

22nd February 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

KS4 Options Event: Wednesday 1st March 2023, 4:30pm – 7:00pm

I am writing to let you know about the arrangements for the Year 9 Key Stage 4 Options Event. This event will be an opportunity for you to meet with subject staff and to find out more about the whole options process, including information about all the available GCSE and vocational subjects.

A presentation will be given by Mr Davies (Headteacher), myself, and Ms Lucas (Head of Year 9) in E201, repeated three times throughout the evening. This will provide important information about the options process, including how to submit your child's options choices, along with key dates and deadlines.

Parents and students will also be able to visit stalls in the main hall where staff from the subjects on offer will be available to talk to you about their subject area. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions, collect information, and look at the resources and facilities available for all the subjects offered. There will also be a chance to listen to a variety of subject presentations for certain subjects which are 'new' at Key Stage 4, as well as for Music and Drama. All subjects will provide information at their stall or in their presentations about:

- the course content
- how the course is assessed
- the skills students will need/develop
- what can be expected from lessons in that subject
- previous results
- possible career pathways.

The subject presentations will start at 4.30pm and continue throughout the evening and the stalls will operate all evening. If a presentation is full, there will be plenty of other chances for parents and students to visit that subject at a different time in the evening. Only one parent/guardian per student will be allowed into the presentation room, to ensure that there is space for everyone.

Additionally, there will be Sixth Form Student Leaders and current Year 11 prefects available in the atrium. They will be happy to talk to students and parents about their own experiences of picking KS4 options, and sharing their advice. There will also be a selection of careers-related stalls for extra guidance, as well as our careers adviser.

A timetable is available [here](#) that you can use to plan which talks to visit and the times they are available. The full KS4 Options booklet will be released on the school website prior to the event. Students will also take part in assemblies and tutorials throughout the half term on this topic.

Students are expected to attend with their parents/guardians in full school uniform. Please confirm your attendance using the link [here](#) (even if you are not able to attend). I look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday 1st March. Should you have any questions before the evening, please do contact the school.

Yours sincerely



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