

To the Families and Carers of Year 9 Students

14 January 2010

Dear Families

### Option Choices for Year 9

Students in Year 9 will soon have to make important choices about the next phase of their learning and I am writing to remind you about the range of things taking place which will help families with these key decisions.

Week Commencing 18 January	Options booklet given to students
Wednesday 27 January	Options taster day
Week commencing 25 January	Connexions Interview begin Letters will be sent to families confirming appointment times
Wednesday 3 February	Options Evening 4-7pm. Individual appointments will be notified to families Workshops and talks
Wednesday 10 February	Deadline for return of completed option forms
Thursday 1 April	Students notified of subject allocations
Monday 7 June	Key Stage 4 courses begin

There will be no Year 9 subject parents evening as this is replaced by the Options Evening. There will be an opportunity to meet subject staff at another time.

School staff and the connexions service will advise students on the appropriate pathways to ensure they get the most from the next two years of learning, but we also need families to read the options information and spend time talking about possible choices with their children. The information will show you a wide range possibilities designed to meet the needs and interests of all our students.

We look forward to seeing you at the Options Evening. If you have any questions in meanwhile please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Headteacher