



27th November 2023

Dear Parents/ Carer,

Re: Year 9 Options – Personalising their Key Stage 4 Curriculum

At Prince Henry's we are committed to providing a world class education and supporting every child in performing at the highest possible level. In order to achieve this aim, it is very important that your child chooses the right courses to study in Years 10 and 11.

During the next half term through form periods, careers interviews, assemblies, taster lessons and discussions with subject teachers, your child will receive information on the range of courses available to them in Key Stage 4. It is vital that students make the right choices for their future.

To aid decision making I would like to invite you to an important **Options Evening** on **Thursday 11th January at 6.00pm** in school. At this evening there will be a presentation in Main Hall that will give you details on the options process and the pathways open to your child through Key Stage 4. You will also have the opportunity to find out about individual courses in discussions with subject staff. To comfortably accommodate parents and year 9 students, the evening will run as follows:

	Main Hall – Presentation on the options process.	Science Corridor classrooms - Opportunity to talk to subject staff.
6.00 pm	Parents of students with surname A - K	Parents of students with surname L - Z
6.30 pm	Parents of students with surname L - Z	Parents of students with surname A - K
7.00 pm	Opportunity for all parents to speak to subject and senior staff along the Science corridor.	

The schedule for the options process is outlined below:

Date:	Action:
18/12/23	Options introduction assembly, booklet distributed to students and website goes live.
11/01/24	Options Evening in school (details above)
15/01/24	Year 9 Exams start (timetable to follow before the end of this term)
25/01/24	PSHE Day – Year 9 take part in GCSE taster lessons
29/01/24	Year 9 Progress Report 2 to parents (week commencing)
02/02/24	Options form will be emailed to students
06/02/24	Year 9 Progress Evening (online)
09/02/24	Options form deadline day

Where possible we would encourage you to walk to this event. If you do come by car **please use the Farnley Lane entrance** and park on the 'Hard Standing' area. It is then a short walk to the main school entrance.

Staff look forward to meeting you on Thursday 11th January 2024.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Andrew Fishburn
Acting Assistant Headteacher