



We Make A Difference

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

### Re: Year 9 Options Process

In Year 9 students make their GCSE option choices for the key stage 4 courses they will study in Years 10 and 11. This is the first stage in their education that they have some say in the subjects that they study. Choosing the right courses is the first step to success. We will support you and your child through this process as the decisions made now will help shape their future study and progression beyond school.

Our role is to provide a balanced curriculum with a range of recognised qualifications to enable your child to succeed in their future educational and career pathway. In addition to this, we will provide guidance on course suitability and future pathways: further study, apprenticeships, and employment.

We have already begun the process with an introductory assembly and insight into careers. Students will be issued with a courses booklet in January which gives full details of all the courses on offer. The Options Information Evening on **January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00-7:00pm** will give you and your child an opportunity to find out about specific courses and view a presentation to inform you of the process. We will operate a booking system for the presentation and will release details after Christmas.

### **Year 9 Options Process Key Dates**

<b>Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Course booklet issued to students
<b>Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00 - 7:00pm</b>	Option Information Evening
<b>Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 6:30pm</b>	Parents' evening
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Interviews to make final choices
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Deadline for parents validating the choices.

Yours faithfully



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