



January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 GCSE Options Evening – Thursday 11 February 2021

The GCSE Options Information Evening will take place on Thursday 11 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 2021, 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.

In a change from previous years, the Options Evening itself will be delivered online through videos which will be accessible from 11th February at 5pm. Details of how to access the online content will be emailed to you on 11th 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

We are immensely proud of how our Year 9 students have continued with their learning this year. More than 15,000 merits have been awarded so far this academic year, 2,500 of these in the last three weeks of remote learning, alongside recognising 88 'Students of the Week' for hard work, resilience and excellent contributions to lesson time. Teachers continue to sing the year's praises; we hope they look forward to making their option choices.

Yours sincerely

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