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**27th January 2025**

**Dear Parent/Carer,**

## **Year 9 Options Induction Process**

As Year 9 students prepare to start their Key Stage 4 courses in Year 10, it's important they choose the right subjects. Our curriculum is diverse and ambitious, designed to meet individual needs and aspirations. Students should carefully consider:

- The subjects they enjoy.
- The subjects that will help them progress in their future education or training after Year 11.

We are here to support students in making the best decisions for their future. This letter outlines the first steps of this process and introduces the upcoming events designed to help families through the decision-making journey.

### **Key Dates and Events:**

#### **Monday 3rd February:**

- Year 9 Options Launch Assembly for students.
- The electronic Options Booklet will be available on our website. It includes key information, subject presentations, and contact details for staff.
- Over the following two weeks, students will explore their options through:
  - Careers lessons in PSHE.
  - Taster lessons for different GCSE and BTEC subjects.
  - A drama performance about choosing options.

#### **Tuesday 4th February:**

- **Options Evening** (4:30–6:30 PM) for students and parents/carers.
  - A presentation in the theatre explaining the curriculum and options process.
  - An opportunity to speak with subject teachers and the options team to learn more about courses.

#### **Friday 7th February:**

- The online Google Options Form will be available for submissions.

#### **Friday 28th February:**

- Deadline to submit the Options Form online.



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## Week Commencing 14th July:

- Letters sent to students and parents/carers confirming their chosen options.

If you or your child are unsure about the right options to select after attending the events, please contact your child's Head of House. Our SEND Team will also provide guidance through calls or meetings for students who need additional support.

Thank you for your support as we help your child make these important decisions.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. K. Biddle  
Vice Principal