

10th February 2017

Dear parent/carers

Year 9 Options 2017

Today, in their Aspire lesson, Year 9 students were introduced to the Options process. This is where students, in consultation with their parents/carers, will choose a number of GCSE or technical subjects to study alongside the core curriculum.

Students will bring home a reflection sheet from this lesson and a list of the Option choices that will be available. In addition to this, more information on the subject choices will be posted on the school website to allow you, as parents, to begin discussing option choices with your child.

Wednesday 1st March, 5.30-6.30pm Options information presentation

As this is such an important process I would like to invite you and your son/daughter to an Options presentation on Wednesday 1st March. The presentation will outline the Options process, the advice and guidance available and any curriculum changes for September 2017. The full Options booklet will be available together with a step by step guide to the process.

Wednesday 8th March, 4.30-7.30pm Year 9 Parents Evening and Options Fair

This will be followed by the Year 9 parent's evening on Wednesday 8th March, 4.30-7.30pm. This evening will consist of a consultation with teachers of English, maths and science and a subject fair in the Social Space where you will be able to speak to specialist staff, find out more about the different Options subjects and whether they will be suitable for your son/daughter. Options forms will also be distributed at this event.

You will receive a separate letter in the post giving details of how to make appointments with the English, maths and science teachers.

In addition, our Independent Careers Advisor will be available at this event to offer advice and careers guidance and our Inclusion Team will offer their help and support, if required.

These two events will be very different in nature and I therefore hope you can attend both in order to be able to fully support your child at this most important time in their education.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Jacqueline McGillicuddy
Vice Principal