

1 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday 13 March - Year 9 Curriculum Choice Presentation

I would like to share the arrangements for the Year 9 GCSE Curriculum Choice process. This event is a highly valued part of the school calendar and we invite you to attend school for a presentation. Parents, carers and students can select to attend one of the presentations below:

Year 9 Curriculum Choice Presentation

- 4:15pm arrival for prompt start at 4:30pm
- 5:15pm arrival for prompt start at 5:30pm

Following each presentation, parents, carers and students will be invited to attend the Gym where you will have the opportunity to talk to subject leads, who can provide specific details around individual subjects. We would encourage you to meet with as many subject teachers as possible.

We have also created a **GCSE Options Booklet**, which provides an overview of the options process and the details for the courses available to study. The booklet is available on the school website at **www.birkenheadparkschool.com/curriculum/gcse-information**.

I'm delighted to share that for the cohort of 2025, we will maintain our current academic offer but also expand the range of Key Stage 4 options to include vocational qualifications in Child Development, Business & Enterprise, Film Studies and Design Technology.

It is important that you and your child read the enclosed information very carefully in order to fully understand the level and requirements of each course, the type of assessment involved and the possible future career pathways.

Whilst every effort is made to meet student preferences regarding subject choices, this may not always be possible. Should any course be over or under-subscribed, it may be necessary to ask some students to accept their reserve choice. Therefore, careful consideration must also be given to identifying these reserve choices.

Staff from the Year 9 Pastoral Team and the Senior Leadership team will also be available to talk to if you wish.







^{*}Doors will shut at 4:30pm, any visitors will need to wait until 5:30pm for the next presentation.



We do hope that you will be able to attend this important event. Please confirm your place on the evening, and your presentation time preference by visiting below to register:

www.birkenheadparkschool.com/year9choice.

Yours faithfully

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