



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

We are approaching the time when Year 9 students make their subject choices for GCSE. Whilst this is a complex process, we hope that you will be able to gather the information needed to support your child in making these decisions.

From the start of this term, Subject Teachers, Tutors and the Careers Department have been advising students about options choices and in assembly on Friday 13th January, Year 9 students listened to a presentation covering the options choices they can make for their GCSE courses. They will be given a GCSE Options Booklet on/before the extended form period on 24th January for you to consider together at home.

There is an **Options Evening for parents on Thursday 26th January** when the GCSE choices and procedures will be explained. Subject representatives will be available for discussion in the Main Hall from 5.45pm until 6.30pm, after which you will be invited to move up to Constance Green Hall and the main presentation will begin at 6.45pm, finishing by 7.30pm. This evening is aimed primarily at parents, rather than pupils.

This Options Evening will be followed by Parents' Evenings where you will be able to discuss your child's progress further with their subject teachers. These evenings have been arranged for:

Thursday 2nd March for parents of students in 9C, 9D, 9E, 9G
Wednesday 8th March for parents of students in 9P, 9S, 9W, 9Y

Year 9 Progress Reviews will be sent home before the Parents' Evenings and these will also inform your discussions with subject teachers. If you have concerns that need more than the five minutes allocated to each interview, please contact me so that we can arrange a mutually convenient meeting at some other time.

We would ask that all course requests be submitted by Thursday 9th March for 9C, 9D, 9E and 9G and Wednesday 15th March for 9P, 9S, 9W, 9Y. If there is a change in options after these dates, I would be grateful if the amendment could be made in writing to Mr Taylor, Head of Year 9.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R McQuire
Senior Teacher

Headteacher: Mr J Wood

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I/We will be attending the Year 9 Options evening on Thursday 26th January

Students Name:

Form:

Parent's Signature:

Please return slips to Form Tutors by Monday 23rd January

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