

15th December 2023

Dear families,

Year 9 Options 2024

I am writing to inform you of details for the Year 9 options process, which starts shortly after Christmas. This is an exciting time for students as they begin to be able to shape their curriculum for the next two years. It is important that they work with their teachers, tutors and family members to make the right choices which will allow them to reach their full potential.

Timeline of key events

In order to support students in making these decisions, we are running a number of events during Term 3:

Thursday 5th January	Year 9 Options Assembly
Wednesday 10th January	Careers to Curriculum Day
Thursday 18th January	Options Evening, 5:30-7:30pm
Friday 19th January	Year 9 Report available on MCAS and Student Portal
Thursday 25th January	Year 9 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm
Friday 26th January	Options form made available by email
Friday 9th February	Options form closes - deadline for option choices

The Options Booklet

Students will receive a hard copy of our Options Booklet at their assembly on 5th January. This will also be made available on the Academy website on the same day. This booklet includes key information about the organisation of the process as well as detailed outlines of each subject to help support students in making well-informed choices.

Options Evening - 18th January, 5:30-7:30pm

On Thursday 18th January we would like to invite students and families to attend an in-person event at the Academy. There will be an opportunity to hear from school leaders about the options process as well as to visit our subject fair to talk to individual subject teachers about the course content, assessment and opportunities available within each subject.

Parents' Evening - 25th January, 4-7pm

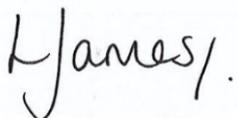
This will be a face-to-face evening, taking place on the Academy site where you will be able to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers to support the options process. Appointments will continue to be made online via SchoolCloud and further information will be emailed to families in the new year.

Queries

Your child's tutor will be well placed to support them and answer queries throughout the process. If you would like to contact them, or have any queries which you would like me to address, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing churchill@churchill-academy.org

We look forward to working with you at this exciting time and hope to see as many of you as possible on-site at our events next term.

Yours sincerely,



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