

Year 9 Options

Year 9 students will soon begin the process of selecting their GCSE and BTEC options for Year 10. This is an important stage in your child's education and we understand it can be an anxious time; please be assured that your child will be supported throughout the options process. Ordinarily we would have an options evening for parents, however given the current situation this is not possible. We will however continue to provide you with access to helpful information that will inform you and your child's decisions.

You should have already had your child's recent **academic report through INSIGHT**. If you have not yet used INSIGHT please follow the instructions [here](#). This academic report will give you information regarding your child's process in each of the subjects they currently study.

The options process for students commences in school on Monday 7 March. Below are the key dates and events for your child. Please support your child in attending school each day and arriving on time as it is essential they do not miss any important information.

To support conversations between you and your child regarding options, we will be launching a **Year 9 options area on the school's website from Monday 7 March**. Here you will find videos from subject leaders about those subjects which may be chosen – this will be particularly important for subjects that your child may not have studied before. There will also be an electronic copy of the options booklet, information about the English Baccalaureate (EBACC) and a presentation aimed at explaining the options process for you.

If you have any questions or queries that are not answered in either this letter or the options area of the school website, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Your sincerely

Mrs L Roberts
Deputy Headteacher

Tuesday 8 th February	Year 9 parents evening
Monday 7 th March	Options assembly for year 9 students to explain the process. Each student will be given a copy of the options booklet.
Monday 7 th March	Launch of Year 9 options area on the school website
Tuesday 8 th March	Year 9 students to select the subjects they would like to attend as part of the Year 9 options taster day
Monday 14 th March	Year 9 options taster day
Wednesday 16 th March	Careers assembly including post-16 routes
Wednesday 16 th -Friday 25 th March	Options interviews. Each student will have a meeting with a member of SLT to discuss their option choices, future career plans and their progress in school. Advice will be given.
Wednesday 16 th – Monday 28 th March	Year 9 students to complete their options form. The form will be available on Microsoft Teams. All options forms will be looked at until Tuesday 29 th March. Options will NOT be given on a first come first served basis and students are encouraged to reflect carefully on their options before submission.