



6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 9 Options Evening

We are delighted to invite you to our Year 9 options evening, on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025. This event is face-to-face in the halls block.

- **Sign-in will be open in the halls block from 5pm, and staff from core and option subjects will be available from 5 to 7pm. You can arrive at any time, and should allow up to an hour to get all the information you need**
- Teachers of core subjects (English, Math's, Science, RS and PSHE) will be in the main hall
- Teachers of option subjects will be in the sports hall
- Our sixth form team and careers advisors will be in the canteen, to answer any questions on post-16 study
- Our SEN team will also be in the canteen
- Members of the Senior Leadership Team will also be available in the hall and canteen, following on from the conversations at the Year 9 Parent-Teacher Meeting

When you sign in, you will receive a copy of the Key Stage 4 (Year 10 and 11) Prospectus including the Core subjects, and a copy of the updated options blocks for 2024. Pages for each option subject can then be collected from subject staff in the sports hall. For each of the three option blocks, students will have to indicate a first and reserve choice, and we do recommend that you take time to visit each subject your child is considering, particularly where there are similarities, for example Design and Technology and Engineering, Art and Art textiles, and the two courses within PE.

A video will be shared with you ahead of the event outlining the core curriculum, the options process, the updated option blocks for this year, an explanation of the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) and examples of option combinations that students have chosen. This video will be showing in the canteen throughout the evening.

Following the options evening, tutors will check in with students to see if they need any further support with their choices, ahead of completing the Online form which is available from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January and closes on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at midday. The process and key dates are outlined in the prospectus that you will collect at the options evening.

We look forward to seeing you at our options event and supporting you and your child during this process.

Yours faithfully

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