

Dear Parent

## Year 9 Options Information

As I am sure you will know from previous correspondence, your child will be required in the next weeks to make option choices to indicate which of our non-compulsory subjects they would like to continue to study to GCSE over the next two years.

You may also be aware that there is now a national expectation that a number of students will be able to evidence GCSE qualifications in English, Maths, Science, a Modern Foreign Language and either History or Geography. This is called an Ebacc qualification. Therefore it will be appropriate for a number of students to study this suite of subjects alongside options of their choice.

We recognise that making decisions about subjects to study in Year 10, thinking about future education and 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 you there is a variety of information to support you and your child in making these decisions:

- Assemblies have been held informing pupils of the options process.
- The Subject Leaders of optional subjects have presented their subject to Year 9.
- Teaching staff have been informing pupils about the content and demands of their subject at GCSE.
- There is a [narrated presentation available on our school website](#) to discuss the options process and next steps.
- [Options booklet](#) – a booklet was made available a number of weeks ago for students and parents, which provides information about the options process and how to help make decisions.
- [Subject Information booklet](#) – this details each of the optional courses available to you.
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Please read the booklets with your child and discuss with them the choices available. Please see the [Options page on our school website](#)

I hope this information is helpful in supporting your child in the options process. The link to the online options form is:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=I4XFah9L6Ua95Z8f\\_x4PVpL5-q4f4JZMij7FDJx3CUpUNTBaSTY5RkNCTFBHTIJIUTJWQTIJWkE4Sy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=I4XFah9L6Ua95Z8f_x4PVpL5-q4f4JZMij7FDJx3CUpUNTBaSTY5RkNCTFBHTIJIUTJWQTIJWkE4Sy4u)

Yours sincerely

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