



April 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Year 9 Options Evening Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018, 6pm – 7pm

Year 9 students are about to enter a very important phase in their education and the time is fast approaching when options have to be made which will shape their programme of study in years 10 and 11.

Our KS4 structure has been designed to enable our students to follow a broad and balanced curriculum which consists of a number of subjects; some of these are compulsory whilst others are chosen from a range of options. During the next two weeks, year 9 students will be receiving information, advice and guidance to help them make sound choices based on their own interests, abilities and ambitions. As parents and carers your help in supporting this process is essential.

Options booklets will be available to students next week to begin considering the courses offered, although students should resist the temptation to start making any decisions until they receive their options form. The form will highlight which choices are suitable and available to them.

We would like to invite you to our **Options Evening at 6pm – 7pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. There will be a talk in the Lecture Theatre outlining the options process, the framework within which choices must be made for your child and information about the increased challenge of new GCSE exams. This will be followed by an opportunity to circulate with specialist staff who will be on hand to offer further support and guidance, where more specific information about particular courses can be gathered.

Timetabling and staffing the options is a complex process and whilst we try our best to accommodate sensible options, occasionally this proves impossible. If problems arise we will look at reserve choices and contact you directly.

We hope to be in a position to finalise next year's timetable by the beginning of July, when we will inform students of their final options.

For the moment though, our main priority is to ensure that all our students are effectively guided and supported through the option process of shaping their future in year 10, 11 and onwards.

Yours Sincerely

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Headteacher