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Dear Parent / Carer

GCSE Guided Choices process and key dates

Over the next 6 weeks, your child will be involved in a range of activities and events to support them to choose which subjects and pathways they will follow through Key Stage 4 (10 and 11) and therefore which GCSEs and BTEC qualifications they will be examined on at the end of Year 11.

This is a really important time for pupils and we will offer the following events to support you and your child as you make these option choices: -

1. Wednesday 14th November - Year 9 Assembly focusing on the Guided Choices process and information

2. Thursday 15th November - Year 9 Guided Choices Information Evening 4 – 7 pm

This event is crucial for all parents, carers and pupils to attend. Subject Leaders of GCSE and BTEC subjects will be present with a display presenting information on the content and nature of their subject, helping you to decide if it is a subject your child will wish to pursue at Key Stage 4. As this is a very popular event, we break the evening down in the following way:

- 4:00pm – School open for refreshments, Subject Leads, Heads of House, Colleges, Apprenticeships, Training providers and employers will be available to speak to in the forum
- 5.30pm and 6:00pm - Talks in the Main Hall including our new Employer Led and Careers programmes.
- Guided Choices information and booklet available.

Please confirm attendance via our online parents booking system.

3. W/C 26th November – Confirmation of your child's suggested pathways

This will include a review of your child's academic performance, but also a discussion about the GCSE pathway in that subject if you are considering it as an option. This will therefore be a recommended pathway.

Your child's form tutor will inform and discuss your child's pathway and you will receive written confirmation of this.

4. Thursday 29th November – Year 9 Parents Drop in Session 4:30pm – 6pm

We understand that there is a lot of information to take in, therefore, this is an optional evening enabling you to drop in and clarify any queries you may have regarding the process or pathway.

Booking will be available via our online parents booking system.

5. Friday 14th December - Deadline for Year 9 Guided Choices forms to tutors

The Guided Choices form with the chosen subjects and a reserve subject choice should be completed and handed in to the form tutor. The process of formulating the timetable for the 2019/20 academic year then begins with the aim of giving pupils their subject choices. Please note that while we do have a 95% success rate in doing this, there is the odd occasion when we have to request pupils change a subject choice due to the limitations of timetabling.

Summary of Year 9 Guided Choices

Date	Activity
Wednesday 14 th November 2018	Year 9 Assembly
Thursday 15 th November 2018	Year 9 Guided Choices Parents Information Evening
W/C 26 th November 2018	Confirmation of your child's suggested pathway
Thursday 29 th November 2018	*Optional* Evening for any queries with the Guided Choices process or pathway
Friday 14 th December	Final deadline for form returns
January to March 2019	Processing and resolving of matters arising from pupil choices
May 2019	Pupils informed of final option choices

We look forward to supporting you and your child through this very important process.

Yours faithfully



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