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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 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 4:30pm – 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>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>Courses booklet issued to students</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 4:30pm-7:00pm</b>	<b>Options Information Evening</b>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 4:00pm-6:30pm</b>	<b>Parents' evening</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>Interviews to make final choices</b>
<b>During May 2024</b>	<b>Deadline for parents validating choices.</b>

We look forward to you and your child's attendance at the evening.

Yours faithfully,



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