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17 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

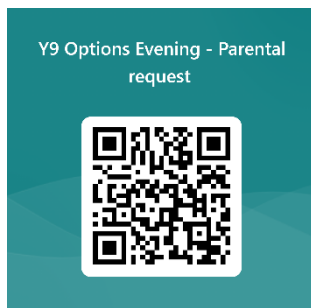**Year 9 Options Evening – Tuesday 30 January 2024**

I am delighted to invite you to our Year 9 Options Evening on Tuesday 30 January from 5.00pm - 7.00 pm.

Your child is about to take the really important step of selecting the courses that they want to study for the next 2 years. This is an opportunity for you to speak with subject teachers to see if their course would be suitable for your child to study.

With this letter, you will also receive your child's report to read before the evening so that you will have an idea about your child's aptitude and effort in each of their lessons. Staff from each subject will talk you through the examination specifications and the topics for study throughout the course.

On this evening between 4.00pm and 5.00pm there is the opportunity to contact any of your child's current teachers if you feel there is a real, pressing need to do so. Availability will be limited, and I ask that you only use this option if you feel there is a real need. To arrange to contact a specific teacher, please complete the Forms document below either via the email link or by scanning the QR code.

https://forms.office.com/e/dEFmjBKR5K

Y9 Options Evening - Parental request

The Options evening will start with a short 15-minute presentation in the Assembly Hall to explain the process and explain the difference between GCSE exams and BTEC qualifications. After this, you will be able to go around the different departments and speak with teachers.

After the general presentation for all students, I will address the parents of students in Set 1 for Modern Foreign Languages regarding the necessity of studying a Foreign Language to GCSE level. This will mean that these families should stay in the Assembly Hall for an extra 5-10 minutes to explain the options process for these students.
I very much look forward to meeting you all then.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs. Clare M Humble**
**Headteacher**

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