



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Options process

We are approaching the time when Year 9 students make their subject choices for Key Stage 4. 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 will be advising students about options choices. On Monday 14th January, they listened to a presentation covering the options choices they can make, following which they will be receiving an Options Booklet to bring home, giving full details of all courses.

There is an **Options Evening for parents on Thursday 31st January** where the Key Stage 4 choices and procedures will be explained. Subject representatives will be available for discussion in the Main Hall from 5.45 until 6.30, after which you will be invited to move up to Constance Green Hall for the main presentation, which will begin at 6.45 and finish by 7.30. This evening is aimed primarily at parents, rather than pupils.

This Options Evening will be followed by **Parents' Evening on Tuesday 19th February**, where you will be able to discuss your child's progress further with their subject teachers; this provides a further opportunity to ask specific subject based questions regarding options choices. Year 9 Progress Reviews will be sent home before the Parents' Evening and these will also inform your discussions with subject teachers.

We would ask that all course requests be submitted by **Thurs 7th March** by returning the form at the back of the Options booklet. Any requests to change options after this date should be made in writing to Mr Margerison, Head of Year 9.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R McQuire
Assistant Headteacher