



03 February 2021

To: Parents/Carers of Year 9 Students

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Year 9 Options Evening:

Wednesday 10 February at 5pm on Teams - Virtual Event

Your child is now coming to an important stage in their education where they need to decide upon the courses they will study at KS4.

The evening will consist of a short presentation on Microsoft Teams available by clicking on this <u>LINK</u>. Links for subject areas will be on insight at 4pm on Wednesday 10 February.

The presentation will then be followed by the opportunity to stay in this meeting for general questions around options, alternatively, links enabling you to discuss and ask typed question with options subject leaders will be made available.

Responses to questions will be either via text or verbally (if it is a frequently asked question). Your questions will not be seen by anyone else.

The Options Presentation will take place at 5pm and is for parents/carers and students to attend.

Below is a summary of key dates and deadlines:

Options Presentation & opportunity for Q&A with subject leaders	Wednesday 10 February 2021 5pm - 6pm
Taster sessions with Core Options	Thursday 11 / Friday 12 February 2021
Deadline for the Options form	Wednesday 24 February 2021
1:1 guidance interviews to discuss options	Throughout Term 4 onwards

Yours sincerely

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Options Offer 2021

All students will study GCSEs in English, Maths and Combined Science. In addition, all students will have Core PE (not GCSE), and Careers, Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE).

The KS4 offer has been designed to prepare students to make the successful transition into further education, employment or training. It is essential that together, we ensure that the subjects chosen are appropriate for our learners as individuals and that the outcome is of the highest quality.

EBacc subjects are the core subjects of Maths, English, Science (Combined or Triple), French and a Humanity (History or Geography). Whilst the EBacc is not compulsory for our students it should be considered as many higher education establishments look at which GCSEs have been studied.

We believe in a breadth of subjects and students will have the choice from:

GCSEs	Vocational
History	BTEC Tech Award Health and Social Care
Geography	BTEC Sport
French	BTEC Tech Award Enterprise
Computer Science	BTEC Hospitality and Catering
Triple Science	BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts
Religious Studies	BTEC Music
Design Technology	
Art	

Following the Options Evening on the Wednesday 10 February, the Options form will be available for completion.

Students will need to identify their top 8 choices where choice 1 is either History, Geography, French, Spanish, Triple Science or Computer Science.

Once submitted, we will endeavour to match your child's options, however please note that there are a limited number of spaces in some subject areas.

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