



# PARMITER'S SCHOOL

FOUNDED 1681

Headmaster: Mr M Jones BA MEd

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Dear Parents and Carers

## GCSE Options Process & Information Evening (Thursday 8 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.

Students will be given a hard copy of the Options Booklet this week and it is also available on the school website, under Academic. 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 17 January 2024**.
- (ii) GCSE Options Information Evening on **Thursday 8 February, 6.00pm - 8.30pm**, for students and parents/carers. Further information about this event is given below.
- (iii) Year 9 Consultation Evening (online) on **Thursday 15 February, 4.30pm - 7.30pm**
- (iv) Completed 'GCSE subject choice form' submitted online by **Monday 4 March**.
- (v) Option choices confirmed (April/May). Prior to confirmation, some students will meet with a senior member of staff or our Careers Advisor 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 8 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 child 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 child is considering studying. To ensure that you are able to attend the sessions you are interested in, you must register by **Friday 26 January**. **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.

*Nemo sibi nascitur:*

*Our values of community, aspiration and opportunity enable every individual to grow and flourish*



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The following presentations will run during the evening:

- Art & Design
- Art Textiles
- 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
- Economics
- 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 8 February**.

Yours sincerely



Ms G Absalom  
Assistant Headteacher