

Dear parents and carers,

From next week, we will be launching the Options Process to students in Year 9 and we will be encouraging students to start thinking about the subjects that they might like to study for their GCSEs. As part of that process, we would like to make you aware of two important dates.

The first is a Year 9 Core Subjects Parents' Evening. This will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May and will be an opportunity for you to meet with the teachers of the compulsory GCSE subjects: English, Mathematics, Science and Religious Studies.

All Parents' Evening appointments are held virtually via Schoolcloud, our online Parents' Evening portal. The booking system will be live from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 7pm and the link that you will need to access this portal is here: <https://arthurterry.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Please note that to log into SchoolCloud successfully, your child's first and second name, as well as your email address, must match exactly with the details that you have registered with school. Please contact [parentsevening@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk](mailto:parentsevening@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk) if you experience any difficulties logging onto SchoolCloud.

Once you have logged onto SchoolCloud, you will be automatically connected to the appointments available for your child's subject teacher. You will then be able to manually select an appointment time to suit you. Appointment times are carefully managed so that there is 'no running over'. Each KS3 appointment will last for 5 minutes. Subjects with multiple teachers may decide to conduct these appointments separately, or you may find that you have an appointment with multiple teachers at the same time. This will be clear during the booking process.

The second key date is **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**. This is the date of our Options Evening. This will be an in-person event hosted at school from 4pm to 6pm. During the evening you will have the opportunity to hear subject specific presentations from each options subject detailing their course requirements and GCSE content. A timetable of the evening is listed below. Please have a look through the schedule so that you can plan your evening once you arrive at school.

If you have any further questions about the Year 9 Options Process or timeline, please follow this link <https://arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/options/>. We look forward to supporting your son/daughter through the options process and welcoming you into school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Many thanks,

The Leadership Group