



9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to invite you to our Year 9 options evening, this Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January. This event is face-to-face in the halls block.

- Sign in will be open 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 around an hour to get all the information you need
- Teachers of core subjects (English, maths, science, RS and PSHE) will be in the main hall
- Teachers of option subjects will be in the sports hall
- Our sixth form team will be in the canteen, to answer any questions on post-16 study
- Members of the Senior Leadership Team will also be available in the hall and canteen, following on from the conversations at the Year 9 PCE

When you sign in, you will receive a copy of the Key Stage 4 (Year 10 and 11) Prospectus including the Core subjects. Pages for each option subject can then be collected from subject staff in the sports hall. For each of the three option blocks, students must 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 GCSE PE and Cambridge National in Sports Science, and Design and Technology and Engineering.

A video will be shared with you on Thursday 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 also 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 the Online form opening on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. The process and key dates are outlined in the prospectus that you will collect on Thursday.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday and to supporting you and your child during this process.

Yours faithfully

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