



December 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING: WEDNESDAY, 7TH JANUARY 2015 AT 6.30 P.M.

On Wednesday, 7th January, we will be holding our Year 9 Options evening, starting at 6.30 p.m. in the school hall.

This is an exciting time, with real decisions to be made about your son's future. Guidance and support are on hand from experienced staff, to help you to make appropriate choices. There will be an opportunity for you to consult with a representative from every subject team, ask questions about each course and the career opportunities available.

All students will be going on to some form of training or education, after Year 11, and the next two years are a critical phase in that process. As a result, we are aiming to begin teaching the core subjects of English, Maths and Science to examination level immediately after the Christmas break and not wait until September in Year 10. This extra time will give all students a greater chance to be successful in the final exams in 2017. We also aim to move the boys into their options no later than the beginning of the Summer Term.

This process is designed to ensure that every student studies a well-balanced curriculum that will support their success by the end of Year 11. Further clarification of the options process will be given during the evening along with an Options Booklet for you to look over and discuss with your son. The booklet will include a form that you will need to complete prior to you attending a one to one meeting which will involve you and a member of the Senior Leadership Team at which you will finalise your son's new curriculum.

The deadline for returning the form is Friday, 16th January 2015.

To ensure the interviews are at a time which is as convenient for you as possible, can we please ask you complete, and return to school, also by Friday, 16th January, the attached reply sheet, indicating your preferred first and second choice appointment times.

Finally, I want to thank you for your support, contribution and attendance at the evening, and I look forward to seeing you, and working together, to ensure we make the best choices for your son.

Yours faithfully

Mr. A. Baker
(Head of Lower School)

Year 9 Options Interview

Please return this form by Friday, 16th January 2015 to Miss Leach/Mr Pearne.

Student Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

Please select a first and second preference for your one to one options meeting; one for within the school day, and one for after school. The appointment time will be confirmed via a letter home.

	Tuesday 27th January	Wednesday 28th January	Thursday 29th January	Friday 30th January
AM 8 – 12.30				
PM 12.30 – 3pm				
After School 3 – 5pm				

Parent/Carer signature: _____

Print name: _____