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Dear Families,

Year 9 Options Information Evening – Thursday 8th February

We are pleased to invite you to our Year 9 options evening, which is taking place at school on Thursday 8th February. This is an important and exciting time for students as they begin to choose their options for Key Stage 4. Year 9 have already had a taster of making subject choices through our modular curriculum this year. We are really proud of the breadth of qualifications on offer in Year 10 and 11 and we are looking forward to supporting student choices.

The event will begin in the main hall at the following times:

- **6.00pm** for 9A, E, F and H
- **6:30pm** for 9J, N, S and T

On the evening, we will provide you with an explanation of the options process and an outline of the range of courses that we offer in Years 10 and 11. Following the talk, you will have the opportunity to meet with subject teachers should you wish to discuss further details of the courses offered.

Leading up to this event, I will be speaking to Year 9 about the options process in an assembly after which I will be emailing them an options booklet, a personalised guidance letter and an options form. Year 9 reports will also be issued this half term which will support them in narrowing down their choices. The Year 9 PTC on February 29th will offer a further opportunity to discuss options with teachers. The final deadline for option choices is Friday 8th March 2024.

The options evening will begin the process that will culminate in your child's GCSE and vocational examinations in the summer of 2026. This is a very exciting time and we look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Mouncey
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