

17th October 2022

Dear Families

Key Stage 4 Transition Evening (8th November 2022)

I am writing to invite you and your child to our Key Stage 4 Transition Evening that will take place on Tuesday 8th November 2022 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm in the School Hall.

The evening will begin with a talk about our 2023 Key Stage 4 Transition Process, outlining the steps for submitting subject choices for September next year. We will then move to the main learning block where you and your child will be able to go into different classrooms to speak to teachers and students from different subject areas, to find out more about the courses that are being offered. The English, Maths and Science departments will also be available for you to talk to, should you have any subject-specific queries about these core subjects at KS4.

Should you not be able to attend the evening, we will be putting the KS4 Transition Booklet on the school website from the 8th November. This will provide you with full details of the three options pathways that are available and we hope that you will find it helpful in explaining the process. It includes details of our KS4 curriculum, the different types of qualifications available, as well as the Core, Extended Core and Options subjects. There is useful advice on which factors to consider when making choices and I would urge you to read through it carefully with your child. Further to this, the presentations from the evening will also be uploaded to the website in the same location as the options booklet under Curriculum/KS4 Transition.

To help your child make an informed decision we will be holding a special assembly about the transition process. Please do encourage your child to discuss their choices with the relevant teachers (their names are listed in the booklet under each subject entry) and pastoral teams. Please note that the KS4 Transition Evening is not an opportunity to discuss your child's progress: this is, of course, an important part of the decision making process and to that end we are holding the Year 9 parents' evening on Tuesday 22nd November. Thereafter you will be sent a link to a survey asking your child to make their choices of subjects by Monday 12th December.

While we aim to accommodate as many students' choices as possible, at this stage we cannot guarantee that all of our courses will run, as sometimes there may be too few or too many students opting for it (in which case we will use their reserve choice). Of course, this will only be known once all the students have made their choices. In the event that we are unable to meet first preferences, we will make contact with the affected students to discuss other possibilities.

Please return the form below to the Central Admin Office by Tuesday 1st November to confirm your place at the evening.

Yours sincerely,



Mr H Chandler
Curriculum Lead

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Return to the Central Admin Office by Tuesday 1st November 2022.

Please tick one of the boxes below:

- We shall be attending the Key Stage 4 Transition Evening
- We shall not be attending the Key Stage 4 Transition Evening

How many people will be attending from your family?

Name of student:.....

Tutor Group:.....

Small School:.....

Signed (Parent/ Carer):.....

