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Dear Parent

Year 9 Options Information Evening, Tuesday 12th March 2024 @ 6.00 p.m. (School Hall)

This is the term that your child will make their Key Stage 4 option choices (what they wish to study in Years 10 & 11). On Tuesday 12th March at 6.00 p.m. in the School Hall, we are hosting an 'Options Information Evening' about the processes and timeline for choosing their options. All parents are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend we will make the presentation and options booklet available to you on the school's website.

We recognise that making decisions about what subjects to study in Year 10 and thinking about future career choices may seem daunting. What is most important is that all students select subjects that best suit their needs and aspirations. With this in mind there are a number of events taking place this term to help support you and your child in making these decisions:

Timeline

The key dates are as follows:

- Monday 4th March Friday 9th March Assemblies are being held to inform our children of the options available and the process/timeline. In these assemblies, all subjects will talk about their subject content in Years 10 & 11, and how they are examined.
- Year 9 Options Evening, Tuesday 12th March @ 6.00 p.m. in the School Hall this will be an opportunity for parents to hear about the options process and to explain the pathways students can follow, along with guidance on how to choose. This will be led by members of the Senior Leadership Team who will also be available during the evening to answer any questions you may have.
- Thursday 21st March, Year 9 Parent's Evening on the School Cloud this is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers and for them to answer any questions you may have about options.
- Student interviews will take place this term, giving students the opportunity to discuss the
 most appropriate pathway and subjects for them. Parents can also request a meeting with
 staff if they would like more support during the process.
- Options booklet a booklet will be available for students and parents from Tuesday 12th
 March which provides information about the subjects they can study and the options
 process. This will be made available via <u>our website</u>.
- Thursday 27th March deadline for options to be submitted online.
- This deadline is to give us an idea on the number of classes needed and options requested, it helps us with our planning. Lots of children change their mind between now and September, and we always do our very best to make the changes happen for them.

Yours sincerely

Mr Symes Headteacher