



Dear Parent/Carers,

RE: YEAR 9 OPTION/COURSE CHOICES 2019

Your son/daughter is approaching another very important stage in their educational journey. With the beginning of Key Stage 4 not far away, it is now necessary for us all to spend a considerable amount of time, to support your child as they consider which qualification routes to follow, which subjects to study and which not to pursue at present. The amount of choice now available is both exciting and daunting; consequently, having access to high quality information, advice and guidance is crucial.

The key date for your diary is:

Thursday 31st January 2019, 6pm, Year 9 Options Evening

During this evening there will be a market place format for parents and students to gather information on all optional courses offered by the Curriculum Teams. You will also have the opportunity to discuss options with curriculum & subject leaders. There will be a short presentation at 6pm, focusing on the course choice process and the range of qualifications available. Information regarding the Ebacc will be given and staff from these subjects will be available to speak to yourselves individually. Also present during this evening will be our Head of 6th Form who will be able to assist you with any questions you may have post 16, as this information can often support with Y9 option choices.

Additionally, students will be encouraged to visit a number of websites, most of which are exciting, interactive, offer valuable resources and are specifically designed to support your child in finding out about subject choices, suitable jobs, careers and understand the world of work. Alongside this, students will focus in mentoring on available Key Stage 4 opportunities with their 'GCSE Ready' booklet, which will accompany mentoring sessions focusing on your son or daughters next steps.

Further key dates for your diary are:

W/C Monday 21st January 2019 – Issue of GCSE Options Booklet 2019 – 2021 to students.

Wednesday 23rd January 2019 – Careers Immersion Day (normal school day, uniform required).

Thursday 24th January 2019 – Year 9 Parents Evening (2pm – 7pm).

Thursday 31st January 2019 – Year 9 Options Evening.

Friday 8th February 2019 – Deadline to return options form into Student Support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M. R. Wakefield

Progress Mentor Coordinator – Year 9

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Please return the reply slip to confirm your attendance at the Options Evening (Friday 31st January 2019) and return to the student support office by Friday 31st January 2019.

If you have any queries about this process please do not hesitate to contact me, either by phone or by e-mail:

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REPLY SLIP – Please return to the Student Support Office by Monday 28th January 2019

Options Evening: Thursday 31st January 2019

I/We shall/shall not be attending the Options Evening.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Carer of: _____

Mentor Group: _____

