



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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## Year 9 Options Process – Parents' Information Evening: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I take this opportunity to share with you some important information as we begin the GCSE option process. This process will be taking place during the Spring Term; key dates are given below.

Choosing GCSE options is an exciting time for students as they have the chance to decide the curriculum, they will follow for the next two years. The importance of the decisions being made means sometimes parents and students can feel a little worried, however, I would like to reassure you that the system of support and guidance we provide will help your child make choices that are right for them. Students will be able to ask their subject teachers about GCSE courses, they will have advice and guidance in their Personal Development and Citizenship lessons, and they will be allocated an experienced member of the Options Team to give them one to one support. All students have been working with their form tutor in their Wellbeing, Record of Achievement and Targets (WRATS) interview this week, looking at the assessment feedback from their interim report for this term.

The dates of the process are below:

Activity	Date
Options Launch to students and Options card given.	16/01/24
Options Presentation Parents Evening 6.00pm (Main Hall)	18/01/24
Students complete and return options card to form tutor	02/02/24
Guidance Meeting with a member of the Options Team	05-09/02/24
Final Options chosen and card submitted to form tutor	09/02/24

Parents are encouraged to be fully involved in the process and will be able to communicate directly about Options through the Options Card throughout. Parents and students can also access detailed information about courses and examination boards on the Curriculum Page of the school website here: [Introduction | Ecclesbourne School](#)

In the meantime, if you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact me on 01332 843274.

Yours sincerely

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