

12 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

We are approaching an important point in your son's school career. Until now all subjects have been compulsory but in Key Stage 4 he will be able to choose optional subjects. This is obviously a significant decision to have to make and we will do all we can to provide all the necessary support.

Your son will shortly be given an Options Booklet which details the structure of the curriculum in Years 10 and 11 and gives details of all the subjects that are on offer. This is an important document and I trust it will make the options process clear. Please read through the subject documentation as this will help inform you and your son ahead of the KS4 Options / Curriculum Evening. This will take place on **Wednesday 24 January (4.30pm - 6pm)**. It is an opportunity for boys and their parents to speak to the teachers concerned in detail about the option courses available and what they will entail. More general careers advice will also be available. You are welcome to come at any time between 4.30pm and 6pm. Subjects will be based in Main Hall, The Chill and the Conservatory.

A separate Microsoft Forms link will be sent to parents following the Options/Curriculum evening. Using the form, students will need to rank their subject preferences from 1 to 3 with a reserve choice, as well as identifying their Modern Foreign Languages option. The Form must be submitted by **Friday 23 February at the latest**. After this point we will make the necessary decisions about staffing, group sizes and timetabling arrangements. You are most welcome to return the form before this date, but any returned after 23 February may not be taken into account when plans are made and a smaller range of choices may then be available.

Further help and information can be obtained from Mr Scholefield, Mr Offer (Head of Year 9), the individual subject teachers, Heads of Subject, Form Tutors or myself. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Holland
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