



9 January 2015

Dear Parent

YEAR 9 OPTIONS

This term will be a particularly important one for your child in Year 9 as he or she chooses their GCSE options for next year. We have planned a programme to ensure that together you are both well informed and supported in this process. I am pleased to outline some of the key dates for you below.

Wednesday 14 January 2015: Year 9 Progress Evening (4.30 pm – 7.00 pm)

This is an essential evening for you to discuss your child's progress in all subjects. It is important to be clear about the levels your son or daughter is currently attaining both in the core subjects of English and mathematics and in those subjects to be taken at GCSE. The correct choice of subject will be central to any job or course which your child plans to follow in the future.

Wednesday 4 March 2015: Year 9 Taster Day

Our usual timetable will be collapsed for Year 9 pupils on this day to give them the chance to try out lessons in the subjects they are considering for their GCSE options.

Tuesday 17 March 2015: Year 9 Options Evening (4.30 pm – 7.00 pm)

This is an evening for you and your child to discuss the possible option choices with subject teachers and to find out full details about the course requirements for different GCSE subjects.

Friday 20 March 2015: Deadline for final Option Choices

The Options Booklet, which gives details of the courses we offer, is available to view in the Year 9 area of the school website. Throughout this term, your child will receive on-going information and guidance about the options process through assemblies and form time. In addition, we are delighted to have Mrs Katie Hart, our new School Careers Adviser, joining the Options Team to provide pupils with any advice they may need on careers, colleges or courses.

Please feel free to contact us with any queries you may have about Year 9 options and we look forward to seeing you at the Year 9 Progress Evening next Wednesday, 14 January 2015.

Yours sincerely

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Year 9 Options Team

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