

Year 9 GCSE Options Evening: Thursday 30th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach a pivotal milestone in your child's secondary education, I am writing to provide final details regarding our **Year 9 Options Evening** this coming **Thursday, 30th April**. This evening is designed to provide the clarity and professional guidance necessary for your child to make informed decisions about their Key Stage 4 curriculum.

The evening is running from 4:30pm until 6:30pm. Please arrive in plenty of time for either our first options presentation at 5pm or the second presentation at 6pm. Both will take place in the main hall.

Classroom teachers, Faculty Leaders, and members of the Senior Leadership Team will be available throughout the session to discuss course content, assessment structures, and the details of specific subject choices.

Once you have visited the subject areas, the primary focus of this evening is the formal selection of your child's options subjects. **All students, supported by their parents/carers, will complete and submit their Options Form before leaving the options evening.**

How will options evening work?

1. Upon arrival, every parent/carer will be issued another Options booklet, welcome information and options form.
2. Then, please attend either the 5pm or 6pm options presentation, depending on your arrival time.
3. We encourage you to visit the various faculty areas along the technology and library corridors, as well as the blue gym, to ensure the chosen suite of subjects offers a broad and balanced curriculum.
4. Once a decision is reached, the form must be signed by both the student and the parent/carer and handed to a member of staff at main reception.

The transition to GCSEs is a significant step; securing these choices on Thursday ensures we can begin the complex task of timetabling to meet student demand.

Please note that you will shortly receive an up-to-date academic report for your child, showing whether they are **Working Ahead, On Track, Working Towards, or Working Below** their Winterhill Success Pathway. This, alongside their Attitude towards Learning, may help influence their option choices.

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to shape your child's future academic path.

Yours faithfully,



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