



# PARMITER'S SCHOOL

FOUNDED 1681

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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 9 Students

## GCSE Options Process & Information Evening (Thursday 9 February, 6.00pm)

This term, your child will make decisions about the subjects they will study to GCSE level. In Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) students study compulsory core subjects, but they also have an element of choice that allows them to personalise their curriculum (option subjects). Careful consideration should be given to option choices to ensure that your child enjoys their studies, is successful in their GCSE courses and gains suitable qualifications for study or employment post-16.

The process outlined below will offer you and your child the necessary guidance to make these important decisions.

- i. Introduction to the GCSE options process in assembly on **Wednesday 18 January 2023** and issuing of the options booklet during this week. The options booklet is also available on the school website, under Academic.
- ii. GCSE Options Information Evening on **Thursday 9 February 2023, 6.00pm - 8.30pm**, for students and parents/carers. Further information about this event is given below.
- iii. Year 9 Consultation Evening (online) on **Tuesday 28 February 2023, 4.30pm - 7.30pm**.
- iv. Completed 'GCSE subject choice form' submitted online by **Monday 6 March 2023**.
- v. Option choices confirmed (April/May). Prior to confirmation, some students will meet with a senior member of staff or Head of Careers to discuss their option subjects.

We recognise that, for a small number of students, a full programme of GCSEs may not be appropriate and an adapted curriculum will allow them to achieve more highly in the qualifications they do study. If we would advise a differentiated curriculum for your child, a member of the Curriculum Support team will be in contact to explain the options available.

## GCSE Options Information Evening, Thursday 9 February, 6.00pm – 8.30pm

This evening provides an overview of the Key Stage 4 curriculum and allows you to find out more detail about the GCSE option subjects your son or daughter is considering studying next year.

The evening will start with an overview of the Key Stage 4 curriculum. You are then invited to attend **up to four** 20-minute subject presentations given by subject leaders of option subjects. These presentations will allow you to find out more about the GCSE courses your son or daughter is considering studying. To ensure that you are able to attend the sessions you are interested in, you must register by **Friday 27 January**. After next week's assembly, please complete [this form](#) to register.

During the evening, Mrs Berks and I will be available if you wish to discuss any aspect of the options process.

The following presentations will run during the evening:

- Art & Design and Art & Design with Textiles specialism (*please note, these specialisms are presented together to allow students to understand the difference between them and make a more informed decision about which specialism is right for them*)
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology: Graphic Design and Product Design specialisms (*please note, these specialisms are presented together to allow students to understand the difference between them and make a more informed decision about which specialism is right for them*)
- Drama
- Business and Economics (*please note, these subjects are presented together to allow students to understand the similarities and differences between them and make a more informed choice as to which subject is right for them*)
- Food Preparation & Nutrition
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Physical Education (GCSE course)
- Religious Studies

Please ensure that you have read the GCSE Options Information booklet before deciding which subject presentations you wish to register for.

We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 9 February**.

Yours sincerely



Ms G Absalom  
Assistant Headteacher