



# TARLETON ACADEMY

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Dear Parent,

## **Year 9 Options & Parents' Evening – Face to Face at Tarleton Academy Thursday 8 February, 4.00pm - 7.00pm**

We are pleased to be able to share with you the details for our Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options Evening. This evening marks an important milestone in the calendar allowing students, with their parents, to make informed decisions about the subjects they would like to study in Year 10 and 11. It is also an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers.

Options Evening will involve a headline presentation and an opportunity for parents and students to engage with our teachers, who will be on hand to answer any subject specific queries and share examples of current/past students' work.

Each House has been allocated a presentation time which lasts for thirty minutes and will commence at either 4.15pm or 5.15pm. This will be repeated at 6:15pm for those unable to make the earlier time slot. The presentation will cover an overview of the options process, the range of subjects available to students and advice and guidance on creating balance and variety for study at Key Stage 4. If you cannot attend the talk, the content of the presentation will be available on our website the following day by clicking on the 'Our Curriculum' tab and selecting 'Options'.

To book appointments with their teachers, students will be provided with an appointment sheet on Thursday 1 February 2024, giving them a week to make their appointments. To provide as many appointments as possible with subject teachers, each appointment will be four minutes in length. We would recommend a discussion with your child about the options they are considering and encourage them to book appointments with these teachers first. After this, of course, you are welcome and encouraged to book appointments with your child's other teachers to discuss their engagement and learning.

The following day, 9 February, an electronic link will be sent out on Class Charts to allow students the opportunity to start to submit their preferred option choices. **Students should choose four options in order of preference. Although ultimately, they will only study three of those options, they should select and be prepared to study any three of the four choices.** When making their first choice, students are required to choose one of either Spanish, Geography, History or Computer Science. A further link will be sent to parents to the electronic copy of the Options booklet.



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Once we are in receipt of all the student responses, we will be able to clarify which subjects will be in the 2024-2026 curriculum and make final decisions about the option blocks. As further guidance and to follow up, each student will have a meeting with either a Progress Leader or a member of the Senior Leadership team focused on their individual options choices.

Finally, when the process comes to an end, you will receive a letter to confirm your child's final choices.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the options process further, then please do not hesitate to contact us at school using the enquiries email: [enquiries@tarletonacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@tarletonacademy.org)

Yours faithfully,

*A Smith*

Mr Smith  
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