



Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I still vividly remember the moment I was handed my GCSE options form—a mixture of excitement and a little nervousness, knowing that this was the first real opportunity to shape my own future. For many students, selecting their GCSE subjects is one of the first significant decisions they make about their education, and it's wonderful to see the enthusiasm and curiosity they are already bringing to this process.

To support our Year 9 students in making informed choices, I wanted to remind you of our **Year 9 Options Evening next Thursday, from 4.00pm – 6.00pm**. There will be two presentations, one at **4.00pm** and a repeat at **5.00pm**, providing key information about the options process. Your child will also be given a copy of the options booklet, detailing the process and subjects available to them. In addition, you and your child will have the opportunity to visit our **subject marketplace**, where you can explore the different courses available and speak with subject specialists to help guide your decisions. No booking is necessary, and we are really looking forward to seeing you there.

We also encourage you to attend the **Year 9 Progress Evening on Wednesday, 20th March**. This evening provides a chance to discuss your child's current progress and how their strengths and interests align with potential subject choices. **Please remember that appointments must be booked in advance via MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) and will open at 09:30 on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March.**

For any families unable to attend the Options Evening, a recording of the presentation will be made available online. Additionally, the **options booklet will be shared digitally and provided to any students who are unable to attend in person.**

We are excited to support our students through this important stage in their education and look forward to seeing you at these events. Should you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. Staniforth'.

Miss A Staniforth  
Vice Principal