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Dear Year 9 Families,

Key Stage 4 Options Evening **Thursday 22nd January 6.00 – 7.30 pm**

Your son/daughter will soon begin the process of making decisions about the courses and qualifications they would like to take in Year 10. This process is supported by a number of activities that will help students to think carefully about their decision making.

The most important event is the Year 9 options evening on Thursday 22nd January. This evening offers an opportunity to discuss specific subjects with teaching staff in our 'subject marketplace', based in the main hall and the science block.

This is one of our most important events of the year and it is our expectation that all students in Year 9 attend the options evening, giving you the opportunity to make contact with all of the different subject areas.

To make the most of the evening, we will pre-publish our presentation prior to the event on the school website, allowing more time to visit the subject stalls. The presentation will include information about the options choices available to students, the process of choosing these options, and general information about Key Stage 4 qualifications.

Alongside this presentation will be a digital copy of the option booklet outlining details of all the courses available. Students and families will be sent a link to this as soon as it is updated and live for this academic year. We will also be taking students through this process in school.

In the meantime, engaging with your son/daughter at home to discuss the forthcoming options choices would be hugely beneficial. The following three questions are an important place to start these conversations to help guide students in their decision making:

- What subjects do they enjoy at school?
- What are they attaining well in?
- What career aspirations (if any) do they have at this point?

Your support and guidance will be essential in helping our students to make well-informed subject choices, alongside the support provided in school.

Further information linked to the transition to KS4 will be posted throughout the year on our school website. For any additional or specific enquiries, please do speak with me at the Year 9 Options evening event or contact me via email.

We look forward to welcoming all our Year 9 families to the GCSE Options evening event shortly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Murray". The script is cursive and fluid.

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