

25 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: GCSE Options

Over the next few weeks, Year 9 students will make choices about which subjects they would like to study for their GCSE options. We are committed to providing the best education and opportunities we can to support each individual student. In order to achieve this, it is important that we work together to support your child with their decisions, and provide them with all the necessary information to make informed choices.

This is an exciting process for students and is the next stage of their journey to independence; however, we understand that it can also be quite daunting. With all this in mind, we have put in place a number of resources and experiences to help students make their choices. The information and key dates below explain the help available to assist with the 2024 options process.

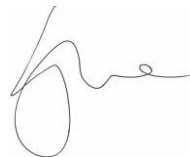
On Tuesday 6 February, the process begins with an extended assembly for the year group. We will hand the options booklet to students at the end of the assembly. On **Wednesday 7 February**, the information evening for parents and carers takes place at **6.30pm in the school hall**.

After half term, students will have the opportunity to attend taster lessons in subjects that are not part of the Key Stage 3 curriculum. The additional subjects offered at Key Stage 4 are Sociology, Business Studies, Health & Social Care and ASDAN Personal and Social Effectiveness. All students will also have an individual meeting to discuss their choices.

If you or your child have questions about particular subjects, please contact the Head of Department identified in the options booklet. For general questions (for example, about combinations of subjects), please contact the Head of Year or Deputy Headteacher, details below.

Choices are made on an electronic MS Forms document; we will send the link to the form by email on Monday 26 February.

Best wishes



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Options Process Timeline

The table below outlines the key dates

Tuesday 6 February	Extended Assembly for Year 9 students Options Booklets issued
Wednesday 7 February	Option Information Evening for Parents in Hall at 6.30pm MS Form sent for students to choose taster lessons for new subjects GCSE taster lessons begin within timetable
Week beginning 12 February	Half term holiday
Week beginning 19 February	Taster lessons for new subjects, taster lessons within the timetable continue. Each student meets with Miss Johnstone, Mr Hopkins, Mr Thomas or Mrs Landeg to discuss choices and access additional support if needed.
Week beginning 26 February	Options form sent electronically to parents by email, completion deadline Monday 4 March