

KAR/NBU/CS/Events/Y9 Options PCM
20th February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening – Wednesday 6th March 2024, 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Progress and Key Stage 4 options

On Wednesday 6th March, you will have the opportunity to have a Parent/Carer meeting with your child's core subject teachers – Maths, English, Science, History, Geography, MFL - we would encourage you/your child to make appointments with these teachers to gain an understanding of their current progress.

Your child has been given an appointment sheet – please check that they are arranging appointments with their subject teachers, however, staff will make every effort to see you with or without appointments. Alongside this, the Parent/Carers evening will also give you the opportunity to help your child to make their Key Stage 4 options choices, in readiness for starting Year 10.

Your child will shortly receive a Key Stage 4 Course Information Guide in their PSHCE lessons. Please take the time to discuss with your child which courses they would prefer to study to GCSE level or equivalent as it is now the time to make choices. As well as using this Guide, please discuss with your child the subjects that they have studied on the Year 9 rotation – they may have gained some idea of their preferences from these lessons.

Some subjects are statutory. This means that every student will study Maths, English and Science to GCSE level and every student will continue to study PE, Philosophy and Ethics, and PSHCE. A range of other subjects can be chosen that make up a full package of GCSE or equivalent outcomes.

All pupils must study either History or Geography in addition to the core curriculum (they can choose both if they wish). The majority of students should study an EBacc Curriculum that includes a Modern Foreign Language and either History or Geography.

On the evening, instructions for selecting options will be handed out to students on arrival. Alongside the Core subject Parent/Carer meetings there will be an opportunity to speak to options subject staff. Ideally your child will have selected their options before you leave the Academy.

Options Evening is traditionally very busy, it is advisable to plan who you would like to speak to.

Options selected after the 6th March may result in students not receiving their first choices, if subjects are full.

Yours Faithfully,



Miss K Armstrong
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