

Monday 26th February 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 9 Options Evening and Progress Evening

We are pleased to inform you of the dates for two Year 9 events which will both support you and your child when making their choices about the courses they wish to study at Key Stage 4 (GCSEs).

Thursday 7th March - Options Evening in school 6:00-8:00pm

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

Main presentation: School Hall 6:00pm prompt start

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

| Subject | Room |
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| Art and Design | A1 |
| French / Spanish | A3 |
| Enterprise / Creative iMedia | A4 |
| Geography | A5 |
| History | A11 |
| Hospitality and Catering / Design Technology | A6 |
| Music | A10 |
| Religious Studies | A7 |
| Sports Studies | A8 |
| Triple Science | A9 |

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

Thursday 9th March - Year 9 Progress Evening on School Cloud 4:00-7:00pm.

This provides you with a final opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress to date and ask any follow up questions regarding KS4 study.

Thursday 21st 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.

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

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

Yours sincerely

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