



12 March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Following Mr Murray's letter to you on 8 February, we warmly invite you to our Year 9 Options Evening on Monday, 18 March 2019 at 6.00 pm. The aim of this evening is to support parents and children in choosing their remaining Level 2 qualifications. The evening will give you the opportunity to attend a presentation at 6.15 pm or 6.45 pm in the Main Hall that will outline the qualifications and guidance we offer our students and the options process that supports the decisions they will make when choosing which option subjects to study. Throughout the evening, subject teachers will be available to discuss their offer, give examples of students' work and provide advice and guidance. In addition, there will be pastoral and careers staff available to discuss appropriate options and suitability for your son/daughter and help them plan their next steps. The evening will close at 8.00 pm. Furthermore, Year 9 students will have an assembly dedicated to the options process and be provided with a detailed Options Booklet that they can use to review their options before then, asking questions of their teachers and form tutors.

This options process will allow your child to select their three qualifications to be studied in Years 10 and 11. This choice, together with the non-optional subjects and the option chosen at the end of Year 8, will complete their qualification portfolio. To support students in making appropriate choices we have a 'Core' and a 'Core Plus' pathway which we will guide students through. Both pathways provide a full range of GCSE and BTEC courses, but with a greater emphasis on the English Baccalaureate (Ebacc) for Core Plus students. We are, of course, willing to discuss pathway choices to support student preference and progression routes.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Options Evening and encourage you to discuss subject choices at home prior to the evening.

Yours faithfully

Miss C Foden  
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