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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 GCSE Options Evening – Thursday 10 February

The GCSE Options Information Evening will take place on Thursday 10 February. This always marks a very significant point in students' educational journey, as they begin to refine and shape their curriculum choices ready for September 2022, and as such it is very important that students and parents/carers take the time carefully to peruse the information provided.

Options booklets will be sent home electronically in advance of the Options Evening, and we would recommend that you take some time to work through this with your child; Year 9 Full Reports will also be available via Insight in advance of the evening to help guide you as to your child's progress in subjects. The Options Evening itself will be delivered online through videos which will be accessible from 10th February at 5pm. Details of how to access the online content will be emailed to you on 10th February.

The Options Evening information will comprise:

- Course information booklet, detailing curriculum organisation, individual subject information, and an explanation of how your child should select and submit their option choices
- a short video presentation about the curriculum, and how to select your options
- individual subject video presentations for options subjects

It is really important that both students and parents take advantage of all the available information to ensure they gather all of the facts they can before making this decision, which is a very important moment in your child's educational journey. Teachers will be very happy to discuss option choices with students if they need further information, or just to talk about whether it may be the right option for them.

Once you and your child have made their subject choices, there is a Google Form to fill in online which you access through the course information booklet. This form is due back by Friday 11 March. Extended Learning Day on 9 March has a careers focus for Year 9, which we hope may help inform their choices along with the advice and guidance they have already received through form time.

Yours sincerely

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