

20 February 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 9 Options Evening and Parents' Evening information

We are pleased to inform you of the new dates for these two events which will both support you and your child when making their choices about the course they wish to study at Key Stage 4 (GCSEs).

Thursday 2 March: Options Evening in school 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

This will involve a presentation in the school hall about the options process and progression routes into further education and training to all parents/carers and pupils, followed by a carousel of 20 minute subject presentations for parents/carers and pupils to attend.

Main presentation: School Hall 6:00pm prompt start.

Subject presentations: 6:20pm, 6:45pm, 7:10pm & 7:35pm

Subject	Room
Art and Design	A1
Business and Enterprise / Creative iMedia	D9
French	D2
Geography	D1
History	D4
Hospitality and Catering / Design Technology	A3
Music and Performing Arts	A4
Religious Studies	D6
Sports Studies	A8
Triple Science	A7

Staff from our SEND department will be available in A2 should you wish to discuss appropriate progressions routes for your child based on any additional needs.

Thursday 9 March: Year 9 Parents' Evening on School Cloud 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

This provides you with a final opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress to date and ask any follow up questions regarding Key Stage 4 study.

Friday 17 March: Deadline for options forms to be submitted by pupils 3:05pm.

Prior to these events, you can support your child by discussing their interests and future ambitions with them. You can also use the websites listed below to complete some research into the possibilities:

Careerometer: Careerometer compares jobs by salary, working hours and employment prospects.

<https://careerpilot.org.uk/job-sectors/subjects>

Commitment | Creativity | Community

Bitesize: Explore all Bitesize Careers' job profiles by specific school subjects to find out about jobs, training and top tips. Part of the Bitesize world of work series.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zhst2sg>

Quick guide: Picking your GCSE options is an exciting time. Here's a quick guide about compulsory subjects, what you can choose, and more to help you make your decision.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrjh92p>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school:

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Lilley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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