

Welcome to the Year 9 Parent/Carer Evening

Wednesday 27th November 2024



“Be Inspired and Achieve Together”

Introduction to Key Staff



Ms Dalton
Vice Principal:
Curriculum
Senior Link to Year 9



Rewards/Positives

- Zero negatives reward breakfast – this will be repeated towards the end of the academic year for students who maintain zero negatives.
- Top 10 students with the most positives in the year group.
- End of year reward trip (Alton Towers) – criteria to be emailed out.
- Small group rewards for students throughout the year – one group has requested a popeyes lunch!
- Extra Curricular and Trips: Last year we ran a Manchester United tour trip and we hope to do many more clubs across the country!



Academic Timeline for the Year

Options, next steps and the 7-year journey



- **Wednesday 27th November:** Parent/Carer and Students' Information evening with an update on key information for the year ahead. Year 9 Parents' Evening.
- **W/C December 2nd:** Students will have a Tutor Session on Choices.
- **W/C 9th December:** Students will practice option choices in computer rooms.
- **W/C 6th January:** : Students will have Key Stage 4 taster sessions within subject areas including routes into KS5 and Arnold Hill 6th Form.
- **Wednesday 22nd January:** Options Evening in school.
- **Thursday 23rd January:** Google Sites Option Information site launched and shared with parents and students.
- **W/C 27th January:** Option Choices made in Tutor time.
- **W/C 24th February:** initial email of Options choices sent to parents with timeline for making any changes.
- **W/C 17th March:** Final email to parents with final Options choices.



The Seven Year Journey from Year 7 to 13

- **Key Stage 3:** a foundation in learning across the National Curriculum and preparation for next steps to Key Stage 4.
- **Key Stage 4** (Years 10 and 11): a range of national qualifications in preparation for next steps to Arnold Hill Spencer 6th Form to do A Levels/some Level 3 BTEC, College for BTEC and other vocational qualifications and apprenticeships.
- **Key Stage 5** (Years 12 and 13): a range of national qualifications in preparation for university, college, training, apprenticeships.



Option Choices and Guidance for Key Stage 4

All students will study:

- GCSE English Language and English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics. This will either be in the form of three separate Sciences (Triple) or Double Science (Trilogy). The final decision for this will be made in year 11.

All students have to choose at least **one** of **History, Geography, French or Spanish**.

Some pairs of subjects cannot be taken by students including:

- GCSE PE and NCFE Health and Fitness
- GCSE Art and GCSE Textiles
- All students will also choose **two reserve** choices.



Subjects that will be offered as Key Stage 4 Options include:

- History, Geography, Beliefs Philosophy and Ethics
- French, Spanish
- Business, Computer Science, BTEC Creative Media and BTEC Travel and Tourism
- Product Design, Food Technology, Textiles, BTEC Child Development, BTEC Health and Social Care
- Art, Music, Drama
- GCSE PE, NCFE Health and Fitness, GCSE Dance



The EBACC- The English Baccalaureate

- To achieve the EBACC students must study GCSEs in English, Maths, Science plus one of History or Geography and an additional language. These subjects, if studied at A level, are considered facilitating subjects.
- Facilitating subjects are the subjects most commonly required or preferred by universities to get on to a range of degree courses.



Support and Guidance

Which subjects are right for me?

There will be plenty of support through the process for students and parents regarding which subjects are the best for you in terms of your strengths.

This will include:

- Sessions in Guidance and class to find out about courses.
- Group sessions to discuss courses which are matched to your strengths.
- Bespoke information for parents/carers and students during the January Options Evening



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- A Levels
- Vocational Qualifications
- Apprenticeships



Questions

You can complete the Google Form if you wish to ask any further questions. We will respond in person or via our FAQ document.

The link will be emailed with the presentation later this week.

Ask a Question Form:

<https://forms.gle/5mnJLz6V5LjYtoPS6>

