

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Year 9 GCSE Options Process**

We are about to commence the Year 9 GCSE Options process and want to give you advance notice of the relevant key dates for your diary.

**On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, between 6:00pm and 7:30pm**, there will be an Options Evening for Year 9 students and their parents/carers. In advance of this meeting, you will be sent our Options booklet. We will send a copy home with your child and make it available to read on our website. This booklet will contain information about each of the courses available to choose.

On the evening itself, there will be a talk explaining the Options process in the Hall, scheduled at 6:00pm and repeated at 6:45pm. Teachers and subject leaders representing each faculty will be available to provide more detail about the content and assessment processes of each of the different subjects on offer, so that you and your child may be thoroughly informed in selecting the courses that best suit them. Terry Bianchini, our careers adviser, will be available to consult regarding the impact of particular option choices on career pathways.

Other key dates for your diary:

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Students asked to complete a Google form to give an early indication of their Options *Preferences* (this is not binding and is only to get an indication of likely demand for different subjects).

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January** – Information sent to families about how to register your child's Option *choices* using MCAS.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Year 9 Parents' Evening.** An opportunity to discuss potential options choices with your child's own subject teachers.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** - Deadline for completing options choices via MCAS.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Provisional options confirmed (changes may still occur subject to staffing)

Yours sincerely



Mr A West  
Headteacher

