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Dear Parents,

Year 9 Options Evening, Thursday 10 February

Following the recent change to the national Covid-19 restrictions, we are pleased to provide you with an update on the Year 9 Options Evening arrangements. This evening is an important milestone in the Year 9 calendar which allows students, with their parents, to make informed decisions about the subjects they would like to study in Year 10 and 11.

During the evening we will give you an overview of our Key Stage 4 curriculum and which options are available to your son/daughter given the constraints we now work within in schools. We will also outline in detail the changes to the structure of the GCSE examinations and how they are graded. Options Evening will involve a presentation in the hall followed by an opportunity for parents and students to engage with our Subject Leaders and teachers, who will be on hand to answer any subject specific queries and share examples of current/past students work.

Last week, on PSHCE Day, Year 9 students took part in an extended options focused assembly and were given initial guidance about the options process. They have also had a copy of the options booklet emailed to their school email addresses and completed an initial straw poll to gauge which subjects they are likely to choose.

Due to the ongoing pandemic and to ensure we are minimising the risk of infection within our community, the evening will run in two one-hour sessions. These sessions will start in the Hall with the delivery of two presentations at 5.30pm and 6.30pm. It would be sensible if one parent, wherever possible, attended the evening with their child. Please book your virtual session ticket for the evening [here](#)

After each of the talks in the Hall, our staff will be available to discuss the content and structure of the Key Stage 4 courses in our 'Options Marketplace' in key areas around the school. A map of locations will be distributed at the end of the talk.

On the Options Evening, students will then be given an options form in the booklet that they must return to school by Monday 28 February 2022 to inform us of their preferred choices. If you would like to peruse the options booklet you can find a copy on our website, which is linked [here](#).

After this information is collected, we will be able to clarify which subjects are definitely running and make final decisions about the option blocks. To follow up, each student will have a guidance meeting with either a Progress Leader or a member of the Senior Leadership team focussed on their individual options choices.



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Finally, when the process comes to an end, you will receive a letter to confirm your son/daughter's final choices.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the options process further then please do not hesitate to contact us at school using the enquiries email: enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org

Yours faithfully,

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