



Wellfield Academy

Headteacher Mr J Lewis

1st February 2023

Dear Parents,

Year 9 Options Evening Thursday 9th February 2023

On our recent PSHCE day, Year 9 students received initial guidance about the options process and were given the opportunity to express an initial preference for the subjects they wish to study for GCSE.

As mentioned in the Welcome Evening back in September, the next stage in our options process is the Options Evening on Thursday 9th February. The evening will give you an overview of our Key Stage 4 curriculum and which options are available to your son/daughter. We will also outline the changes to the structure of GCSE examinations and how they are graded.

On the evening there will be a presentation in the theatre followed by an opportunity to speak with subject teachers in more detail to find out about the courses on offer. The first presentation will take place at 5.30pm, and another at 6.30pm, during which the key features of our Key Stage 4 curriculum will be outlined along with the context, the timeline and the processes we follow.

Following the first presentation there will be time between 5.45-6.30pm to speak to subject staff and current GCSE students who will be available to discuss the content and structure of the Key Stage 4 courses in our 'options marketplace' based in Buttermere block. This process will be repeated between 6.45pm -7.30pm for those attending the second presentation. Local colleges will also be attending.

The options booklet provides much of the key information about different course choices and is available on the school website (<https://wellfieldacademy.org/parents/year-9-options>). Please could you take the time to read through this information and discuss with your son/daughter before the Options Evening. To book a presentation slot please copy this link into your browser and it will take you to a google form where you can select one of two times
<https://forms.gle/Y6N3W93fZWf9VJg48>.

Following the Options Evening, students will be asked to complete their google options form (by Wednesday 22nd February) to inform us of their preferred option choices. This will then enable us to clarify which subjects are definitely being offered and to make final decisions about option blocks. Following this, each student will have an individual meeting with either a House Progress Leader or a member of the Senior Leadership team which will be focussed on their final individual options choices.



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When all this is done you will receive a letter to confirm your son/daughter's final choices.

We are excited to talk to you and your son/daughter on Thursday 9th February about the next important steps in their education. In the meantime, please contact us if you have any further questions or queries not covered in any of the stages outlined above (enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org).

Yours faithfully,

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