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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 9 Options Evening, Thursday 16 January 2020, 3.30 - 6.00pm**

I am writing to invite you to the Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday 16 January.

This is a very important part of the options process where your child will be selecting the subjects to be studied for the next two years. Mrs Strong, the Principal, will be delivering an overview of the Year 9 Options Process and how choosing the right GCSEs now can impact on your child's choices at Post 16 and beyond. These presentations will start promptly at:

- 3.45 pm
- 4.30 pm and
- 5.15 pm.

You will also have the opportunity to:

- Speak with curriculum and subject leaders to find out more about each course
- Meet with experienced Senior Leaders who can provide advice to support your child's choices
- Meet with our Careers Manager and members of the careers team to help you and your child to plan for success

It is our intent to help all students make well judged, informed choices about the optional subjects they choose. To help students with this process, they will receive guidance from subject teachers and senior leaders. An **Options Booklet** will be given to all Year 9 students during one of their morning registration periods prior to the Year 9 Options Evening. Students will be asked to take these home and go through them in detail with their parents/carers. These booklets provide essential information about each of the courses that your child can choose to study at the start of Year 10. Further details will also be made available on our website regarding the Year 9 Options Process.

On **Thursday 6 February**, you are all invited to the **Year 9 Parents' Evening**. At this event, as well as being able to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers, there will be an opportunity for you to discuss the suitability of the courses your child would like to choose and how successful staff feel they will be, in order for your child to make a well-informed choice.



When your child has decided on their subject choices, you will need to complete the **“Your Choices Form”** that can be found on the last page of the Options Booklet. **This should be returned to your child’s Form Tutor no later than Wednesday 12 February**. Please note that we cannot guarantee all students will get all three of their initial choices, however we will of course endeavour to do so. Option choices will not be finalised with students until the summer term.

We thank you for your continued support and your child’s year manager, Mrs T O’Sullivan, teachers, members of the Senior Leadership Team and I look forward to seeing you next Thursday evening.

Yours sincerely

**Mr R Derry**  
**Senior Vice Principal**