



December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Y9 GCSE Options Event: Thursday 12th January 2023

The Y9 GCSE options process has begun. During November and December pupils have:

- Attended an options assembly to explain the process
- Attended sessions in the hall during PSHE, where curriculum leaders have provided information about different subject areas
- Received an options booklet containing information about each subject
- Received an options form (both a hard copy and an electronic version via email) for completion in discussion with parents and school staff
- Been notified of key information and subject videos on the school website
<https://www.deanery.wigan.sch.uk/options/>

We hope that your child has discussed their potential option choices with you at home during the last few weeks.

In January, pupils will finalise their decisions about their GCSE option choices. To support these very important decisions, we are holding a **Y9 Options Event on Thursday 12th January 2023 from 4pm until 6.30pm.**

At this event, subject staff will be available to discuss the subject and answer any questions you or your child may have. Staff will also be available in Hutchinson Hall to support with final decisions, conduct guidance interviews and assist with the completion of the options form. It is vital that children have the guidance interview and complete the options form, where possible, during this event. The subject rooms will be open from 4pm-6pm for discussions. Hutchinson Hall will be open from 4pm-6.30pm for interviews. Pupils and parents are welcome to attend at any point within these timeframes.

We strongly encourage you to attend on 12th January to help ensure that the choices made by you and your child are fully informed choices. Parental involvement is crucial and this is your opportunity to be fully involved. Please bring your copy of the options booklet to the event, along with any partially completed forms that can be finalised during the event.

We have a strict deadline of Monday 16th January for all Y9 pupils to submit their options choices form. These can be handed in during the options event, or handed to Mrs Storey once options interviews have been held.

If you are unable to attend the event, please agree choices at home and ensure the form is completed, signed and returned to school as soon as possible, and by the deadline given above. This will allow your child to be given an appointment within school time for an alternative guidance interview.

Each options form **MUST** have the signature of the child **and** signature of a parent/guardian. This is to ensure all are in agreement about the choices being made.

Yours faithfully

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