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Dear Parent,

Year 9 Parents' Evening & Options Process
Thursday 5 February, 4.00pm - 7.00pm

We are pleased to be able to share with you the details for the Year 9 Parents' Evening and an overview of how we intend to support Year 9 through the options process. Year 9 Parents' Evening marks an important milestone in the calendar, allowing students, with their parents an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with all their teachers.

Parents' Evening

We will be using **Arbor** (via Parent Portal or App) to book appointments. [Here](#) is the guide for parents which outlines where and how to book appointments. We will open the booking system and **appointments can be made from Friday 30 January at 4.00pm and close on Thursday 5 February at 3.00pm.**

We would like to make you aware of the system that will be implemented in relation to Science appointments. You will meet with one of three of your child's Science teachers who will have obtained feedback from all three subject teachers prior to the appointment. The booking that you will make for Science will display as Biology however, the teacher will cover all three subjects in this discussion: Chemistry, Physics and Biology.

In addition, if your child has the **same teacher for History and RE**, please book one appointment. This impacts: 9AHi, 9DHi, 9BRE with Mrs Alcock and 9BHi, 9EHi, 9ARE with Mrs Walker.

Finally, your child is currently studying one of the **Design Technology** material areas, either Food & Nutrition with Miss Nolan or Resistant Materials with Miss Martin. Their current **teacher** will be visible and available to give feedback to parents.

Options Process

The Spring term is an important time in the Year 9 calendar, as students start to consider to which subjects they may wish to continue studying into Key Stage 4. To support students and parents through this process, we have planned a thorough window of events, to help support students in making informed choices.

From 9 to 20 March and the weeks the lead up, students will experience:

- A reset programme (for a group of Year 9 students).



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- Extended workshop assembly to explore different learning environments, coursework and a well-balanced timetable
- Taster sessions for students of all option-based subjects
- 1-to-1 meetings for groups of students to support through the options process

On **Thursday 19 March** we will be running an Option Fayre for students and their parents. During this event all option-based subjects will display stalls, showcasing work and subjects' leaders will be on hand to discuss course contents and answer any questions you may have. This will likely take place from 3.30 - 5.30pm - no appointments are required for this event.

On **Friday 20 March**, students will be asked to complete a straw poll, to indicate their preferred three option choices. Once collated, this information will be used to build the best possible option blocks, which fit into the existing timetable structure and afford the greatest number of Year 9 students to be in receipt of their preferred choices.

The week beginning **23 March**, students will be presented with a final options form, which they will complete prior to breaking up for the Easter break on Friday 27 March. Further meetings of support and guidance will continue for all students during this time.

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

Triple Science

As in previous years, students will qualify for the triple science pathway based on their classroom progress, engagement, test scores and homework completion. This year, the triple science pathway will sit within the option blocks. Based on extensive guidance in school, students who qualify and wish to pursue it will choose triple science and two other option-based subjects. All other students will choose three options from the option blocks. The Combined Science award has the same scope for achievement as the triple science course; students can achieve from Grade 1 to 9 - there is no glass ceiling or limit. The options form will include a section to declare your interest in triple science.

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.

Yours faithfully,

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