To: Year 9 Parent/Carers

18 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 9 Options**

Following the Year 9 parents' evening, it is likely you have begun thinking about, and perhaps discussing, the options process with your child/ward in preparation for their GCSEs beginning in September.

The online options booklet can be found on the website under Curriculum – Introduction - Featured Content and paper copies are available on request.

As you may be aware, our Year 9 Next Steps event, where you can discuss the choices available with the subject specific teams, takes place on Thursday 2 February 2023. It starts at 5:30 pm with a presentation in the Main Hall, explaining the options process and the options available. Following this, subjects will be represented in the Atrium and Sixth Form Study Centre for you to visit and ask questions about the courses.

Your child/ward will then have until 3:00 pm on Friday 10 February 2023 to complete their options form by following the link: Year 9 Options Form

The form itself takes only a few minutes to complete, but please ensure that all sections are completed correctly, as failure to do so could result in students not receiving their first choice options. Similarly, failure to complete and submit the form by 3:00 pm on Friday 10 February 2023 will also mean that option choices are considered after those that are received on time, which could lead to disappointment if groups become full.

If your child/ward needs a little more support with this process, please feel free to tick the box to indicate that they would like a meeting and a member of the leadership team will arrange to meet with them. If they have special educational needs a member of the SEND department will make contact with them over the next few weeks.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further queries.

Yours faithfully

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