Sports Hall - please book appointments with individual teachers [via SchoolCloud](#) from Monday 20th January 2025 at 7.00am <https://markrutherford.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- Meet with staff and students of subjects to find out more about each course
- Meet our pastoral team who can provide advice to support your child's choices
- Meet our Careers Lead together with our independent Careers Advisor to help you and your child to plan for success.

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 choices. 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.

Choices will need to be selected by students no later than **Friday 7th March 2025**; 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 option choices but due to the nature of the options process we cannot guarantee this so ask for reserve choices. 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

Mr Taylor

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Head of Year 9

Mr Briggs

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Assistant Headteacher