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Year 9 14+ Options Process – Parents' Information Evening: 9th January 2025 at 6.00pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I take this opportunity to share with you some important information as we begin the 14+ option process. This process will be taking place during the Spring Term; key dates are given below.

Initially on the evening of 9th January you are invited to listen to a presentation on the subjects that your child will be offered in Years 10 and 11 and how the GCSE process operates. You will then be invited to attend a fair where subject areas will be displaying examples of previous students work at GCSE and syllabus material. Both subject area staff and 6th form students will be available for parents to discuss and ask any questions they may have regarding potential GCSE choices. You will not only be free to circulate the displays during this time but also myself, Mrs Stott (Head of Year 9) and Mr Duncker Brown (Head of Upper School) will be available to answer any questions you may have.

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, with their Form tutors. You have recently received the interim report this term for your child which will allow you an opportunity to also discuss their current progress during parents evening.

The dates of the process are below:

Activity	Date
Options Presentation Parents Evening 6.00pm (Main Hall)	9/01/25
Options Launch to students and Options card given.	14/01/25
Parents evening (BCLR)	23/1/25
Parents evening (ENSU)	29/1/25
Guidance meeting for option selections	03-07/02/25
Students complete final choices and return options card to form tutor	07/02/25

Parents are encouraged to be fully involved in the process and will be able to communicate directly about Options through the Options Card throughout.

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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Deputy Head Teacher