



## To **Aspire**, **Endeavour** and **Thrive** Together

26th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

At the end of this academic year, your child will reach the end of Key Stage 3. In September 2024, she/he will begin the final phase of compulsory schooling (Key Stage 4) which will lead to examinations at GCSE level, vocational qualifications and/or entry to our Sixth Form, Further Education Colleges or Apprenticeships.

This is a very important time for you and your child and we would like to invite you to our Key Stage 4 Options Evening to be held on:

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**5:30 pm – 7.00 pm**  
**Theatre/Heart/Conservatory**

This evening is about giving you as parents an understanding of the arrangements for school at Key Stage 4. There will be a presentation on how the options process works which you can attend either at **6:00pm** or at **6:30pm** in the **Theatre**. To provide subject specific information, Subject Leaders and teachers from all of the option courses will be present in the Heart and Conservatory. You will be able to visit as many subject areas as you wish to speak with staff and students. They will be able to give you detailed information about the subjects. **You and your child are invited to join us at any point during the evening between 5:30pm and 7pm**, at a time which is most convenient for you.

Throughout half term 3 and 4 this year, students will receive information and guidance in their personal development sessions in morning meetings. Individual discussions between students and staff will also occur throughout this process. The timetable of events leading up to your child making their option choices is:

26/01/24	Y9 report
26/01/24	Y9 THRIVE Day: Options process,taster sessions, careers advice
26/01/24	Options process letter home
01/02/24	Parents evening
12/02/24	KS4 options booklet available online
<b>13/03/24</b>	Option evening (Not 13/02/24 as previously stated in this list)
22/03/24	Deadline for options form to be completed
26/04/24	Final offer

In years 10 and 11, all students will continue to study a broad range of subjects. In addition to English, Maths, Science, Beliefs and Values and core PE, your son/daughter will have to choose one subject from the “Ebacc courses” and two from the “additional courses”. The lists of these courses can be found at the end of this letter. We highly recommend that all students take French and a humanities (History or Geography) qualification.





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To support decision making, the KS4 options booklet will be available on our website from February 12th. This provides further information on the shape of the curriculum at Key Stage 4. It also gives detailed information about subjects which must be studied by all students as well as details about those subjects where students have a choice.

We will make every attempt to ensure that the options process runs as smoothly as possible and we will endeavour to have every child on a course that is appropriate to them. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr McCrorie, Ms Battams, Dr Coimbra, Ms Geary or Mrs Jesson at any time if you would like further advice.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Jesson  
Deputy Headteacher

### Ebacc Courses

French  
Geography  
History

### Additional Courses

Art - Art & Design or Textiles  
Business  
Computer Science  
Design Technology  
French  
Geography  
Health & Social Care  
History  
Hospitality & Catering  
iMedia  
Music  
Performing Arts - Acting or Dance  
Psychology  
Religious Studies  
Sociology  
Sport