

Dear Parents/Carers

YEAR 9 OPTION CHOICES

This term will be an important time for your child as they begin to make their Option Choices for Key Stage 4. There will be a range of information, advice and guidance available within school to help them make informed choices. These options choices are vital to enable them to make the academic progress in school that they are capable of so as to set them up for their “next steps” at the end of Key Stage 4 and beyond.

Our students will need to consider the options available and decide what they will enjoy studying. These subjects are in addition to the compulsory subjects of: English, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education, Religious Studies and Personal Development (formerly PSHCE).

We are just in the process of finalising the subjects on offer and further communication will come to you once this is in place.

Below is the timeline of events which make up the options process:

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| 28th February | Careers Fair – students will have the opportunity to speak to a range of employers about their potential career goals and aspirations. Students will have an assembly to prep for the fair so that they get the most out of the experience. |
| 13th March | Options assembly where the full process will be discussed with the students.

On this date we will also launch the Options Homepage on the website. The homepage will include the options booklet with all the relevant information regarding the subjects. In addition to this there will be videos from subject areas for parents and students to watch at a time that suits you. |
| Ongoing throughout March | Tutor time sessions dedicated to careers and option choices. This will be followed by tutor conversations with tutees about the potential choices. |
| 27th March | Release date of the options form. This will be an electronic form emailed directly to the students. Once the form is submitted changes can be made up until the deadline date below. |

18th April

Parents Evening to discuss progress in subjects this academic year.

21st April

Deadline for submission of the options form. **After this date the timetable will be built based on the submissions we receive, therefore changes will not be possible.**

Many of our students may already wish to begin thinking about their options and so we encourage you to follow the Arthur Terry Careers twitter account which is useful in staying up to date: @ATcareers_

Yours sincerely

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